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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Fay Denny and Lynn Rodriguez, Co-Presidents
Written by: Lynn Rodriguez

As your leaders, Fay and I feel it is our duty and obligation to serve and inspire all of us to become women of possibilities, women of hope, and women of positive societal change. That is why we selected the theme and action statements to guide our branch in the coming year.

The mission statement of AAUW, written at the bottom of each Vantage, is the guiding light of AAUW. It defines our goals, sets the standard

for our Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund, and helps guide our selection of special projects and monthly programs. We believe our mission is so important that we want to keep that at the forefront of our agenda. Fay and I believe it is our duty and obligation to inspire all of you in order for you to work for and benefit from strengthening our mission.

Q. But how are you to go about accomplishing this?

A. On a daily basis.

Although we may not accomplish great things in our lifetime, we can perform small daily acts with great love, kindness, and fortitude. This is the underlying attitude behind our action statement that we hope brings a smile to your face, a twinkle in your eye, and uplifts your spirit. As you join our team as a member of AAUW, board vice-president or chair, or as an interest group leader, we hope you join our chorus as we sing with one voice that equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change are truly dreams that would achieve extraordinary results!

Our Theme

Inspiring minds to strengthen our mission.

Our Action

Today I will translate the reality of my dreams into my ordinary day . . . in order to achieve extraordinary results.

~Mary Anne Radmacher-Hershey

OCTOBER PROGRAM

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER

Betty Ann Rauch and Norma Mayfield, Program Co-Vice Presidents



The October Branch meeting will be an Educational Foundation fundraiser. This is your chance to make a donation to the Foundation and hear our speaker Laura Narro Boydston, a 2002-2003 Eleanor Roosevelt Fellow.

Laura Narro Boydston is a middle school science teacher. She specializes in developing and implementing teaching methods that provide equal access to science content for students for whom English is their second language. To improve her scientific knowledge and research skills, Laura Boydston will attend the California Association of Bilingual Educators Conference, take an education course at California State University, Fullerton, and participate in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Teacher-at-Sea Program.

Woman Pins will also be available at the Branch meeting. The proceeds from the sale of the pins will go to both the Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
MISSION STATEMENT

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

BRANCH NEWS

BRANCH MEETING

Saturday, October 4, 2003

Educational Foundation Fundraiser

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, October 20, 2003

At 6:30 p.m. in the AAUW Headquarters

BOARD BRIEFS

Barbara Gleason, Co-Secretary

At the August 18, 2003 meeting of the Board of Directors of AAUW, Long Beach Branch, the following motion was passed:

- That we purchase a PVC 2 feet by 3 feet sign with the AAUW Long Beach Branch, Inc., with the logo and website, to be placed on the fence near Room 117 at the AAUW Headquarters

COMMUNITY

Lorna Menke, Community Chair (562) 431-3762

Again this year, we will be supporting School on Wheels, the Mary Bethune Transitional Center for Homeless Children, and the Women's Shelter. School on Wheels needs donations of school supplies, backpacks, and recreational reading books. The Women's Shelter can use donations of women's and children's clothing, travel toiletries, and school supplies.

At our October branch meeting, Amy Angel, lead teacher at the Mary Bethune Center will be our special guest. She will share with us how the Center operates and how we can help with our donations.

Donations for the three organizations can be brought to our Branch meetings or to our Headquarters at St. Luke's Church. Please call me if you have questions or need more information. If needed, I would be happy to pick up your donations at your home.

COURTESY

Mary Orr, Courtesy Chair

The Branch sends birthday greetings to all October honorees.

AAUW-LONG BEACH WEBSITE:
<http://www.aauw-longbeach.org>

MEMBERSHIP

Jane Sellers, Membership Chair

Fifty-six people attended the Membership Garden Party on September 6, 2003. Twenty of those present were guests and 11 joined our association

Many members helped make the party a success beginning with setting up the tables, chairs and umbrellas the night before, supplying and serving the refreshments, providing information about the interest groups, both display boards and handouts, and finally the cleanup.

We are analyzing the sources of the guest referrals since a variety of methods were used. A mailing to the members at large yielded 3 branch members, an insert in the Press Telegram brought some inquiry but the largest number came from personal invitation of our members

A good time seemed to be had by all. An observer from inside the house (my husband Jess) said he heard much laughter and joyful chatter.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Walk/Run as
part of the Long Beach Marathon**

**Sunday, October 12, 2003
At 7:45 a.m.**

**Participate or Sponsor a participant!
All proceeds from sponsors will go the
Eleanor Roosevelt Fund!**

See page 3 for more details.

**17th Annual California's Governor's
Conference For Women**

**Wednesday, October 22, 2003 at
the Long Beach Convention
Center**

Registration forms are available.
See page 6 for more details

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Kee DeBoer, EF Vice President

Our Branch meeting in October will focus on EF. We will have a past Eleanor Roosevelt fellow, Laura Boydston, as our speaker, our luncheon will be an EF fundraiser, and you will have an opportunity to make a contribution to the Foundation.

Of the various endeavors that AAUW support funds, the one we will spotlight is the Eleanor Roosevelt Fellowship project. Founded in 1988, the Eleanor Roosevelt Fellowship was established to support elementary and secondary teachers in public schools as they explored innovative ways to help girls succeed, especially in the fields of science, math, and technology. It is not an endowed fund as some other AAUW funds are, but funds for the Fellowship must be replenished each year.

Because our funds must be submitted by the beginning of December, we encourage you to make your EF contributions at the October meeting. We welcome any and all donations. However, our formal recognition categories are Century Club (\$100), Second Century Club (\$200), Chocolate Club (\$300), and Equity Club (\$500). This is the easiest fundraiser of all – all you have to do is write a check and every penny of it will be tax-deductible! Please be generous. Education is always a good cause, in fact, the best.

The Educational Foundation also has other October fundraisers. These include the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Walk/Run at the time of the Long Beach Marathon and the continued sale of Women Pins at the Branch meeting and at the Governor's Conference For Women.

The Long Beach Branch has a record of strong support for EF. Thanks to our contributions and those of all the other Branches, the Educational Foundation has provided support to about 7500 women. Let's keep up the good work! It is a perfect way to celebrate Eleanor Roosevelt's October birthday. She said "It is today that we must create the world of the future."

THE ELEANOR ROOSEVELT FUND WALK/RUN

Yes, you can! Do you enjoy walking? Do you walk each day? Each week? Have you ever thought about participating in the Long Beach Marathon? Here's your chance to receive a Long Beach Marathon T-shirt, a free pass to the Aquarium for three days, and support the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Walk/Run all at the same time.

The Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, established in 1988, supports groundbreaking research on the educational experiences of women and girls; supports Teacher Fellowships; and funds an annual Teacher Institute. Making Strides for Women and Girls helps raise money for this important fund.

You are being asked to participate in the Long Beach Marathon on Sunday, October 12, 2003 at 7:45 a.m. at the Long Beach Convention Center. Each person will register for the 5K (3 ½ mile) walk/run but don't worry, we'll have a table at the one mile mark and call that a finish for those who don't wish to go further.

Registration forms and sponsor forms are available from Linda Reabe or Fay Denny. Please call them to receive the forms. Here is what you will do:

- Complete the registration form.
- Add your check for \$35.00 for the registration fee.
- Mail the form to the Long Beach Marathon as soon as possible.
- Encourage your friends, relatives, fellow AAUW members, to sponsor your walk. This is 100% tax deductible.
- Complete the sponsor form and attach the sponsor checks. The checks should be made out to the AAUW Education Foundation.

Each registered participant will need to pick up her "goodie bag" in person at the free Race Expo at the Convention Center on Friday, October 10th or Saturday, October 11th. You will need to pay to park. The "goodie bag" contains many surprises plus a T-shirt and a free Aquarium pass for the three days.

All monies raised from our sponsors will be given to the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, which is a tax-deductible donation.

For further information or to request the forms, please contact Linda Reabe at 562-433-1114 or Fay Denny at 714-894-0416.

P.S. We need a couple hardy souls who would be willing to staff our "one mile marker" table from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Sunday morning, October 12th. Give us a call if you are willing to do this.

PUBLIC POLICY

PUBLIC POLICY PROTOCOL

Carolyn Magnuson and Joyce Blasnek, Public Policy Co-Chairs

For many decades, AAUW-CA members have conducted voter education activities. The effort has educated voters on the issues as well as increased AAUW visibility and recruiting and retaining members. We thought it would be helpful to remind the members about public policy protocol.

When speaking or writing publicly, a member and/or branch may claim AAUW membership if supporting a position or endorsement taken by AAUW California or Association. Freedom of speech is not abridged in that members may speak publicly on any non-AAUW issue or partisan candidate as long as AAUW membership is NOT mentioned and our logo is NOT used.

Using the position statements provided by AAUW, you can inform voters by

- Distributing AAUW position papers
- Writing to local newspapers
- Attending public candidate and/or issue forums
- Contacting friends and encouraging them to vote

AAUW branches may not:

- Endorse candidates for partisan elections
- Register voters for only one political party
- Distribute AAUW materials while registering voters
- Coordinate any election related activities with a partisan political candidate or political party
- Provide membership lists, including email or fax lists, to be used in political fundraising

STATEMENT OF OPPOSITION to Proposition 54, Classification by Race, Ethnicity, Color, or National Origin

Proposition 54 will be on the ballot of the impending October Recall Election. A Statement of Opposition to the Proposition was received from Rita Wurster, AAUW – California, Director of Public Policy.

The American Association of University Women, California opposes Proposition 54 now scheduled to be on the October 7th recall ballot.

Proposition 54 prohibits California state and local governments from classifying individuals by race, ethnicity, or national origin in the operation of public education, public contracting, and public employment. Law enforcement is, to a great extent, exempt from the prohibition.

While some data now collected by the state and local jurisdictions would be granted exemptions, in the proposition language, Proposition 54 could significantly limit the state's ability to use the data.

AAUW – CA supports equitable funding for quality public education including programs and services for all students of any culture, race, ethnicity, or sexual orientation.

This initiative is not about privacy but is about barring access to crucial information citizens need to assess the quality of our institutions.

Lack of data will certainly have significant adverse impacts on the California issues of:

1. public school accountability
2. vigorous protection and full access to civil rights
3. public health and equitable access to healthcare

California is the most populous state in the Union with approximately 12% of the nations population. Without data, no statistical picture of the United States can be crafted.

LAF

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

Lou Es Greene and JoAnn Kuroda , LAF, Co- Chairs

The Legal Advocacy Fund (known as LAF) is the third component of the American Association of University Women. The American Association of University Women Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination. In principle and in practice, the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund values and seeks the support of a diverse AAUW membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

Take the LAF quiz. The questions and answers may just broaden your knowledge about LAF. Answers can be found on page 6.

- 1. True or False:** LAF supports women in higher education by outlawing sex discrimination in educational institutions receiving federal funds.
- 2. The year in which LAF became a permanent entity of AAUW.**
 - a. 1981 b. 1982 c. 1983
- 3. The name of the first case adopted by LAF in which a group of female professors sue a university for sex discrimination in tenure and salary decision.**
 - a. Haffer v. Temple University b. Paul v. Stanford University c. Zahorik v. Cornell University
- 4. Who is LAF President:**
 - a. Gloria Weston b. Augustine Pounds c. Sylvia Newman
- 5. True or False:** LAF considers only sex discrimination lawsuits brought by AAUW members.
- 6. Which of the following criteria does the LAF Board disregard when choosing to accept a case:**
 - a. a high probability of success b. the potential publicity the case could garner for AAUW c. the plaintiff's need for financial aid
- 7. Plaintiffs from what state have received the most support from LAF?**
 - a. New York b. Wisconsin c. California
- 8. True or False:** The LAF Network is composed of AAUW members throughout the country who provide plaintiffs with emotional and financial support.
- 9. The LAF Board of Directors accepts applications from plaintiffs how often per calendar year.**
 - a. 3 b. 1 c. 4

Please note that the November Branch Meeting is when we will be asking for contributions to LAF. And, don't forget to purchase the lovely Women Pins to help support LAF.

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ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES

Barbara Gleason, Chair

We changed our plans last month as we were able to view the Teapot Collection at the Long Beach Museum of Art.

We will meet at St. Luke's Church on Thursday, October 9, 2003 at 1:30 p.m. to discuss possible programs for the year. Do you have any "finds" from summer shopping? Please bring them and share.

GREAT DECISIONS

Helen Sebring, Chair, International Relations

You will be hearing about Great Decisions sign ups in October. Don't miss the opportunity to join these discussion groups discussing some of the most important issues of our times.

Upcoming events include a speaker in April who will discuss Korea, the two Koreas, and the issues. Additionally, the International Committee plan to sponsor a gala Korean affair in May.

AAUW BOOK CORNER

Those of you who enjoy reading, and what AAUW woman does not, may like to read the books of some of the Women in Charge Speakers/Authors that presented at Association Convention in June 2003. Here is a listing from which to choose:

Women for Hire: The Ultimate Guide to Getting A Job
by Lindsay Pollak

Your Guide to Hysterectomy, Ovary Removal, and Hormone Replacement: What All Women Need To Know
by Elizabeth Plourde

Blue Jean: What Young Women Are Thinking, Saying, and Doing
by Sherry Handel

Roberts vs Texaco: A True Story of Race and Corporate America
by Bari-Ellen Roberts (Legal Advocacy Fund Awards Dinner Speaker/Speaking Out for Justice Award Winner)

Revolution From Within: A Book of Self-Esteem
by Gloria Steinem (Educational Foundation Achievement Award Winner)

Unfinished Business: A Democrat and A Republican Take On The 10 Most Important Issues Women Face
by Julianne Malveaux and Deborah Perry

THE 17TH ANNUAL CALIFORNIA'S GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN
Wednesday, October 22, 2003
Long Beach Convention Center

With dozens of practical workshops, more than 150 exciting exhibits and inspiring speakers, the 17th Annual California Governor's Conference for Women will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2003 at the Long Beach Convention Center in Long Beach, California. This conference will continue the tradition of professional and personal development that has made it the largest and most respected in the United States. The keynote and featured speakers include: **Jaime Lee Curtis**, actor and children's book author; **Chris Winston**, Director of the White House Writers Group; **Dr. Christine Dumas**, author of "Inside Medicine" and **Dr. Kevin Soden**, author of "The Art of Medicine," and medical reporter on the NBC "Today" morning show.

Registration is \$120 and can be done online at www.cgw.org or you can pick up a registration form at the Branch meeting on Saturday, October 4, 2003.

Our Branch will help staff the AAUW -CA information Table in the Exhibit Hall and we need helpers! Are you interested in helping staff the table where prospective members may inquire about and join our Branch? We will also be selling the Women Pins to aid our Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund.

If you would like to help staff the Information Table, please contact Fay Denny (714) 894-0416 or Lynn Rodriguez (562) 493-5740.

We look forward to seeing you there!

ON THE LIGHT SIDE...

A husband read an article to his wife about how many more words women use a day...30,000 to a man's 15,000. The wife replied, "The reason has to be because a woman has to say everything twice." The husband then turned to his wife and asked, "What?"

Answers to LAF questions:

- 1) False 2) c -1983 3) c - Zahorik v. Cornell University 4) c - Sylvia Newman 5) False 6) b – The potential publicity the case could garner for AAUW 7) c – California 8) False 9) a - 3

INTEREST GROUPS

REGISTRATION

Antiques and Collections	2 nd Thursday	1:30 p.m.	Barbara Gleason	421-2206
Book Chat Plus*	4 th Monday	1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Jean Friedrichs	598-9218
Day Gourmet	4 th Thursday	12 – 2:30 p.m.	Elizabeth Jackson	494-0979
Film Fans			Marilyn Fortier	421-5838
Golf at Bixby	1 st , 3 rd , 5 th Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Doris Doughty	(310) 832-1819
Great Books*	1 st Monday	1 – 3 p.m.	Mary Anagnostis	493-5988
Liberal Arts Bridge*	4 th Thursday	7 – 10 p.m.	Gwen Long	421-4844
Other Wednesday Bridge*	1 st , 3 rd Wednesday	12 – 4 p.m.	Emily Elgin	498-4646
			Marlys Pfrimmer	598-4161
Saturday Bridge*	3 rd Saturday	12:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Louise Sperr	425-6231
Wall Street Stocks				
Discussion Group*	1 st Thursday	1 – 3 p.m.	Dorothy Anderson	597-7645
Global Issues Discussion Group*	3 rd Friday	1 – 3 p.m.	Sally Geiger	498-3204
Global Issues Discussion Group II*	3 rd Tuesday	7 – 9 p.m.	Sally Geiger	498-3204
			Helen Sebring	598-0180

*Meets at Branch Headquarters @ 525 East 7th Street, Long Beach 90813

**Meets at the Petroleum Club

AAUW BRANCH MEETING

Saturday, October 4, 2003

St. Luke's Church, Guild Room
525 East 7th Street
Long Beach, CA

PROGRAM:

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Social
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Business
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Program
12:00 p.m.	Lunch

MENU:

1940s Menu
Noodles Napoli
Orange Sherbet Salad
Peas with Pearl Onions
Parkerhouse Rolls
Gingerbread with Whipped Cream

PRICE: \$20.00

Kee DeBoer
Meeting Coordinator

RESERVATION RETURN:

Send your registration and check payable to AAUW, Long Beach Branch. Please mail to: **Catherine Magana 700 E. Ocean Boulevard #1703, Long Beach, CA 90802.**

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS:

Monday, September 29, 2003

Member(s) _____

Phone (Day) _____ Evening _____

Guest(s) _____

Address(s) _____

Phone _____

No. of Reservations _____ Amount Enclosed _____

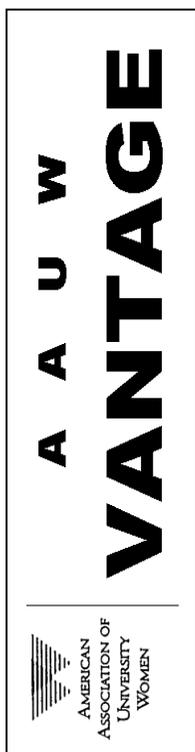
I would like to make _____ reservation(s) for the **meeting and program only.**

I would like a vegetarian meal _____

OCTOBER 2003

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Golf @ Bixby 8:30 a.m. Other Wed. Bridge 12-4 p.m.	2 Wall Street Stocks 1- 3 p.m.	3	4 BRANCH MEETING 9:30 a.m.
5	6 Great Books 1-3 p.m.	7	8	9 Antiques & Collectibles 1:30 p.m.	10 Friday Bridge 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	11
12 ELEANOR ROOSEVELT FUND WALK /RUN - LONG BEACH MARATHON	13	14	15 Golf @ Bixby 8:30 a.m. Other Wed. Bridge 12-4 p.m.	16	17 Global Issues Discussion Group 1- 3 p.m.	18 Saturday Bridge 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
19	20 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30 P.M.	21 Global Issues Discussion Groups II 7 –9 p.m.	22 GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN	23 Day Gourmet 12 – 2:30 p.m. Liberal Arts Bridge 7-10 p.m.	24	25
26	27 Book Chat Plus 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	28	29 Golf @ Bixby 8:30 a.m.	30	31 HALLOWEEN	

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