



# GREATER WHITTIER AREA BRANCH AAUW NEWSLETTER

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**March  
2025**



## **BRANCH MEETING – MARCH 8, 2025 9:30 AM – FIRST FRIENDS CHURCH WHITTIER**

### **Program**

#### **Peering into the Past, Hoping for a Better Future**

As we leave February behind and blow hurriedly into March, many of us think of Women’s History Month and ponder how far we have come. “We have come a long way, baby!” but not by smoking skinny cigarettes in a hidden room, or by pulling up our skirts at school. We haven’t even come a long way because women are now prominently visible in the workforce, although, this was a major accomplishment, and perhaps would not have occurred without the devastation of war at our doorstep in the early 1940’s. No, we have come a long way because we believe in ourselves, and we believe in women helping women, women believing that equality is a worthwhile goal, and that human dignity is everyone’s right.

With Women’s History Month here, Dr. Emily Teipe is about to step into our minds with some mind-boggling stories of women’s struggles in the labor movement. She will be walking us back to the early 20<sup>th</sup> century when opportunities for women who wanted to work were nearly non-existent and likely far more hazardous.

Emily is a Professor Emerita, of Fullerton College where she has taught for thirty plus years and continues to teach Women’s History there, post-retirement.

Dr. Teipe spends much of her time researching and writing books that focus on life in 18<sup>th</sup> century America as well as religious history. Emily was born in Baltimore, Maryland, attended the University of Maryland, Johns Hopkins University, California State University and holds a doctorate from the University of California. She is the proud mom of four sons and six grandchildren. Her recent publications are:

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

We look forward to welcoming Dr. Teipe to our March meeting, and we hope to see all of you there!

Submitted by:

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

# HOSPITALITY

Spring will be here on the 20<sup>th</sup> bringing longer days and *perhaps* good weather. We changed our meeting time to 9:30 AM this year to give everyone the opportunity to attend other activities on Saturday. Get an early start and come to the meeting for coffee, camaraderie and cultivation.

**Date:** Saturday, March 8, 2025

**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. 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:** Morning buffet to include snacks and drinks

**Meeting price:** \$10 /person\*

\*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.

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](mailto:pocampo@aol.com) or phone/text to (562) 447-7483.

Paula Ocampo, Hospitality VP  
cell (562) 447-7483  
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Be sure to wear your AAUW name badge.

**HEADS UP** – On April 12, we have a very special program planned and we will be meeting at the Whittier Art Gallery, 8035 Painter Ave., Whittier, CA 90602



**Volunteers Needed** for both March 8 and April 12. Our volunteers are critical, not just to get the job done, but to make the meeting more fun. The tasks are simple when there are many hands; greeting, setup before the meeting, cleanup after the meeting, pickup supplies, bring baked goodies, or add the final touches to the tables. Please contact Paula Ocampo to sign up.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

STANDING TOGETHER FOR EQUITY AND ACTION is the theme for our Greater Whittier Area AAUW Branch for this year. Our monthly Branch programs at First Friends Church Whittier continue to help carry out that theme. Pat Dudley, our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) chair has done a wonderful job of including a DEI activity in most of our meetings. Even our December Holiday program included five culturally different presentations created by Claire Koehler and Ann Topjon. The DEI discussions have been very memorable and educational. Thank you to Pat and all who have helped her to bring us this DEI emphasis.

We received a very nice thank you letter from the Women and Children's Crisis Shelter in Whittier. We gathered a very nice offering of gift cards and monetary donations for the shelter at our December meeting, and they were most appreciative. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

A letter was directed to me as Branch President from Tremayne A. Parquet, Deputy Director of Advancement for our National AAUW organization in Washington, DC. Here is a quotation from his letter.

“It is with great pleasure that I share some exciting news—Greater Whittier Area AAUW (CA) Branch has achieved three stars in AAUW's FY24 Five Star Program! Your branch attained the Communications & External Relations, Programming, and Governance & Sustainability stars. This recognition is a testament to the dedication, hard work, and commitment of your branch members to advancing AAUW's mission of gender equity for women and girls.”



We should be proud of this achievement.

We still need centerpieces for our March and May meetings. We generally have five round tables, and the centerpieces could be very simple. We will be using beige table cloths all year. Please contact me if you are willing to help with this project. [S.heck4peace@gmail.com](mailto:S.heck4peace@gmail.com)

We continue to have wonderful branch meetings at our new venue, First Friends Church Whittier. I would love to see many of you at our March 8, 2025 meeting. Join our 9:30 AM social time and become acquainted with some of our new members.

Sharon Heck, Branch President

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

**UPDATE** – The previously announced March 9 in-person meeting for LACIC has been re-scheduled. Archana Maniar, author of *Dry Spells* will join us for the May meeting, all are encouraged to join, details TBD. LACIC will meet on Zoom on March 9 from 2-4 PM.

LACIC is the Los Angeles County Interbranch Council of AAUW California, all branch members are invited to attend meetings.

# MEMBERSHIP

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** We are hosting our annual Meet and Greet this month

When: Saturday, March 22, from 10 AM 11:30 AM

Where: First Friends Church Whittier  
13205 Philadelphia (entrance off of Washington Ave., parking in the rear off of the alley)

This is also Women's History Month, the perfect time to invite prospective members to our annual Meet and Greet Event. Our guests will be able to learn about our wonderful organization in a casual setting while meeting some of our members. We encourage our new members to participate and share their experiences. Please reach out to your work associates, book clubs, gym/yoga group, neighbors, business associates, students, and recent college graduates. Invite them to join us or send them the flyer (see next page)



Admission:

Guests/nonmembers: Free of Charge

Current members and spouses: \$5.00\*

\*Admission is waived if a member brings an item for the menu. *Please sign up in advance and let us know what you are bringing, see contact information below.* If you need ideas, here are a few, including; quiche, breads, pastry, cheese, bagels (cut in half) cream cheese, dip/hummus, pita chips, veggies, fruit cut up, cheese plate, crackers, and tea sandwiches.

Please let us know the names of your guests so we can have name tags ready for them; send your RSVP to [MembershipGWA@gmail.com](mailto:MembershipGWA@gmail.com) or text 562-536-3557.


We also have 2 new members to welcome this month. Welcome Susan Fox and Ellen White.

Thank you,

Membership Committee Chair Committee - Andrea Bellamy

Members - Linda Harris, Mandy Knight, Margo Reeg, Georgine Sweeney, Karen Van der Baan





**Greater Whittier Area Branch  
American Association of University Women**

Invites you to join us for a  
**MEET & GREET**

Please bring friends and guests!

Saturday  
March 22, 2025  
10:30-12:00 Brunch

Fellowship Hall  
First Friends Church  
13205 Philadelphia Street  
Whittier 90601

Parking available off the alley in the rear.  
Also available on Washington Ave.

*March is Women's History Month. It is a great time to learn how  
AAUW is supporting girls & women in our community, state and nation.*

Nonmembers free of charge  
\$5.00 for current members  
AA degree or higher required for membership

*For more information or to RSVP, please text Andrea Bellamy  
562-536-3557*

# BRANCH ELECTIONS

It's that time again, when we each have an opportunity to participate in governance for the Greater Whittier Area AAUW Branch. Here is some information and a **call to action!**

- Elections will be held at our annual Branch meeting on April 12, 2025.
- Notification of the Slate of Nominees will be sent out 30 days prior, by March 12, 2025.
- GWA-AAUW is guided by our Bylaws and Standing Rules which are posted on our website; go to <https://whittier-ca.aauw.net/> under the menu item "About"
- The Nominating Committee is gathering suggestions, contacting possible nominees and will prepare the final Slate of Nominees.
- All members are eligible to join the Board.

*Your Call to Action:* Contact any one of the committee members to follow up. You can nominate yourself or someone else, or just recommend someone you think would serve. Remember, we are in AAUW to promote programs, activities, and events that support the AAUW Mission Statement: to advance equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. We need everyone's participation and ideas.

Thank you

Nominating Committee Chair – Paula Ocampo  
Committee Members: Pat Dudley, Andrea Bellamy,  
Cindi Peterson, Marian Locke, Sharon Heck



## AAUW FUND

Each calendar year, National AAUW raises money through contributions to AAUW Fund. These funds support AAUW's programs such as Fellowships and Grants, Public Policy, Research, Start Smart, Work Smart, the Legal Advisory Fund, Campus Action Projects and NCCWSL.

In 2024 the AAUW Fund collected \$475,265.15 in California. From January through December 2024 our Greater Whittier Area Branch contributions from 23 members totaled \$103,440. (That includes Gwen Woirhaye's especially generous bequest of \$100,000).

Thanks to the following member donors of our branch who made individual contributions.

Anonymous  
Elizabeth Baca  
Virginia Ball  
Tobi Balma  
Jacqueline Brearley  
Kay Clark  
Sheryl Crockey  
Patricia Dudley

Carole Duff  
Quincy Grace  
Sharon Heck  
Mary Knight  
Bea Myers  
Paula Ocampo  
Margo Reeg  
Carole Restovich

Lynda Richardson  
Dolores Seidman  
Lavonne Sherman  
Ann Topjon  
Gen'nel Walters  
Nadine Wilcox  
Gwen Woirhaye

Sheryl Crockey  
AAUW Fund VP

# Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI)

Twenty members of Greater Whittier Area AAUW are reading *The Last Chinese Chef* by Nicole Mones as our DEI book selection. *The Last Chinese Chef* is a story of an American food writer, Maggie, as she travels to Beijing after the loss of her husband. The story of her journey is compelling and filled with human connections. Many of you may have read this book already and will be revisiting it as we focus on the artistry of China's cuisine and gain insight into Chinese culinary culture.

Members who signed up to participate in this year's DEI book activity have received 10 questions that will serve as a basis of our discussion of the role of foods, preparation and rituals in Chinese history.

We will expand the discussion to look at other countries and the influence of culinary traditions and rituals in their cultures.

Our discussion of the book will be held on Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 at Pat Dudley's house. Members who have indicated they are reading the book will be receiving additional discussion topics and be asked to RSVP to the discussion session.

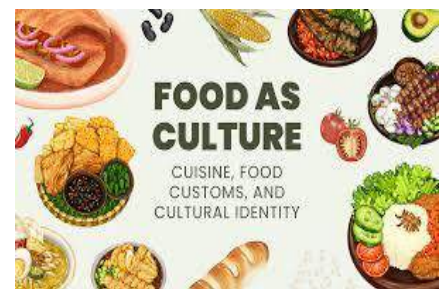
An outing to a Chinese restaurant in Arcadia that has a connection to the book is being planned by Belen Duarte-Sousa. More information will be sent to readers at a later date.

It's not too late to sign up to be included in the DEI Reads activity. Contact Pat Dudley at [kpudley2002@yahoo.com](mailto:kpudley2002@yahoo.com) to receive the discussion questions and additional information on the outing.

DEI, what it is and what it isn't. You have probably been inundated with headlines and news reports surrounding the demise of DEI. Keep in mind that DEI are just letters of the alphabet that have come to represent Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. In fact, the letter A is often attached to become DEIA with the A standing for Accessibility. The actual policies and programs making up DEIA date back to the 1960's when many policies, programs and safe guards were put in place to create equity for all regardless of race, gender, religion and disabilities and have continued to evolve to address specific societal subgroups. Arm yourself with facts to inform your understanding and reactions to the current focus on DEI.

Another activity inspired by our discussions on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility is our co-sponsoring of the Reel Club film at the Whittier Library on March 17, see the flyer on the next page.

Pat Dudley  
DEI Coordinator



**A co-sponsored event by GWA-AAUW and the Whittier Public Library**

**Monday, March 17 @ 6 PM**

**Central Library Community Room**



In the spirit of Women’s History Month and with a focus on equity and inclusion, we are presenting the documentary film “Becoming Helen Keller”.

Over 100 years ago, Helen Keller was a “rock star” in her era. She was well known and, despite her own disabilities, she used her celebrity to advocate for social justice, particularly for women, people with disabilities, and people living in poverty. You may be surprised to learn about her long life and career, and how it remains relevant to our present. Perhaps you know of Helen Keller by the movie “The Miracle Worker” about a little girl that overcame blindness and deafness. This is the story about a very full life that happened after the movie.

Hopefully, this story can inspire us in our support for disability rights and to advocate for empathy, understanding and more inclusion in our world.

**FREE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT BOTH LIBRARIES**

Whittier Central Library  
7344 Washington Ave.  
Whittier, CA 90602

Whittwood Branch Library  
10537 Santa Gertrudes Ave.  
Whittier, CA 90603

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# DIVERSITY DATELINE

Holiday or Observance	Religious Group	Date
Purim	Jewish	March 13 (evening)-March 30 (evening)
Holi	Hindu	March 14 (evening)-March 15 (evening)
Nowruz (Persian New Year)	Persian	March 20
Laylat al Qadr	Muslim	March 26-March 27
Eid-al-Fitr	Muslim	March 29 (evening) -March 30 or March 31

Purim commemorates the saving of Persian Jews described in the biblical book of Esther in the fourth century B.C.E.

Holi is a Hindu holiday that celebrates spring, love and new life. On the day of Holi entire streets and towns are filled with people who throw colored powder in the air.

Nowruz is the Iranian or Persian New Year. Today it is celebrated by many ethnicities worldwide. It marks the first day of the new year on the Solar Hijri calendar.

Laylat al Qadr, known as the Night of Power, Night of Destiny, Night of Determination, or the Precious Night. Is, in Islamic belief, the night when Muslims believe the Quran was first sent down from heaven to the world and also, the night when its first verses were revealed to the Islamic prophet Muhammad.

Eid-al-Fitar marks the end of Ramadan, the Muslim holy month of fasting.

Holiday/Observance	Date
Women’s History Month	March 1 – 31 <sup>st</sup>
International Women’s Day	March 8
St Patrick’s Day	March 17
World Poetry Day	March 21
Trans Day of Visibility	March 31
First day of Spring	March 20
Daylight savings starts	March 9
Mardi Gras Carnival	March 4



# PUBLIC POLICY

## Why AAUW Public Policy Priorities Matter

by Nancy Major, Member AAUW California Public Policy Committee

Why do AAUW's Public Policy Priorities matter? They shape the actions that we take as an organization, socially and legally.

AAUW's mission is to advance equity for women and girls. Our Public Policy Priorities guide how we encourage active citizenship toward the goal of advancing our mission. There are four branches to our Public Policy Priorities: Economic Security, Equal Access to Quality Public Education, Social and Racial Justice, and Increased representation of Women in Leadership roles. Each of these priorities is further broken down into several action-oriented subcategories, such as enforcement of Title IX and passage of the ERA. Our 2023-25 priorities can be found at <https://www.aauw-ca.org/public-policy-priorities-ppp-revised/>.

As active participants in society we can help shape the laws and society that govern us, such as healthcare, environmental policies, sex education, curriculum and book banning, housing, childcare, voting rights, immigrants' rights, sexual harassment, domestic violence, racial and LGBTQ discrimination, and Title IX enforcement. We "advocate" or promote our mission through research, education and lobbying for legislation on the international, national, state, and local levels.

History has shown that our advocacy has made a big impact on national, state and local laws. In California alone, you can see the laws that AAUW sponsored, authored, and/or promoted, including those that were passed in the most recent session by going to [AAUW California Bill Tracking Report 2024 - Google Sheets](#). AAUW is also doing impactful work internationally, working to curtail human trafficking and promote civil and human rights for all immigrants, including through participation in the UN Convention on the Elimination of All forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). Over the next four years, there will be a lot of opportunities to use this legislative advocacy to push back against attempts to overturn long standing human rights and civil rights protections.

Our Public Policy Priorities also shape our efforts to push forward programs that break through educational and economic barriers for women such as speaker programs, scholarships, oversight of local school boards, leadership and salary training, STEM opportunities for students, and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) programs.

Why do our Public Policy Priorities matter? They make us the most effective advocates for our collective mission to protect and expand gender equity. At the branch and individual levels, we can take advantage of as many opportunities as possible to operationalize our Public Policy Priorities, and through this work to actively promote AAUW's mission. AAUW as an organization relies on the branches to stay informed and to keep track of where our Public Policy Priorities may fall short, to form coalitions with local allies who have similar missions, and to assign branch members to focus where we can have the most impact.

Shared by

Margo Reeg,  
Public Policy Chair



*Linking together for our mission.*

## INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

On Thursday, March 20, 2025 we will meet at the home of Sharon Heck, 6032 Comstock Ave., Whittier, CA 90601, 10 AM, to discuss Chapter 2, “The Evolution of U.S. Leadership in the Global Economy: Dilemmas and Choices” in our *Great Decisions 2025* book. The discussion will be led by Helen Jewell.

We will view the video for Chapter 3, “Competition, Cold War, or Conflict? Navigating U.S.-China Relations in Tense Times” as it will be discussed on Thursday, April 17, 2025. Please RSVP to Sharon, because her street requires parking permits which she can acquire from the city for one day use.

All are welcome to join us for great discussions.  
See you on Thursday, March 20, 2025, 10 AM.

Sharon Heck  
s.heck4peace@gmail.com



## WRITING IS FUN

Writing is Fun! (WIF!) will meet March 26 at the home of Carole Restovich at 11 AM. The writing topic is anything you choose. If you would like a prompt, you might consider writing about the historic, and devastating, fire Angelenos have recently experienced. Bring a sandwich or salad and Carole will provide drinks and dessert. Everyone is welcome, even those who come just to listen!

## MODERN TRENDS IN LITERATURE

Modern Trends next meeting is Thursday March 13 at 6 PM (new earlier time) at Georgine Sweeney’s home 16411 Pasada Dr. Whittier 90603. Zoom will be available as well. The book is *Unfinished Love Story* by Doris Kearns Goodwin.

The April meeting is going to be in conjunction with Whittier Reads at the Whittier Central Library on Wednesday, April 16 at 6 PM. The selection is *The Boys of Riverside* by Thomas Fuller, copies available to loan or to buy at the Central Library.

Upcoming books for Modern Trends:

May *Homecoming* by Kate Morton

June *How to Say Babylon* by Safiya Sinclair

# MYSTERY MAVENS

Mystery Mavens will meet on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, 6 PM at The Original Roadhouse Grill, 15156 Whittier Blvd., Whittier, CA 90603, near Whittwood. Our March 19 book will be *Grime & Punishment* by Jill Churchill. It will be reviewed by Sharon Heck.

“When a neighborhood cleaning lady is found dead with a vacuum cleaner cord wrapped around her neck, suburban housewife Jane Jeffry begins to wonder what a ‘Happy Helper’ might know that could get her murdered. Jane is horrified to realize that the killer must lurk among her closest friends and neighbors – the cleaning lady’s regular clientele. So, in between car pools, PTA meetings, and recipe espionage, Jane delves beneath the idyllic surface of suburban life in search of a secret so deadly, someone’s willing to kill to protect it.”

Please let me know if you plan to attend. [s.heck4peace@gmail.com](mailto:s.heck4peace@gmail.com) We need to begin collecting possible books for next year. Please limit your book selections to no more than two. We will vote on them in May.

## Remaining Book for 2025

May 21, 2025      *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman    Reviewed by Janice Geiger

Sharon Heck



# MORNING BOOK

*The Lost Book Shop* by Evie Woods, is the book for reading and discussion on Monday, March 24, at 10 AM. We will meet at Marian Locke’s beautiful home, 15555 La Monde St., Hacienda Heights (626-336-3430), and she will also provide the refreshments. Andrea Bellamy will lead our discussion.

On a quiet street in Dublin, a lost bookshop is waiting to be found. For too long, Opaline, Martha and Henry have been the side characters in their own lives. But when a vanishing bookshop casts its spell, these three unsuspecting strangers will discover that their own stories are every bit as extraordinary as the ones found in the pages of their beloved books. And by unlocking the secrets of the shelves, they find themselves transported to a world of wonder... where nothing is as it seems.

Please read and join the discussion of this heartwarming and gentle book. A perfect antidote to the times!

Ann Topjon, Chair    562-665-1724

## FIRST FRIDAY

It's time again to reunite with AAUW friends outside of our official meetings. Georgine Sweeney is graciously inviting us to spend the evening at her home on Friday, March 7th from 6 PM to 8 PM.

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

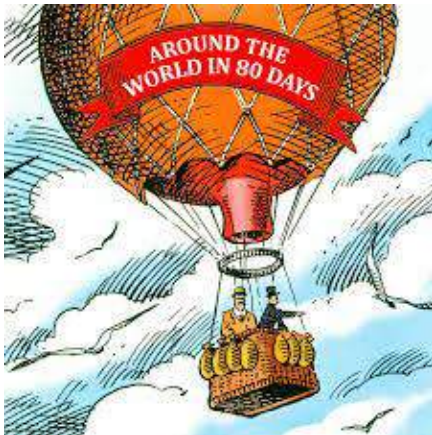
Address: Georgine Sweeney  
16411 Pasada Avenue, Whittier

Phone: (562) 947-6681

Directions: From Colima turn east on Janine passing Murphy Ranch Elementary School, passing Bogardus, turn left on Pasada Drive. From east, take Whittier Blvd to Macy, make right turn, when you see Janine, make left turn to Pasada Drive and make right turn.

Respectfully submitted by  
Belen Duarte-Sousa

## LA CUISINE



Mark your calendar for the next La Cuisine dinner  
AROUND THE WORLD IN 8 RECIPES  
Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

The theme, inspired by Jules Verne *Around the World in Eighty Days*, will feature recipes from the various stops of Phileas Fogg.

Please plan to join us.

If you are not currently a member of La Cuisine, please contact Shirley Stewart at [shirleystewart8109@gmail.com](mailto:shirleystewart8109@gmail.com)



## NEW PHOENIX

The New Phoenix section of GWA AAUW was formed to give AAUW single women an opportunity to share time together and visit local places of mutual interest.

We are eager to begin our 2025 adventures and excited to announce our next outing to the Workman and Temple Family Homestead in the City of Industry on Sunday, March 9.

We will be touring La Casa Nueva (the 1920's house) and possibly sharing an early dinner at Casa Blanca Mexican Restaurant.



Thank you, co-chairs Sheryl Crockey and Carole Restovich

## DINING FOR \$\$\$\$

### Mark your calendars! Silver Palace Restaurant

Date: Thursday, March 20

Time: 11 AM to 9 PM

Address: 13815 Whittier Blvd.

(Located directly across the street from LA Fitness on Whittier Blvd.)



Happy Lunar New Year! 2025 is The Year of the Snake. Let's celebrate by enjoying some of the most delicious Chinese food in the Whittier area. Everyone knows that Silver Palace is the place to go for a great dining experience. Manager/owner, Bob, never fails to extend his generosity by hosting a fundraiser event for GWA AAUW each year. This year's fundraiser will be on Thursday, March 20. Lunch hours are from 11:30 AM to 3 PM. Doors will then close for a short break and reopen for dinner from 4:30 PM to 9:15 PM. Bob will donate 20% of each bill to the Myra Long Scholarship Fund. Dine-in meals are a real treat but takeout orders are also honored by presenting a flyer when paying at the register. The menu is extensive with both lunch specials and dinner combos too. A flyer can be found in this newsletter. Mini flyers will be available at the branch meeting and will also be emailed to you along with a reminder shortly before the event. Come celebrate while supporting our scholarship fund.

Andrea Bellamy



## **Silver Palace Restaurant**

Is proud to support the ...

### **Greater Whittier Area AAUW**

Myra Long Scholarship Fund

## **DINING 4 \$\$\$\$ EVENT**

Thursday, March 20, 2025

11:30 AM – 3 PM & 4:30 PM – 9:15 PM

### **Silver Palace**

**15326 Whittier Blvd., Whittier**

Dine-in or Take-out

(562) 947-4043

Present this flyer during the event and 20% of your food and non-alcoholic beverage purchases will be donated to the Myra Long Scholarship Fund.

Please NO soliciting on premises.

**GWA AAUW  
SPRING FUNDRAISER  
REALLY GREAT STUFF  
14402 WHITTIER BLVD.  
WHITTIER**

*Easter items will be available!*

*Wednesday April 2nd*

*Thursday April 3rd*

*Friday April 4th*

*Opens at 11:00 Closes at 6:00*

*Saturday April 5th*

*Opens at 10:00 Closes at 5:00*

**20% OF THE SALES GO TO OUR BRANCH!!!**

**BRING YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY  
TO THIS GREAT EVENT!**

**Easter decorations and gifts!  
Clothing, Jewelry, Accessories,  
Home Decor, Handbags, Mirrors & more!  
Free Gift Wrap**

*Any Questions*

*Karen van der Baan call 562-695-0048 or text 562-665-4058*





## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

**Paula Ocampo** reporting here. I've signed up for the Shelter's Right Hand 5K Walk in Uptown Whittier. Join me for a fun walk early in the morning on Saturday, April 26 for lots of camaraderie, and it's all for a great cause. Sign up online at [www.sheltersrighthand.org/5k-walk](http://www.sheltersrighthand.org/5k-walk)



Kay Clark just returned from a cruise to the Mexican Riviera. “Highlights were whale watching in Cabo San Lucas. The waters were teeming with gray and hump back whales and a special dinner on board the ship that included sights (video surrounding us 360 degrees), music, drink and food for 4 different countries. To top it off, I became a great aunt again – my nephew’s wife gave birth to their first child – a healthy boy. Great week.”



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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(562) 447-7483

# MARCH 2025

## GREATER WHITTIER AREA CALENDAR

Board Meeting	March 4 (Tuesday)	7 PM	Zoom
First Friday	March 7 (Friday)	6 - 8 PM	Georgine Sweeney's
Branch Meeting	March 8 (Saturday)	9:30 AM	First Friends Church Whittier
LACIC Meeting	March 9 (Sunday)	2 - 4 PM	Zoom
Modern Trends	March 13 (Thursday)	6:30 PM	Georgine Sweeney's
AAUW and Reel Club	March 17 (Monday)	6 PM	Whittier Central Library
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GWA-AAUW Fund Raiser	April 2 (Wednesday)	11 AM-6 PM	Really Great Stuff
GWA-AAUW Fund Raiser	April 3 (Thursday)	11 AM-6 PM	Really Great Stuff
GWA-AAUW Fund Raiser	April 4 (Friday)	11 AM-6 PM	Really Great Stuff
GWA-AAUW Fund Raiser	April 5 (Saturday)	10 AM-5 PM	Really Great Stuff

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