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## OUR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Joan Gustafson

Caught between an occupation – whether it be housewife, business management, labor or law—and the privacy of one's own home and leisure time, we find a delightful creature called a Board Member. This was taken from a full page description of a "Board Member is a Magical Creature" written by Randy Andersen from CSULB.

Many magical creatures can be found in the Long Beach Branch. This being the year of the "Big Move", we owe it all to the expertise and organizational skills of Ellen Mathis, the chair of the apartment committee, and to the members of that committee who attended several meetings, gleaned the city for a location and made it all happen. Thanks to Betty Ann Rauch, Barbara Gleason, Deloris Mayuga and Jean Aldrich who sorted the "historical" papers in the apartment. Thanks too, to Roger and John Denny, George Jackson, Daphne Ching-Jackson and Ellen Mathis, who not only made the move to the new location, they did it in a huge downpour.

Our branch members were treated this year to special programs chosen by Jean Aldrich and Lynn Rodriguez. Joe Ann Gatley and Mary Riddick were responsible for the venues for these programs. Hospitality was provided by Pat Sargeant and Jane Sellers. Lois Malone took the reservations and Joyce Blasnek greeted members at the door. New members were introduced to the branch and made welcome by Co-Vice Presidents Jere Millington and Barbara Cottrell who began the year by arranging a summer tea. Betty Ann Rauch presented two orientations for new members. Betty Thompson and Kee DeBoer took precise minutes of the meetings. Norma Grady is the Treasurer who kept tabs of the income and expenditures of our branch. Also connected with the financial workings were Carolyn Maddox, Financial Secretary, Anne Graves, and Dorothy Anderson, Auditors, Ellen Mathis, Membership Treasurer, Barbara Gleason, EF Treasurer, and JoAnn Kuroda as Budget Chair.

Two more vice presidents were Judith Kaho, EF and Lou Es Greene, LAF who raised funds that made Long Beach proud. Speaking of raising funds, Frances Rozner did a notable job making it possible to send six girls to Tech Trek.

It is important to mention Fay Denny, Parliamentarian, who knows the Bylaws backwards and forwards, and, keeps us on the right track. Betty Ann Rauch as Public Policy Chair made us aware of current legislation as it relates to AAUW. International Relations which includes Great Decisions was in the able hands of Helen Sebring. Val Parker's knowledge of diversity was an addition at our meetings.

Spectacular things happened with Linda Silver and Deloris Mayuga as the Education Representatives leading the mentoring program Lorna Menke's work as Community Representative reminded us of the many contributions that could be made to community projects.

This newsletter you read each month is the work of Shirley Williams and Catherine Magana. Thanks to Dianne Bradfield, the Vantage reached the postoffice. We owe the publicity in the local papers to Jean Friedrichs and Florence Wilson. The fine yearbook was edited by Glori McCune. The web site was in the adept hands of George Jackson.

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**IMPORTANT  
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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN  
MISSION STATEMENT

*AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls,  
Lifelong education and positive societal change.*

## BRANCH NEWS

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### **BRANCH MEETING**

Thursday  
May 8, 2003  
Recreation Park Clubhouse

### **JOINT BOARD MEETING**

May 19, 2003  
6:30 p.m.  
Guild Room St. Luke's Church  
525 E. 7<sup>th</sup> St.  
Daphne Ching-Jackson  
Joan Gustafson

### **BOARD BRIEFS**

Betty Thompson, Co-Secretary

At the March 17, 2003, meeting of the Executive Committee the following motion from the Finance Committee was passed: That the amount of \$400 be made available from the Convention Fund to partly defray registration expenses of the eight individuals named in the March motion as delegates to the California State Convention, April 25-27, 2003.

### **COURTESY**

Mary Orr, Chair  
Some people make the world special just by being there.  
Birthday greetings to all May honorees.

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME**

Ellen Mathis, Membership Treasurer

Membership Renewal Time

It is now time to renew your dues for the July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2004 year.  
I will send you a dues notice POSTCARD reminder the week of April 21<sup>st</sup>. Membership amounts remain the same: Regular \$75; Association Life \$36; Dual Branch member \$26, Affiliate (college students) \$40. Checks are payable to: AAUW Long Beach and mailed to me.

We will again be asking you to verify the information we have for you in our Branch files. Make any corrections to the information directly on the postcard and return it with your renewal check.

The Branch must send in our member's dues and reports by July 1<sup>st</sup>, therefore your prompt attention will save extra paperwork. Thank you in advance for your continued support of our mission – AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education and positive societal change.

Ellen Mathis, Membership Treasurer  
63 Saint Joseph Avenue  
Long Beach, CA 90803-3158

Add the following to your Branch Yearbook

New Member  
Carol J. Smith  
16715 Hampton Ct.  
Cerritos, CA 90703

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## PROGRAM NOTES FOR MAY COOL WOMEN

Jean Aldrich and Lynn Rodriguez, Program Chairs

In planning this meeting we went no further than our own membership to find two cool women!

**CAROLYN MAGNUSON** graduated from California Western University in San Diego. She planned to go right on to law school. However, she married and her husband went right on to law school. Some years later she had her turn and loved every minute of the demanding law school schedule. Now she is a judge in a special field which she will tell us about.

**JACKIE KELL** needs little introduction as she is often in the local news. After teaching, going to law school and being a politician's wife (husband Ernie was fifth district councilman and Long Beach Mayor) she became a politician too. She is well respected for her concern for the fifth district.

Both women will answer a few questions after their short presentations.

Please come to hear these two special members.

**PUBLIC POLICY**

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Betty Ann Rauch, Chair

The Public Policy Committee of AAUW-CA has met and currently taken a position on 17 bills. Bills may be added to the package during the legislative session. AAUW-CA supports these bills **UNLESS** otherwise noted.

**AB 42 Class Size Reduction Flexibility**

Would permit school district to determine average class size on a school-site basis, rather on an individual class basis. Provides districts the flexibility to make certain implementation decisions at the local level.

**AB 56 Early Childhood Education and School Readiness**

Part of the Master Plan for California Education: beginning with the lowest performing schools would implement universal preschool programs and full day compulsory kindergarten.

**AB 950 OPPOSE Sexuality Education**

Would require new notice and written response from parents/guardians before each incidence of sexuality/health education.

Would recognize California's current patchwork of sex education codes. Would ensure that state sex education programs stress abstinence while providing students with medically accurate information they need to prevent sexually transmitted infections and unintended pregnancy.

**SB 71 Sexual Health and Hiv/Aids Prevention**

Would recognize California's current patchwork of sex education codes. Would ensure that state sex education programs stress abstinence while providing students with medically accurate information they need to prevent sexually transmitted infections and unintended pregnancy.

**SB 267 \*OPPOSE \* Abstinence Only Sexuality Education**

Would prevent comprehensive age appropriate sex education that includes medically accurate information about contraception and prevention of sexually transmitted infections.

**AB 996 Violence at Abortion Facilities**

Would expand the definition of terrorizing to include "the systematic harassment of medical personnel working at any place where medical care including abortion services are provided."

**AB 1109 \*OPPOSE \* Defining "fetus" as a person.**

Would amend the law and provide a fetus status independent of the pregnant woman.

**SB 545 Dispensing emergency Contraception (EC).**

Would remove the additional training currently required before a pharmacist could dispense EC.  
Would cap the dispensing fee at \$4.

**SB 545 Dispensing Emergency Contraception (EC)**

Would define personal property genetic information as the personal property of the individual to whom the information pertains.

**SB 200 Genetic Information: Long Term Care.**

Would prohibit denial of long-term care insurance based on personal genetic information.

**SB 921 \*SUPPORT IF AMENDED \* Universal, Single Payer Healthcare.**

Would establish the California Health Care Agency. All California residents would be eligible for specified health care benefits.

**AB 305 Child Care Facilities/Density Bonuses.**

Would require a developer of housing units to make provision for childcare facilities to receive a density bonus.

**SB 162 Federal Tax Credits: Housing – Teachers.**

Would authorize the Extra Credit Teacher Home Purchase Program to additionally provide federal mortgage credit certificates and reduced interest rate loans funded by mortgage revenue bonds to eligible classified school employees.

**AB 898 DNA Evidence: Sexual Assault Victims.**

Would establish The Sexual Assault Victims' DNA Bill of Rights. Would empower victims with right to be informed whether or not a DNA profile was obtained and whether the information had been entered into the Department of Justice Data Bank.

**AB 18 Public Employment Discrimination.**

Would include gender, sexual orientation, physical disability, medical condition, mental disability and age in the State Civil Service Act that prohibits discrimination against state employees.

**AB 196 Discrimination in Employment.**

Would permit employers to require employees to comply with reasonable workplace appearance, grooming, and dress standards consistent with state and federal law, provided employees are allowed to appear or dress consistently with their gender identity.

FINAL FANTASTIC 2003 TECH TREK UPDATE

By Frances Rozner

**LB AAUW EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**

Judith Kaho, Educational Foundation Vice President

A huge thank you for everyone who assisted with all EF Events. I hope everyone enjoyed our CA Convention activities. Our final fund-raising event is explained by the following little poem Barbara Gleason found while sorting our AAUW LB Branch historical documents. (September 1, 1967)

**BAKELESS BAKE SALE**

A lot of news I have today!

A **Bakeless Bake Sale** is on the way.

In these busy days, now who would bake?  
Pies, or cookies, or even a cake?

You'd be surprised if you counted the cost  
Of materials, heat, and time you have lost.

Cooking for sale is extra work,  
Yet nobody really wishes to shirk.

So we've thought of a plan that's really grand,  
And feel quite sure you will understand.

In a small envelope, please put the price  
Of a pie, or cake, or something nice.

Without fuss, or bother, you've done your part,  
I'm sure you'll give with a willing heart.

This is the end of my little tale,  
Wishing success for our

**Bakeless Bake Sale!**

Please send Bake Sale \$ to:  
Barbara Gleason or Judith Kaho

We did it! After the notice in the last *Vantage*, more donations pushed us to the point of being able to pay the full \$650 campership per girl (it is expected that each mentee's family will contribute \$50, but that is seldom reality). Thank you to the following caring women and their family members who made sure that our six almost-eighth-graders will be attending Tech Trek in summer 2003!

Karen Huffman McBride, Evelyn Flam, Joan Gustafson, Elizabeth Jackson, Kee DeBoer, Carolyn Magnuson, Joyce Blasnek, Jere Millington, Catherine Magana, Lynn Shrum, Jane Clement, Helen Sebring, Alicia Aertgeerts Frances Rozner, Louise Sperr, Jean Aldrich, Lynn Rodriguez, Betty Ann Rauch, Lorna Menke, Betty & Bill Thompson, Joanne O'Neill, Daphne & George Jackson, Jean Friedrichs, Norma Grady, Carolyn Maddox, Karl & Carla Strandberg, Norma Mayfield, Frances La Mar and Dorothy Anderson

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** (continued)

Even when our headquarters location changed, Miriam Garland was overseeing the keys and other needs. The branch's happenings have been recorded in the historian's book by Louise sperr. Thanks, also, to Mary Orr as she sent greetings and condolences. Karen McBride and Linda Reabe led us on a Cultural Caper to the Cerritos Library. Always making plans for their interest groups, we find the interest group chairs.

To once again quote Rancy Anderson: "Nobody else is so early to rise, or so late to supper! Nobody else gets so much fun out of volunteering for a job they wouldn't take ANY amount of money to do." A big thank you and a feeling of deep appreciation and affection to all of you for what you do.

**UPDATE ON MENTOR/MENTEE PROGRAM**

By Deloris Mayuga

Our monthly mentor-mentee program in March was "Fixing a Good and Fast Lunch," by Joe Ann Gatley. We met at 10:00 a.m. March 8 at the Fountains clubhouse down the street from the former Long Beach branch apartment and began with a fun ice-breaker, passing various objects around in a circle in different directions. A lot of laughter ensued each time the challenge increased when a new object was added to the circle. Then our program began, and Joe Ann provided us with a handout of some tips on how to add fruits and vegetables to our diets. Most Americans, particularly teenagers, don't eat enough fruits and vegetables, so this was valuable, healthy information for our mentees. Joe Ann talked to the group about various ways to make quick and healthy meals, and showed us how easy it is to make a strawberry smoothy with yogurt and fresh fruit. Each of the mentees got to try one of the many blenders donated for the event by the mentors to make their own smoothies, which they shared with their mentors. Each of us also created wonderful fresh salads from a buffet of a wide variety of items Joe Ann provided, including pieces of chicken, garbanzo beans, olives and several types of lettuce and vegetables.

In addition to our monthly activities, our mentor program earns \$200 for each event we help usher at the Long Beach Terrace Theater, and after our healthy lunch, the mentees offered several suggestions about various types of group activities for spending the money. Some of the mentees and their mentors served as ushers two weeks later for Miss Saigon, a wonderful musical. We arrived at 12:30 p.m. for a training session in ushering and worked in the balcony area once people started to arrive at 1:30, handing them programs and showing them to their seats. Then we were able to sit in the balcony front seats and enjoy the show for free!

**MATH/SCIENCE CAREER CONFERENCE ON MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>**

By Daphne Ching-Jackson, Committee Chair

Twenty-two professional women representing a variety of professions using math and science knowledge and skills, are the featured speakers for the AAUW Long Beach Branch Math/Science Career Conference scheduled on the morning of Saturday, May 17 at the Pacific Coast Campus of Long Beach City College. Middle school girls from 23 Long Beach Unified schools have been invited to learn first hand about career possibilities using their aptitude in math and science. An anticipated attendance of 100 or more girls is expected.

The 22 professions that will be represented are: wildlife biologist, stockbroker, physician in private practice, nurse practitioner, real estate broker, an airline pilot from Jet Blue, a public health physician, mathematics and a chemistry/biochemistry professors from CSULB, a chemist, a certified public accountant, a civil engineer, an optometrist, a chemical engineer and computer science engineer from CSULB, a marine scientist from the Aquarium, an architect, a forensic scientist from Long Beach Police Department, and a bank executive from Bank of America.

This conference is made possible in part due to the generous donation of space in the Student Union at LBCC by Dr. Pauline Merry, Dean, and donations of refreshments from Stater Brothers Market and Kristy Kreme Doughnuts, and the cooperation of the Long Beach Unified School District.

Nancy Kimber, M.D., will be the keynote speaker and storyteller Barbara Clark will close the conference as they impart their vision of "Anything's Possible," the conference theme. Long Beach Branch member Judy Strother Taylor and our high school mentees will do an evaluation/summary with the participants.

Many thanks to the most fabulous conference committee who worked so hard to put this together: Jean Aldrich, Barbara Cottrell, Fay Denny, Lou Es Greene, Joan Gustafson, Geri Lyles-Miller, Val Parker, Danielle Van Divort and Florence Wilson for publicity.

**DIVERSITY CORNER**

By Juliet Ebner, Diversity Co-Chair

What comes into your mind when you hear the word “Diversity”? To a lot of people, it only means someone “different” from themselves, someone from another country, or a person who practices a different religion, maybe someone of a race different race than theirs, or even someone who seems to be much younger or older .

Oh, and too often, that “suddenly” they are supposed to “like” or at least be “nice,” to all of these “diverse”, new people. Whoa! Guess what? Most of us have likely been accepting “diverse” people all of our lives!

From the time you were a child, until the age you are now, you’ve gone through life meeting all kinds of people who somehow seemed “different”, liking some and disliking others as you got to know them. But you were probably at least civil even to those you didn’t like, whether you thought they were “different” from you or not. (Perhaps your Uncle Louie, who always drinks too much and laughs too loudly, and too often?)

Think about it. People who seem “different” can be anyone. And that of itself doesn’t make them more or less likeable. Your relatives, your in-laws, your children’s friends (even your children in those teenage years), the person a child chooses to marry and that person’s relatives, your new in-laws. Even the new neighbors on your block and your colleagues at work.

But then you get to know these people, and you soon find that you have more in common than you thought you would. You all complain about taxes, keeping weeds out of your lawn, and are on the prowl for good sales, and info about the latest new restaurant in town.

You suddenly realize that you are glad not everyone on your block or at work is the same age, or has the same geographic background, realizing that you not only appreciate life more from different perspectives, but also that you find it’s more fun.

That’s what keeps your neighbor going, and your place of employment vital. And most of us have noticed that is what keeps social, service or “fraternal” organizations robust. Those that neglected to recruit new members, inject new “life” into their organization, have found themselves in sad decline. But that should NOT happen to US! Our organization has one bedrock thing going for it: WE are ALL college/university graduates. That alone immediately tells us that EVERY ONE OF US has something in common. (Yep, we all groaned over term papers, suffered through finals, and at times wondered if we’d live to graduate.)

Joking aside, what we DO with this COMMONALITY is up to us. By our education and our Mission Statement, WE should happily become an even more vital, alive, organization than ever before in this brave, new “borderless” world. WE HAVE the “right stuff”. Now, let’s ALL continue to SHOW it to each other and the whole, wide world!

**ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES**

When: Thursday, May 8, 2003

The program had not been decided by press time. Possibly estate sales on Friday, the 9<sup>th</sup> instead? Any other ideas? I’ll call you.

Barbara Gleason, Chair  
421-2206

**GOURMET**

When: Thursday, May 22, 2003

Time: Noon to 2:30 p.m.

Hostess: Sally Geiger  
5140 Atherton #20  
Phone: 498-3204  
Elizabeth Jackson, Chair

## INTEREST GROUPS

## REGISTRATION

Antiques and Collections	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	1:30 p.m.	Barbara Gleason	421-2206
Book Chat Plus*	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	1:30 – 3:30	Jean Friedrichs	598-9218
Day Gourmet	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	12 – 2:30 p.m.	Elizabeth Jackson	494-0979
Film Fans	see details		Marilyn Fortier	421-5838
Golf at Bixby	1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Doris Doughty	(310) 832-1819
Great Books*	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	1 – 3 p.m.	Mary Anagnostis	493-5988
Friday Bridge*	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday	9:30 – 12:30	Jean Friedrichs	598-9218
Liberal Arts Bridge*	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	7 – 10 p.m.	Gwen Long	490-9834
Other Wednesday Bridge*	1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	12 – 4 p.m.	Emily Elgin	498-0646
			Marlys Pfrimmer	598-4161
Saturday Bridge*	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	12:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Louise Sperr	425-6231
Two Table Bridge*	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	12 – 4 p.m.	Jane Seller	429-4357
			Elaine Babbush	431-1232
Public Policy	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Betty Ann Rauch	431-6679
Wall Street Stocks				
Discussion Group*	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	3 – 5 pm	Dorothy Anderson	597-7645
Global Issues Discussion Group *	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday	1 – 3 pm	Sally Geiger	498-3204
Global Issues Discussion Group II*	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	7 – 9 pm	Sally Geiger	498-3204
			Helen Sebring	596-0180

- Meets at New Headquarters 525 East 7<sup>th</sup> St. Long Beach 90813

**AAUW BRANCH MEETING**  
**Thursday, May 8, 2003**  
**Recreation Park Clubhouse**  
**5001 Deukmejian Dr.**  
**Long Beach**

**PROGRAM:**

5:30	Social
6:00	Dinner
7:00	Program
8:00	Business

**MENU:**

Breast of Chicken with Lemon Sauce  
 Rose Potatoes  
 Vegetable  
 Rolls and Butter  
 Carrot Cake

**PRICE: \$16.00**

Joe Ann Gatley 598-6704  
 Meeting Coordinator

**RESERVATION RETURN:**

Send your registration and check payable to AAUW, Long Beach Branch. Please mail to: **Lois Malone 6114 Oakbrook St. Long Beach, 90815. DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: Friday, May 2, 2003.**

Member(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make \_\_\_\_\_ reservation(s) for the **meeting and program only.**

I would like a vegetarian meal. \_\_\_\_\_

## MAY 2003

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5 Great Books 1 – 3 pm	6	7 Golf 8:30 a.m. Other Wed Bridge 12 – 4 p.m.	8 <b>Branch Mtg.</b> <b>5:30pm</b> Antiques & Coll. Wall Street Stock Discussion Group 1 – 3 pm	9 Friday Bridge 9:30 – 12:30 p.m	10
11	12	13	14 Two Table Bridge 12 – 4 p.m.	15 Day Gourmet 12 – 2:30	16 Global Issues Discussion 1 – 3 p.m.	17 <b>Math/Science Conference</b> Saturday Bridge 12:30 – 3:30 pm
18	19	20 Global Issues Discussion Group II 7 – 9 p.m.	21 Golf 8:30 a.m. Other Wed Bridge 12 – 4 p.m. Public Policy 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	22 Liberal Arts Bridge 7 – 10 p.m.	23	24
25	26 Book Chat Plus 1:30 p.m. At St. Luke's	27	28 Two Table Bridge 12 – 4 p.m.	29	30	31

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