



# GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH AAUW NEWSLETTER

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**October  
2024**



## **BRANCH MEETING – OCTOBER 12, 2024 9:30 AM – FIRST FRIENDS CHURCH WHITTIER**

### **PROGRAM**

#### **Autumn Tapestry**

Good news—it's October, when splashes of Autumn colors dot the countryside with lush crimsons, rusts, sun-gold yellows, and tepid browns, leaving in their wake a tapestry of breathtaking beauty. It's also nearly time for our next Branch meeting where our own members connect to weave a tapestry of spirit and fellowship as we gather to develop our mission: advocating for equity by actively working to make change. How do we do this? We can start with our vote, and who better to listen to than our own Public Policy Chair and expert, Margo Reeg, who will be covering three county propositions: 34, 35, and 36.

Margo Reeg is well qualified. As a member of the League of Women Voters for over 50 years, she has held Whittier League offices since 1979 including several terms as President. She is passionate about Voter Service and has been VP for Voter Service for LWV- LA County board producing the Voter Guide, presenting Ballot Briefings and conducting judicial forums and interviews. In addition to presenting county ballot measures 34, 35, and 36, Margo will be providing us with additional election information for November.

Besides having our Public Policy speaker in October, the Program VP, Claire Koehler, will be presenting a brief diversity prompt to spark conversation. It will include writing a definition of "diversity" and a question, comment, or situation regarding the meaning of the following quote by Dolly Chugh in her book, *A More Just Future*:

“Maybe it's not too late for us to unlearn.”

The prompt is to make us think about how learning of cultural experiences or job experiences has impacted us—especially in light of what we think, or used to think, of diversity.

We look forward to seeing you on October 12<sup>th</sup> for our next Branch meeting at First Friends Church Whittier at 9:30 AM. In the meantime, stay cool!

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

# HOSPITALITY

It's official, Autumn has arrived and it's great to be back meeting with you all again. We had our first branch meeting at the new venue, Fellowship Hall, on September 14. There were about 28 members in attendance, 33 including 2 Tech Trek campers and family members. The facilities and support provided at First Friends Church Whittier is wonderful and I think we will be very happy having meetings there this year. Feedback on the location and food format was good. People started arriving at 9:30 AM, collected their food and drink and were seated ready for the meeting to start at 10 AM. The program and activities were more interactive, especially with the DEI exercises and discussions.

It's up to us now to put it all together each month, so, I have formed a Hospitality Committee. I believe Helen Keller said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." We will break it down to smaller tasks with large reward of working together. Please contact me to volunteer, my contact info is at the bottom of the page.

## **Branch Meeting**

**Date:** Saturday, October 12, 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](mailto:pocampo@aol.com) or phone/text to (562) 447-7483.

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

Paula Ocampo, Hospitality VP  
cell (562) 447-7483  
[pocampo@aol.com](mailto:pocampo@aol.com)



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our GWA AAUW Branch kicked off the year with a wonderful Branch meeting this morning, September 14. We met at our new venue, First Friends Church, in the fellowship hall. It is spacious and lovely, and the round tables of five to seven people are very cozy. Our Hospitality Chair, Paula Ocampo, did a wonderful job putting together the continental breakfast of pastries and beverages. Pat Dudley decorated the round tables with school memorabilia from her collection. I must also thank my daughter Cherie and son-in-law George for their help with much of the early morning set-up.

After a brief business meeting, Program V.P. Claire Koehler introduced our Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI) chair, Pat Dudley. Pat explained our DEI program and did a “Banned Book Trivia Quiz” with us. We worked at each table to figure out why a certain list of books had been banned. It was fun and quite educational.

Section Leaders went from table to table in 3-minute segments to describe their Section and distribute information. We had six Sections involved in this activity and our Tech Trek girls served as time keepers. All Sections are open to new members. Read about their activities in this newsletter and think about joining.

Our final presentation was made by two of our five girls we sent to the week-long Tech Trek Camp at Whittier College in June. They shared a little of their experience and were just delightful.

We have begun our AAUW year with a terrific gathering. I believe we have a wonderful start to fulfilling our theme for the year – **STANDING TOGETHER FOR EQUITY AND ACTION**. Please think about attending our October 12 Branch meeting at First Friends Church. We will again have a continental breakfast and the program will include Margo Reeg, our Public Policy chair, giving us a presentation on the Propositions on the November 5 ballot. Margo is very active in the League of Women Voters, and she gives us great information. Make your reservation with Kay Clark, and come join us.  
Sharon Heck, Branch President

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## *Standing Together*

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Branch President



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# MEMBERSHIP

The membership committee met in person on August 8, 2024. We discussed ideas and strategies for growing our membership. Many thanks for the energetic participation by all.

We are continuing to contact members who currently owe dues and are approaching the end of the grace period, September 30, 2024. If you have received a phone message, email, or text, please reply and update us. Let us know if you have paid your dues or have questions. Your dues are important in supporting our mission. Please refer to the Financial Corner below for detailed instructions on how to pay on the national website, AAUW.org, or you can send a check, which may be easier.

We hope all of you will continue your support of AAUW and remain a member of our Branch - GWA AAUW. Invite a friend to be your guest at a section.

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](mailto: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)

## GWA READS DEI

Have you started reading *The Last Chinese Chef* by Nicole Mones? A discussion group will be held on March 26, 2025. Plus, a Dining for Diversity outing with connections to the book is being planned.

The Chinese word **guanxi** is a Chinese concept meaning relationships. As you read, look for the ways in which Chinese cuisine honors and connects its culture.

Several books being read in our book club sections are also excellent books that provide opportunities for DEI discussions.



### Morning Book

*The Women* by Kristin Hannah

DEI discussion topics: Women's roles/acceptance in the military.  
Treatment of veterans.

*The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride

DEI Discussion topics: Immigration  
Groups living together discovering commonalities and differences.

### Modern Trends

*The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray

DEI discussion topics: The strength of trailblazing women who cross race and class.  
Women's activism  
Civil Rights/Racism

Contact the section leader if you would like to be a guest member when one or more of these books are being discussed. Even voracious readers may find it difficult to belong to all book club sections and read every book, but you may be interested in attending when one of these books are being read. It is important to contact the section leader if you would like to attend.

Pat Dudley,  
DEI Coordinator

# 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 the DEI coordinator ([kpdudley2002@yahoo.com](mailto:kpdudley2002@yahoo.com)) to notify members. 3. Member may wish 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.

Holiday or Observance	Religious Group	Date
Navaratri	Hindu	October 3 - October 12, 2024
Yom Kippur	Jewish	October 11 (evening) - October 12 (evening), 2024
Dussehra (Vijayadashami)	Hindu	October 12, 2024
Indigenous Peoples' Day		October 14, 2024
Sukkot	Jewish	October 16 (evening) - October 23 (evening), 2024
Shemini Atzeret	Jewish	October 23 (evening) - October 25 (evening), 2024
Simchat Torah	Jewish	October 24 (evening) - October 25 (evening), 2024
Diwali	Hindu	October 31-November 1, 2024

<i>Navaratri</i>	Honors the goddess Durga, the supreme goddess.
<i>Yom Kippur</i>	Holiest day of the Jewish year when Jews seek to expiate their sins and achieve reconciliation with God.
<i>Dussehra</i>	The festival is a symbol of victory over good and evil, truth over untruth and morality over immorality.
<i>Indigenous People's Day</i>	Honors the histories, cultures, and perspectives of indigenous peoples and their ancestors who lived on the land now known as North America.
<i>Sukkot</i>	A 7-day holiday that commemorates God's sheltering Jewish ancestors as they traveled from Egypt to the Promised Land.
<i>Shemini Atzeret</i>	Follows the 7 days of Sukkot. Its role is an extra day of spiritual celebration of the protective relationship between God and his chosen people.
<i>Simchat Toran</i>	Marks the conclusion of the public Torah readings.
<i>Diwali</i>	Celebrates the victory of Lord Krishna's destruction of the demon Naraka who is said to have imprisoned women and tormented his subjects.

## Days to Celebrate

September 15 to October 15, 2024	National Hispanic Heritage Month
October 5, 2024	World Teacher's Day
October 11, 2024	International Day of the Girl
October 13, 2024	National No Bra Day (breast cancer awareness)
October 24, 2024	United Nations Day



# 2024-2025 YEARBOOKS HAVE ARRIVED

Our Greater Whittier Area AAUW 2024–2025 Yearbooks have arrived. Distribution started at our September Branch Meeting with 47 copies given out to members. Yearbooks will be available at Branch Meetings October through December. There are several ways to receive your yearbook:

1. Attend a branch meeting to pick up your own;
2. Have a friend pick one up at a meeting for you (only with prior permission);
3. Porch pick-up requires prearranging a time & date with Susan Halliday to have a yearbook ready for pick-up on her front porch;
4. Have one mailed for the prepaid price of \$2;
5. Ask for a digital copy to be sent via email.



A very special thank you to Dolores Seidman and Kaye Kidwell who have extremely amazing editing skills and did numerous reviews. Also, a special thank you to our President Sharon Heck, and our Treasurer Kay Clark who additionally edited a few times. As ‘they’ say..... it takes a village.... Yes, it does, to make our information packed yearbook.

Please be sure to notify Susan Halliday (Yearbook Editor), Andrea Bellamy (Membership VP), and Kay Clark (Treasurer) of any corrections and/or changes.

## AAUW FUND

For the benefit of new members, or others who would appreciate a reminder, the AAUW Fund is the money-raising avenue for the national organization, AAUW, to which we all belong. It advances AAUW’s mission by sustaining all our programs and activities and especially our fellowship and grant program. Your gift to the AAUW Fund helps support the following important programs that:

- above all, advance equity for women and girls
- strengthen AAUW’s role in the global community
- respond to and eradicate the persistent challenges facing women and girls
- leverage new opportunities and attract new audiences to our mission.

Our Greater Whittier Area AAUW branch can look forward to a spring meeting program where our Named Gift Honoree(s) will be presented. This award will honor those in our branch who have given outstanding service to AAUW. Being designated as a branch Named Gift Honoree is a very special honor in AAUW.

Sheryl Crockey  
AAUW Fund VP

# PUBLIC POLICY

## 2024 Ballot Propositions - Support AAUW California Public Policy Priorities

By Amy Hom and Missy Maceyko, Co-Chairs, AAUW California Public Policy Committee

This November, California voters will decide the fate of 10 statewide ballot propositions. While we encourage members to support additional propositions that may capture the spirit of AAUW California's Public Policy Priorities (PPPs), we suggest that four of the propositions on the ballot in 2024 deserve a YES vote from our members for their explicit alignment with AAUW California's PPPs.

**Proposition 2**, Public Education Facilities Bond Measure (2024), proposes issuing \$10 billion in bonds to fund construction and modernization of California's public education facilities. \$8.5 billion would be allocated to K-12 schools and \$1.5 billion would support improvements at community colleges. Many school facilities are over 50 years old and require significant upgrades to meet current technological and education needs. Research shows that modernized school facilities correlate with better test scores, higher attendance, and improved teacher retention rates. The last time districts received state funding for infrastructure improvements was in 2016, when Prop 51 authorized \$9 billion in bonds. That money has now run out, and Prop 2 would help fund school projects totaling \$3.5 billion that have already been approved and are awaiting funding.

**AAUW California supports "Adequate and equitable funding at all educational levels, including pre-school and post-secondary", and we support a YES vote on Proposition 2.**

**Proposition 3**, Constitutional Right to Marriage, would amend the California Constitution to recognize the fundamental right to marry, and would remove the language banning same-sex marriage, passed by voters in 2008, from the state constitution. In practice, the ban has been nullified since a Supreme Court ruling in 2013 which allowed same-sex marriages to resume in California. Proposition 3 will enshrine the fundamental right to marry and protect against any potential future changes to federal marriage protections.

**AAUW California supports "Guarantee of civil and constitutional rights for all, including all forms of gender identity and expression, and all family structures", and we support a YES vote on Proposition 3.**

**Proposition 4**, Parks, Environment, Energy, and Water Bond Measure, would allocate the state to issue \$10 billion in bonds to fund various environmental, energy, and water projects. While there are a range of projects that ballot measure would fund that would benefit all Californians who are confronted with the impacts of sea-level rise, extreme heat, wildfire dangers, and air/water pollution, proposition 4 would also require that 40% of the bond revenue be used to fund activities that benefit communities with lower incomes or that are affected by environmental changes or disasters. Also, as AAUW California's Public Policy Committee has pointed out in the past, addressing climate issues and advancing gender equity is directly related to environmental sustainability, and vice versa.

**AAUW California supports "Social and racial justice for all members of society, including equal access to quality affordable healthcare, housing and a healthy environment," and we support a YES vote on Proposition 4.**

**Proposition 32**, Raises Minimum Wage, would raise California's current minimum wage of \$16 per hour. Employers with 26 or more employees would pay \$18 per hour beginning in 2025. Employers with 25 or fewer employees would pay \$17 per hour in 2025 and \$18 per hour in 2026. California has a high cost of living and our current \$16 minimum wage is well below the estimated living wage needed to support a household's basic needs. Women and communities of color bear the burden of low-wage jobs. The California Civil Rights Department (CRD) released data showing that in 2021, roughly half of all Latino, Black, and Native American workers earned \$32,329 or less - \$10,000 less than the state's per capita income. 54 percent of all workers in California earning \$32,239 or less were women.

A minimum wage of \$18 will reduce income inequality and improve the standard of living for millions of California workers, especially women and people of color.

**AAUW California supports "Economic Security for All Women"; we support a YES vote on Proposition 32.**

For guidance on additional ballot measures that are adjacent to, but not directly within, the scope of AAUW California's PPPs, please see this excellent guide provided by [the League of Women Voters of California](#).

### **Margo Reeg, Public Policy Chair**

Please do look at the link to League of Women Voters of California to see the League's recommendations. I will not be able to mention the League's positions in my presentation on October 12.



# CANDIDATE FORUMS



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**September 30, 2024**

**Whittier Union High Districts 2 & 3  
and  
Whittier City School District Areas 1 & 2**

**7 - 9:15 pm**

**@**

**Whittier City Hall**

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**October 9, 2024**

**La Habra Heights City Council**

**6:30 - 7:30 pm**

**@**

**LHH City Multipurpose Room  
1245 North Hacienda Road**

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**October 16, 2024**

**Pico Rivera City Council**

**7 - 8 pm**

**El Rancho Unified School District**

**8:15 - 9:15 pm**

**@**

**Pico Rivera Senior Center  
9200 Mines Avenue**

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Greater Whittier Area AAUW**

# INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

Our International Concerns meetings are on the third Thursday each month. On Thursday, October 17, 2024, 10AM, we will meet at Sharon Heck's home, 6032 Comstock Ave., Whittier, CA 90601. Our topic for the October 17 meeting will be Chapter 7, "High Seas Treaty" in the 2024 *Great Decisions*. Belen Duarte-Sousa 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](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, October 17. 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 not meet in October. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 6 PM at The Original Roadhouse Grill, 15156 Whittier Blvd., Whittier, CA 90603, near Whittwood. Our November book is listed below.

## Books for 2024-2025

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

Sharon Heck

# MORNING BOOK

Our group will not meet this month, but you can get a head start on the book for November 25: *I Promise You I'll Be Home. Korean War Letters of a U.S. Marine*, by noted former L.A. Times columnist, Al Martinez, edited by Sara S. Hodson. We will be fortunate to have the editor join us for a discussion of her book! Further information will be in next month's newsletter.

Books for reading and discussion for the rest of the year:

January 27: *East of Eden* (John Steinbeck)

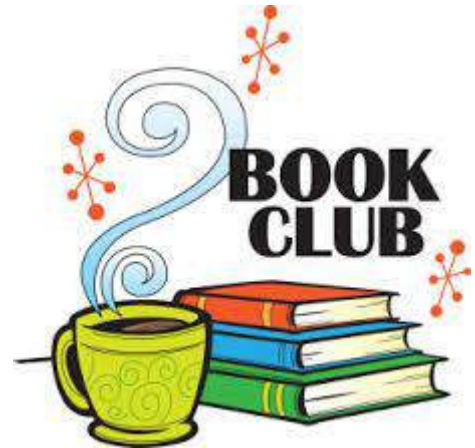
March 24: *The Lost Book Shop* (Evie Woods)

June 2: *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* (James McBride)

July 28: *Table for Two* (Amor Towles)

See you in November!

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. See below for details.

When: October 17

Where: Home of Georgine Sweeney

Book: *The Great Divide* by Cristina Henriquez, reviewed by Kristine Yeseta

In November, we will be back on schedule, meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, November 14.

The book we will discuss is *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray

# WRITING IS FUN



The October meeting of Writing is Fun! will take place at the home of Carole Restovich on October 23 at 11 AM. Everyone is welcome. You are invited to bring a lunch item and Carole will provide drinks and dessert. As usual, you may write on anything that interests you. We've written about family memories, emotional experiences, favorite items, famous people – anything you feel inspired by at the moment. We read our offerings to an appreciative audience. No criticism here! If you need a topic to get you thinking for the October meeting, you might consider: A Decisive Election (hopes, fears, predictions), Jealousy (the greenest of green-eyed monsters), or Immigrants in My Family. These are only suggestions. Again, all are welcome. Carole's address: 10413 Portada Dr. (behind Von's).

## FIRST FRIDAY

It's time again to reunite with AAUW friends outside of our official meetings. Bob and Judi Henderson will be hosting First Friday at their beautiful home, October 4th from 6pm to 8pm. Friends and significant others are always welcome!

Just remember to bring something sweet or savory, and your choice of beverage for everyone's enjoyment.

Henderson Address: 5657 Citrus Avenue, (the cross street is Floral Dr.)

Directions: Coming from Greenleaf, go west on Beverly Blvd to Citrus, turn right, continue on to Floral Dr. The house is on the N/W corner of Citrus and Floral.

For new members, a traditional social gathering hosted by a member is held every First Friday of the month. (except July and August) It's an opportunity to get acquainted with members' families!

Consider hosting a First Friday!!!

Respectfully submitted by  
Belen Duarte-Sousa

# DINING FOR \$\$\$\$



**The Mission Square Italian Restaurant**  
**13033 Penn St.**  
**Whittier, CA 90602**  
**(562) 458-5353**

On Thursday, October 17, 2024;

We are fortunate to return for our third Dining for \$\$\$\$ visit to the lovely **Mission Square Italian Restaurant** described as a hidden gem in Uptown Whittier. It's located in a historic building directly across from the Penn Street side of the Doubletree Hotel where parking is available

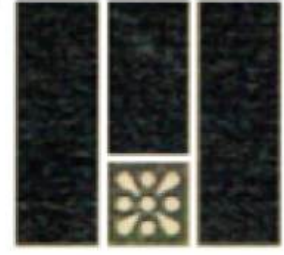
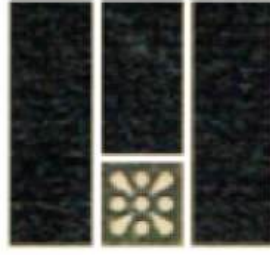
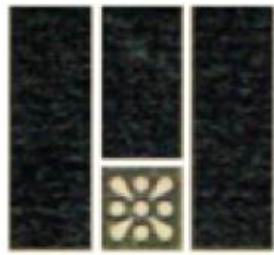
You may dine either inside or outside in the beautiful courtyard with its quiet old world charming atmosphere. **Lunch hours are from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM while the dinner hours and takeout are from 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM.** You might consider making reservations for dinner as we've been told that some evenings can be very busy.

You will find a variety of delicious menu selections including typical authentic Italian dishes as well as pasta choices, salads, and appetizers. More than 10 different kinds of pizza are described in the menu also.

We hope you will join us on **October 17!** Just present a flyer to your server for each bill at your table, **20% of each bill, excluding alcoholic beverages, will be donated to the Myra Long Scholarship Fund.** A flyer can be found on the next page of this newsletter. Mini flyers will be emailed along with an event reminder close to the event date and will be available at the October branch meeting too. Attending a Dining for \$\$\$\$ event is a wonderful way to enjoy a meal while supporting our scholarship fund. We look forward to seeing you there!

Andrea Bellamy and Sheryl Crockey





# **The Mission Square Italian Restaurant**

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**Greater Whittier Area AAUW**

**Myra Long Scholarship Fund**

## **Dining 4 \$\$\$\$ Event**

**Thursday, October 17, 2024**

**Lunch 11AM-2PM \* Dinner 5PM-10PM**

**The Mission Square**

**13033 Penn Street, Suite 100**

**Whittier, Ca. 90602 \* (562) 458-5353**

**Dine-in or Take-out**

*Reservations are available*

*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.*

*Please NO soliciting on premises*



## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

**Linda Oberholtzer**'s dad is in the news again. Many of us met on Saturday, September 7, 2024 to honor our own local hero. The Whittier Daily News reported: "At 99, this WW II vet turned Whittier teacher still teaches the value of 'doing the right thing'. **Yoshio Nakamura**'s former students continue to thank him for guiding their paths. On Saturday, Whittier Union High School's Fine Arts Building was named in his honor." He is pictured in the photo as he gave a long heartfelt speech. The plaque in his honor had not yet been revealed and is shown behind him still covered.



Belen Duarte-Sousa and Delia Gonzalez.

I had to share these photos with you all. **Belen Duarte-Sousa**, our new First Friday chair, is working hard to make sure we have great venues each month for our gatherings. On Friday, September 6, she organized our first event of the year at the home of **Oscar Rivera and Delia Gonzalez**, friends of AAUW. The day had been hot, over 104°, but a cool breeze blowing through the beautiful gardens of the Ranchito created a comfortable evening; we ate, and drank, and visited.



A big Thank You to the Rivera-Gonzalez family for contributing their home for GWA-AAUW.

The Whittier Art Gallery is a gem in our community and supported by a variety of creative people. We are fortunate to have within our branch three of those creative souls. **Belen Duarte-Sousa**, **Quincey Grace**, and **Joann Sarachman** are all exhibiting in the upcoming show at the gallery, "Inspirations from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Dimension". It runs from October 9 to November 7, see the flyer on the next page for details. Admission is no charge including a reception for the artists to be held on October 12 from 2-5 PM.





## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS (cont.)

**Andrea Bellamy** shared these community drop-in's which are open to everyone.

Are you a reader? Join us for an informal monthly book exchange and conversation. It's not a book club and you aren't required to bring a book. We meet at Panera Bread, 15629 Whittwood Lane (next to Petco), Whittier on the last Friday of each month 8:30-10 AM. Drop by anytime, this is not a GWA-AAUW section and is open to all in the community who enjoy books and coffee. Stop by and bring a friend.



Friday Book Chat - Love to read? Looking for a no pressure book group? Try Friday Book Chat on the First Friday of each month from 10 AM -11 AM at the Whittier Central Library, 7344 Washington Ave. Drop by, no registration required, and no assigned books. You can briefly share what you have been reading, or just listen and learn about some new books. The Librarian provides a list the following month of the books that were discussed for your reference. This is not a GWA-AAUW section and is open to all in the community.



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.

Paula Ocampo, Newsletter Editor  
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# Inspirations from the Third Dimension

Presented by The 3-Dimensional Artists Group  
of the Whittier Art Association

October 9 – November 2, 2024

Featuring the Works of:

Mary Bridges

David Brooks

Pat Brown

Belén Duarte

Quincey Grace

Susan Helms

Maya Hivale

Christina Hughes

Signe Jameson

Judy Jansen

Margaret Kruzel

Donna Larson

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John MacLean

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Reception: Saturday, October 12, 2 – 5 p.m.

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## GREATER WHITTIER AREA CALENDAR

Board Meeting	October 1 (Tuesday)	7 PM	Zoom
First Friday	October 4 (Friday)	6 PM – 8 PM	Judi Henderson's
Branch Meeting	October 12 (Saturday)	10 AM	First Friends Church Whittier
Modern Trends	October 17 (Thursday)	6:30 PM	Georgine Sweeney's
International Concerns	October 17 (Thursday)	10 AM	Sharon Heck's
Dining for \$\$\$\$	October 17 (Thursday)	11 AM – 2 PM 5 PM – 10 PM	Mission Square Italian Restaurant
Writing is Fun	October 23 (Wednesday)	11 AM	Carole Restovich's

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