



GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH AAUW NEWSLETTER

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**December
2024**



BRANCH MEETING – DECEMBER 14, 2024 2:00 PM – FIRST FRIENDS CHURCH WHITTIER

Program - A Season for Everyone

Have you ever celebrated another culture's holiday in their country? Have you ever experienced an unfamiliar holiday with friends in America? Some of us have not, so this December, our Program Committee, aka Ann Topjon and myself, Claire Koehler, will offer our members a brief description of five holidays from across the world. They will include: African (Kwanzaa), Asian (Chinese New Year), Jewish (Hanukkah), Christian (Christmas), and East Indian (Diwali). Whether the holiday is focused on a particular religion, country, or ethnic group, each is rich with tradition, symbols, and deep meaning. When we know what these traditions or symbols mean, we can better understand why these holidays are so important to those who take part in them, and, we can find our own ways of identifying with them.

In addition to learning a bit more about these celebrations, our December Program will feature Diane Britton. She was born in San Bernardino, California, but has lived in Whittier since 1974. She graduated from the University of Redlands, with a Bachelor of Science in Communicative Disorders in 1972. She has had various careers since then, but she has been connected to the WCCS, Women's and Children's Crisis Shelter for many years. In 1993, she joined the Shelter's Right Hand Board, an auxiliary of the WCCS, and served as president from 1996 through 1999. In 1997, her innovative spirit led her to originate the 5K Walk fund-raiser called "Stepping Out Against Domestic Violence" for the WCCS, and served as chairperson of the Walk until 2011. Diane has served on the Board of Directors of the WCCS for 22 years. Currently, she serves as the Chair of the Women and Children's Crisis Shelter's Thrift Shop. She will be presenting us with an overview of the Women's and Children's Crisis Shelter at our December 14th Branch meeting.

We will place a basket on the front table at this meeting for the collection of Gift Cards for the WCCS. The shelter offers vital services to our community, so all donations are appreciated. The needs of the shelter's clients are best filled by gift cards from the retail stores like Target and Walmart, but gift cards from gas stations, pharmacies, fast food restaurants, and grocery stores will also be welcome.

We look forward to seeing you all at our Branch meeting on December 14th at First Friends Church at 2:00 PM. See next page for details. Let's make it a season for everyone!

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

HOSPITALITY

Holiday Branch Meeting

We are meeting at a new time! Since we have a conflict with the Whittier Uptown Christmas Parade, *we will meet in the afternoon at 2:00 PM.* Now you can attend both events and avoid the morning congestion and traffic experienced during the parade.

Date: Saturday, December 14, 2024

Time: 2:00 PM Social Time
2:30 PM 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.

There is also additional parking available across the street on Washington Ave. It can be accessed from the alley running between Washington and Bright, turn north from Philadelphia.

Meal: Buffet to include holiday snacks and drinks

Meeting price: \$10 /person*

Please RSVP if you plan to attend. We do need to know how many people will be there 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.

IN THE SPIRIT OF THE GIVING SEASON, PLEASE CONSIDER BRINGING A GIFT CARD DONATION FOR THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S CRISIS SHELTER.

Paula Ocampo, Hospitality VP
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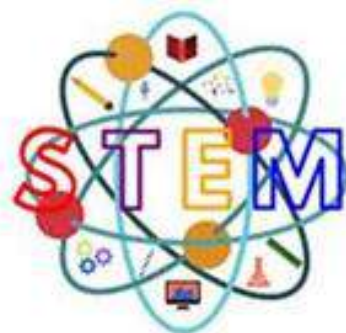
Kindly remember to wear your AAUW name badge.

*Please note, since we are not having a catered meal, you don't need to pay the \$10 if you RSVP and have to miss the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We will be hosting our 30th Math/Science (STEM) Conference for 8th Grade Girls at Whittier College on Wednesday, January 8, 2025. Marion Locke began this conference many years ago and it has been an annual event except for the covid years. There will be 400 students and advisors in attendance from area middle schools, and twenty STEM career women will bring them information which could help the students plan their future education path.

The speaker occupations are quite varied. We have a physical therapist, an interior designer, a global treasury executive, an archeologist, a psychology professor, a chemistry professor, an OB/GYN, a science teacher, a neonatal nurse, a food researcher, a police woman, a chemist, a vector ecologist, a director of product quality, a veterinarian, a game creator, a librarian, an epidemiologist, and a forensic assessor. Several of our speakers have been volunteering to do this for years, and we have a few new ones. The students are able to hear six of the speakers as I assign them to three workshops. The teacher advisors have the list of speaker biographies and the students will be making five choices which are then sent to me. They will be assigned to some of their favorites.



We need many volunteers to hold this event. Dolores Seidman is collecting the list of members who are willing to help that day from early morning to 12:45 PM. You are then invited to stay for lunch on the campus at Whittier College. Please read Dolores's article in this newsletter and volunteer if you are able. It promises to be another wonderful day for the attendees and for our AAUW branch.

Our monthly branch meetings at First Friends Church have been going very well. I must commend Pat Dudley for chairing our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) committee. She has helped us include DEI interactive items in our meetings which allow for wonderful discussions among the attendees. On November 9 we followed our activity with a marvelous presentation by Dr. Ninochka McTaggart, a DEI specialist. She commended us for our efforts. I would also like to thank our hospitality chair, Paula Ocampo, with all that she does to bring us a delicious continental breakfast at each meeting. Our new venue at First Friends Church is so comfortable and Paula and her committee make each meeting very welcoming.

Please join us at 2:00 PM on Saturday, December 14 as we celebrate holidays around the world, and hear about the Women and Children's Crisis Center. Please bring a gift card for the Crisis Center if you are able. Our menu when you arrive for social time at 2:00 PM will contain some surprises. We hope to see you there.

Sharon Heck, Branch President

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 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. You can share the AAUW flyer on page 5 and/or email us at MembershipGWA@gmail.com with leads.

Upcoming Events:

We will have a fundraiser at **Really Great Stuff** this December 11th through 14th, and another in spring April 2nd through the 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. See the page 6 for the flyer for this upcoming event.

We will be hosting a **Meet and Greet** later in the year. SAVE THE DATE of Saturday March 22, 2025 at 10-11:30 AM at First Friends Church. Begin thinking of who you might invite.

New Members:

Join me in welcoming our new members who joined in November. I know they will be a terrific addition to our branch.

Rose Pringle

Ana Sosa



With the addition of our new members, we have a current total of 106 members.

Name Badges:

Please contact Andrea Bellamy directly if you would like to order a name badge. She is putting together a list and will be ordering shortly. The cost is \$10.

Membership Renewals

Dues are now \$116, which includes your membership in the California and national AAUW organizations. You can pay your dues on the national website, AAUW.org, or send a check (easiest). Please send to: Kay Clark, 11915 Inez St., #8, Whittier, CA 90605. Checks should be made out to GWA AAUW. We hope all of you will continue your support of AAUW and remain a member of our Branch - GWA AAUW.

Andrea Bellamy
Membership VP



Empowering Women and Girls since 1881

Join a Local AAUW Branch and be a Changemaker!

170,000 Supporters Strong! Tenacious and Trailblazing!

What does AAUW do?

Our mission: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

- Advocates on Capitol Hill for issues that matter to women.
- Awards funds to women scholars to pursue their studies.
- Provides legal advocacy.
- Offers training in leadership and career advancement.
- Gives you opportunities to act!

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What happens in AAUW?

Local branch volunteers may organize such things as:

- Public presentations and forums.
- State programs: Tech Trek STEM camp, Speech Trek contest, or Gov Trek political career series.
- Homegrown programs to meet their community's unique needs.
- Scholarship programs.
- Fundraisers.
- Social groups to share camaraderie, interests, and fun.

Who is in AAUW?

We are changemakers in our community and country.

- Graduates with a college or AA degree or higher.
- Interesting, diverse, and passionate women and men.
- People who are working, not working, about to retire, retired, or still in college.

Sound like you?

Why join AAUW?

Your membership makes our powerful voice even louder on critical issues affecting women and girls.

- Help break down barriers for women.
- Interact with like-minded people.
- Impact your community with programs that make a difference.
- Network and learn from people with varied backgrounds and skills.
- Share common interests in social groups.
- Make career connections.
- Exercise your mind.

JOIN US!

Greater Whittier Area

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*'Tis the Season of the
AAUW Holiday Shopping Fund Raiser
at
REALLY GREAT STUFF
14402 Whittier Blvd
Whittier, CA 90605*

20% of the proceeds will go to GWA AAUW Branch.

*There will be a wonderful selection of Christmas decorations,
gifts and clothing.*

*Wednesday a light dinner will be served
between 4PM and 6PM.*

Bring your friends and relatives!

Wednesday December 11th

Thursday, December 12th

Friday December 13th

Hours 11-6

Saturday December 14th

Hours 10-5

Karen van der Baan 562-695-0048 or vanderbaan@aol.com

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI)

Holidays and celebrations around the world bring a sense of joy and excitement. Whatever the season, whatever the reason, populations create their own unique way of expressing the day.

Here, our holiday season sets off a frenzy of shopping and eating. There is no better place to shop to see the cultural interpretations of celebrations and do some gift shopping at the same time than at Ten Thousand Villages in Pasadena. There you can find unique items from around the world representing all cultures and beliefs.

Ten Thousand Villages is a fair-trade store that impacts artisans and their families around the world who would likely remain in a cycle of poverty if not for the work and investment provided by fair trade stores. Partnering with artisans in developing countries allows these populations to earn income by bringing their products and stories to the market place.

Ten Thousand Villages fair trade partnerships ensure makers earn a fair, living wage in safe working conditions, empower women and marginalized communities, put food on their tables, allow children to stay healthy and go to school and allow families to build homes and save for the future.

For complete information on Ten Thousand Villages, see their products and learn about the artisans, visit their website at pasadena@tenthousandvillages.com.



Ten Thousand Villages is located at: 567 South Lake Avenue, Pasadena. Parking is behind the store.

Help to break a cycle of generational poverty and impact social change through your holiday giving, or any time.

Pat Dudley,
DEI Coordinator

Diversity Dateline

Holiday or Observance	Religious Group	Date
Bodhi Day	Buddhist	December 8, 2024
Hanukkah/Chanukah	Jewish	December 25, 2024 (evening) - January 2, 2025 (evening)
Christmas Day	Christian	December 25, 2024
Kwanzaa	African-American Culture	December 26, 2024 - January 1, 2025

Bodhi Day is a Buddhist holiday that commemorates the day Gautama Buddha is said to have attained enlightenment. On each of 3 watches he discovered the cycle of birth, the Law of Karma, and importance of living by the Noble Eightfold Path, and the Four Noble Truths, finally reaching Nirvana. It is observed in the traditional Zen and Pure Land schools of China, Korea, Japan, Vietnam, and the Philippines.

Hanukkah/Chanukah is a Jewish festival commemorating the recovery of Jerusalem and rededication of the Second Temple at the beginning of the Maccabean Revolt against the Seleucid Empire in the second century BCE. It is observed for eight nights and days. The festival is observed by lighting the candles or a candelabrum with nine branches, commonly called a menorah or hanukkah. All the candles are lit together on the final night of the celebration.

Christmas Day is an annual commemoration of the birth of Jesus Christ, observed primarily on December 25th. It is a religious and cultural celebration among people around the world. It is celebrated religiously around the world by a majority of Christians, as well as culturally by many non-Christians.

Kwanzaa is not affiliated with any religion. It is celebrated throughout the African community as a cultural message of unity. Many traditions are included in individual family celebrations during the 7 days and nights of observance. Each night one of the seven principles (Nguzo Saba in Swahili), the values of African culture, is discussed.

MYRA LONG SCHOLARSHIP FUND

It's been nearly one year since we lost our dear friend, Gwen Woirhaye. Her loss is still ever present, she was such a vital member of our branch and a great friend. Looking through the yearbook you can see some of the distinctions she earned in AAUW; 50-year member, Past President, AAUW Fund Named Gift Honoree, and Las Distinguidas. However, she was also a member of the Judith Papp Legacy Circle. And now, we have some good news that is another legacy in her memory. The photo shown is her husband Mahlon Woirhaye presenting Barbara Gile with a check for \$100,000 from Gwen's estate for the Myra Long Scholarship Fund! We understand she also gifted AAUW Education Fund with the same amount.



Our enduring love and thanks to Gwen Woirhaye.

AAUW FUND

Are you able to check these tasks off your to-do list?

- Contribute to the AAUW Fund before December 31,2024
- Send in your nomination for AAUW Fund Named Gift Honoree by January 4, 2025

Thank you to those of you who have already generously made your fully tax-deductible donation! Just imagine how appreciative the recipients of grants and fellowships will feel when they receive needed assistance due to your caring thoughtfulness.

Here are the ways to make your donation gift*:

By mail to National:

Address: AAUW
PO Box 98045
Washington, DC 20090-8045

Be sure to specify your preferred Fund choice on your check memo line: Greatest Needs Fund, Education/Training Fund, Economic Security Fund, Leadership Fund.

Login to AAUW Website:

www.aauw.org

At this time, donations made online can only be made to the Greatest Needs Fund.

Remember that our cumulative contributions allow us to select our Greater Whittier Area branch AAUW Fund Named Gift Honoree(s). And we need your nominations to select an outstanding member who will be awarded at a meeting in 2025. Please use the form on the next page and send in your nominations.

Please return the forms(s) to Sheryl Crockey via mail, email, or in person by January 4, 2025.

Thank you,

Sheryl Crockey, AAUW Fund VP



AAUW FUND NAMED GIFT HONOREE NOMINATION FORM

Each year our branch recognizes members who provide leadership and contribute to the success of the programs and goals of the branch. These members are the ambassadors who promote the mission of AAUW. In addition to an individual, a group or an organization that enhanced the mission of AAUW may be nominated.

Nominee:

Leadership:

Participation in Branch Activities:

Community Activities as Related to AAUW:

What makes this candidate an outstanding member of GWA-AAUW?

Nominated by:

Please return by Saturday January 4, 2025.

Attach additional pages if needed.

email tosherylc@icloud.com.

or

Mail: Sheryl Crockey
 5507 Gregory Ave.
 Whittier, CA 90601

LACIC

LOS ANGELES COUNTY INTERBRANCH COUNCIL

Los Angeles County LACIC: Alhambra-San Gabriel, Antelope Valley, Beach Cities, East San Gabriel Valley, Glendale, Greater Whittier Area, La Palma-Cerritos, Long Beach, Palos Verdes Peninsula, Pasadena, San Fernando Valley, Santa Clarita Valley, Torrance

LACIC is a district liaison group working within AAUW California and is formed to provide assistance to help meet district needs for branches in Los Angeles County, including membership recruitment and retention, mission-based program planning, and leadership training. Deanna Arthur, is the current chair and hosts a Zoom meeting 4 times a year to which all GWA-AAUW members are welcome to attend. They always have a relevant and interesting speaker or topic for discussion. It's another opportunity to communicate with other AAUW members and learn from other local branches. The next meeting will be in January 12, 2025 at 2 PM. See the January newsletter for further details.

Charmen Goehring, AAUW CA State President was the speaker for the November meeting. She shared her insights on what AAUW CA has accomplished and what plans are in the works for the next 18 months in DEI, Public Policy, the last Speech Trek, the School Board Project, and member retention. A topic of interest to all was how to present a more relevant and interactive AAUW for younger women. She also shared a list of awesome accomplishments over the years by members and women associated with AAUW. You can also visit <https://www.aauw.org/about/history/>

What AAUW members have accomplished

- 1920 AAUW donated one gram of radium for Marie Curie, 1st person and only woman to win Nobel Prize twice
- 1888 Since 1888, \$115 million given in fellowships and grants (\$6.1 million in 2023) largest non-institutional funder of grad level education
- 1936 Eleanor Roosevelt, invited AAUW member Mary Ritter Beard, to the White House. They subsequently worked to launch the World Center for Women's Archives
- 1945 Beginning of efforts to pass Equal Pay Act of 1963
- 1972 Title IX introduced and sponsored by Reps Edith Green and Patsy Mink-AAUW members
- 1993 Family Medical Leave Act
- 2009 Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act- President Obama's first bill
- 1976 AAUW granted Permanent UN Observer status
- 2008 UN status upgraded to Special Consultative Status with UN, giving AAUW a voice
- 2015 Since the beginning, almost 200,000 people have gone through our \$mart \$tart or Work \$mart salary negotiation workshops including both Boston and SF city workers

Notable members

Jeanette Raskin	First woman elected to Congress
Shirley Chisholm	First Black woman elected to Congress and 1st woman to run for Presidential nomination from major party
Marjorie Child Husted	Created Betty Crocker
Sarah Tilghman Hughes	First woman appointed judge in Texas, then swore in Lyndon B. Johnson after JFK assassination
Lou Henry Hoover	First Lady, twice-president of Girl Scouts of America, strong advocate for women in sports, vice-president of the National Amateur Athletic Federation in the 1920s with a challenge to organize a women's division
Mary Church Terrell	Became the first Black member of AAUW after winning an anti-discrimination lawsuit, and continued her activism to integrate all of AAUW
Janet Reno	First woman to serve as United States Attorney General
Nancy Pelosi	United States Congresswoman and first woman Speaker of the House

PUBLIC POLICY

BALLOT PROCESSING CENTER TOUR

On November 8th and 12th, groups of AAUW members toured the Ballot Processing Center at 13401 Crossroads Pkwy in Industry. We saw the reception area where ballots are brought in from Drop Boxes and Post Offices by teams of election's employees. Next, ballot envelopes are oriented to be read by the electronic signature reading machine. Any ballot which lacks a signature or for which the electronic scanner fails to get a match with the voter signature on file, is kicked out for manual processing. Trained employees visually compare the envelope signature with up to 4 of the voter's signatures on file. If the match is questionable a third team of experts in signature analysis checks the signature for match. If no match is approved, then ballot is removed from processing.

If the signature is missing, then a ballot cure process is used to contact the voter to solicit a current signature. All means of contact are used, including phone, email and letter. The voter has until December 1 to submit their signature.

After the signature is approved, the envelopes are slit open. Ballots are removed by dozens of trained employees who inspect each ballot for stray marks, stains, or tears and save the ballots for counting. Those with errors or marks are sent to be remade by a team of workers who verify the accuracy of the remade ballot. Then they are sent to be counted. Ballots are scanned and tabulated by very rapid electronic machines. The counted ballots are then stored as are the ballot envelopes.

Margo Reeg, Public Policy Director



MATH SCIENCE CONFERENCE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The 30th Math Science for 8th Grade Girls will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at Whittier College from 9:15 AM to 12:45 PM. Under the leadership of Sharon Heck, the girls will attend a Keynote Presentation and attend three workshops at which they will hear 2 women each from the math science fields.

This is one of our favorite branch activities. At our November Branch Meeting we had many members volunteer. Additional members who wish to volunteer should contact Dolores Seidman at deeseidman@gmail.com by Monday, December 16.

AAUW branch members will serve as Greeters to meet the buses, Registration personnel, Guides to direct the students across the campus to the workshops, and Moderators to introduce the speakers at each workshop. Lunch will be available to the speakers and the volunteers at 12:45 p.m.

Dolores Seidman
254 Bloom Drive
Monterey Park, CA 91755

INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

We have completed the articles in our 2024 Great Decisions book, so on Thursday, December 12, 2024, 11:30 AM we will meet for lunch at The Thai Table restaurant in Whittwood.

Our Great Decisions 2025 books have been ordered and will arrive in early January. We meet on the third Thursday each month at Sharon Heck's home. On January 16, 2025 we will receive our new books and make plans for the year. Please RSVP to Sharon if you plan to attend the lunch at The Thai Table on December 12. S.Heck4peace@gmail.com 562-858-9253

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

MYSTERY MAVENS

Mystery Mavens will not meet in December. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, 6 PM at The Original Roadhouse Grill, 15156 Whittier Blvd., Whittier, CA 90603, near Whittwood. Our January book is listed below. Our members should begin thinking of books to nominate for next year. We vote on them at our May 21, 2025 meeting.

Books for 2025

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

Sharon Heck



MORNING BOOK

We do not meet in December but you can look ahead and start reading our January selection, the classic *East of Eden*, by John Steinbeck. One of our members, Mandy Knight, has a close connection to the author as his great niece so it should be a wonderful and enlightening meeting! Complete information will be in the January newsletter.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday celebration with your family and friends, and we can look forward to being together on January 27.

Ann Topjon, Chair 562-665-1724

MODERN TRENDS IN LITERATURE

We do not meet in December, have a very merry holiday season.

February 13, 2025 is the date of our next book discussion. You can read ahead as this is a very timely topic.

Grace: President Obama and Ten Days in the Battle for America by Cody Keenan

The discussion will be led by Carol K Anderson. The location is still to be determined.



WRITING IS FUN

Writing is Fun! (WIF!) will meet at the home of Carole Restovich on December 18 at 11 AM. All are welcome. We bring our own sandwich or salad and Carole has drinks and dessert available.

“Holiday Time” is a topic that nearly writes itself: your most memorable holiday, favorite family traditions, things you would happily do without at this time of year, a perfect way to spend a holiday or comparisons between your childhood Christmas and modern celebrations. Of course, you may always write on anything that inspires you, irritates you or sparks your imagination. We share our writing with a very amiable group who enjoy putting words to paper and listening to other contributions. Everyone is welcome!

Carole Restovich

LA CUISINE

La Cuisine December Dine-out

Monday, December 9th, at 5:30 PM

Tam O'Shanter, founded in 1922, offers good cheer, warm hospitality, and exceptional food in a cozy old-world atmosphere. To celebrate the holidays, carolers stroll around the restaurant.

Join us for a festive evening.

RSVP to Shirley Stewart at shirleystewart8109@gmail.com



FIRST FRIDAY

December 6, 2024

December First Friday will be held at the 1880 historical farm house of Jim and Shirley Stewart. The house will be decorated in all the holiday spirit imaginable!!

Time: 6 to 8 PM

Address: 8109 Michigan Avenue, Whittier

Directions: The property is between Mar Vista and La Cuarta, North of Whittier Blvd.

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

Come and spend time with our friends and enjoy the wonderful holiday ambience provided by Jim and Shirley.

Respectfully submitted by,

Belen Duarte-Sousa



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

It was sad news to hear that **Sheila Hartfield** had passed away. I haven't received any details, but will share them when I know more. I do know that Sheila had been a member of AAUW for over 30 years, since 1993. She was also active with the United Nations Association of Whittier and participated in the Great Decisions group. I always enjoyed talking to her, she cared about social justice and democracy in our world. My heartfelt condolences to her family and friends.



Andrea Bellamy shared these community drop-in's which are open to everyone. You can also invite any potential new members to an AAUW meeting or gathering. We have also included an AAUW flyer that you can share, see page 5.

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. Encourage

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.

A newsletter is not complete without experienced proofreaders. I am very grateful to **Dolores Seidman, Pat Dudley** and **Sharon Heck** for once again applying their eagle eyes to this issue.

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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DECEMBER 2024

GREATER WHITTIER AREA CALENDAR

Board Meeting	December 3 (Tuesday)	7 PM	Zoom
First Friday	December 6 (Friday)	6 PM-8 PM	Jim and Shirley Stewart's
La Cuisine	December 9 (Monday)	5:30 PM	Tam O'Shanter
International Concerns	December 12 (Thursday)	11:30 AM	Thai Table Restaurant
GWA-AAUW Fund Raiser	December 11 (Wednesday)	11 AM-6 PM	Really Great Stuff
GWA-AAUW Fund Raiser	December 12 (Thursday)	11 AM-6 PM	Really Great Stuff
GWA-AAUW Fund Raiser	December 13 (Friday)	11 AM-6 PM	Really Great Stuff
GWA-AAUW Fund Raiser	December 14 (Saturday)	10 AM-5 PM	Really Great Stuff
Branch Meeting	December 14 (Saturday)	2 PM	First Friends Church Whittier
Writing is Fun	December 18 (Wednesday)	11 AM	Carole Restovich's

CHECK WITH YOUR SECTION LEADERS FOR UPDATES AND ZOOM INVITATIONS

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

Please send articles by email on or before the 15th of every month, August through May to pocampo@aol.com

Newsletter Editor – Paula Ocampo

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- AAUW California www.aauw-ca.org
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