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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Heartfelt Thanks

"At the moment of commitment, the universe conspires to assist you."

Fay Denny and Lynn Rodriguez, Co-Presidents

Written by: Lynn Rodriguez

Two years ago, AAUW-Long Beach did not have a President-Elect. It was at the Board Orientation of Daphne and Joan's term as Co-Presidents that I was nominated for President-Elect. Like a beginning swimmer I jumped off the high dive and accepted the nomination on the condition that I have a Co-President to share the responsibilities with. It was with great trepidation that I asked Fay Denny, long experienced in AAUW at many levels, to be my Co-President. Like the champion of gender equity that she is, she bravely said, "yes." And I am so glad she did! Her expertise and experience was always a support and was very beneficial as I learned all the details of my office. When we committed to serve as your Co-Presidents, it is true—every member of the Board and many individuals of our Branch were instrumental in their 'conspiracy' of assisting us with all the tasks, duties, and responsibilities that accompany each office in order to serve our members. Like the winners of a baseball game, the pitcher may get the headlines, but the goal was accomplished by a TEAM effort. It was during all the meetings, e-mails, and phone conversations that we were very grateful for the TEAM players who supported us and gave of themselves for the sake of the organization.

We would like to formally *THANK* each member of our Board.

Executive Board:

Betty Ann Rauch and **Norma Mayfield**, Program Co-Vice Presidents: For bringing us all the interesting, educational, and delightful programs we enjoyed at each Branch meeting. A job well done!

Jane Sellers, Membership Vice President: Jane passed away last month and will be sorely missed by all. But, during her time of service she worked very hard to try to increase our membership.

Kee DeBoer, EF Vice President: For working so hard and smartly in leading the way to raise funds for the Educational Foundation. Every project produced a profit for EF!

Lou Es Greene and **JoAnn Kuroda**, LAF Co-Vice Presidents: For bringing personal inspirational stories of the Legal Advocacy Fund beneficiaries to our members so we can put a name and a face to our generous contributions. Your sense of humor and commitment to a great cause made our donations well worth it.

Barbara Gleason and **Julie Mills**, Co-Secretaries: For a SUPER job taking all the minutes for the Branch and Board meetings. You never missed a beat!

Norma Grady, Treasurer: The past 2 years she skillfully and diligently kept all the financial accounts straight and balanced. We're in good hands with Norma as Co-President Elect!

Joan Gustafson and **Daphne Ching-Jackson**, Immediate Past Presidents: Thank you for your support and great communication. You helped smooth the way for us.

Ellen Mathis and **Dianne Bradfield**, Co-Presidents Elect: Your continuous contributions and recommendations at the meetings were well taken. We will be there to support you next year as well.

Appointed Officers:

Betty Thompson, Financial Secretary: For helping us meet our fiscal responsibilities by handling the incoming funds and making the appropriate deposits. You are the perfect choice for Co-President Elect!

Nicole Ramsdell, Membership Treasurer: How can we thank you enough for all your hard work and for stepping up to the plate in difficult times. You are a sharp cookie!

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MISSION STATEMENT

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

BRANCH NEWS

BRANCH MEETING

Saturday, June 5, 2004
At 9:30 a.m. at The Grand

BOARD BRIEF

Julie Mills, Co-Secretary

At the April 19th Executive Board Meeting, regular business was conducted.

A motion was made to recommend to the Branch members for approval that the Branch Policies and Procedures be amended to include that money for the Connie Inskip Award would be paid from the interest monies of the Ethel Black/Irene Holmes Fund. Motion passed.

COURTESY

Mary Orr, Courtesy Chair

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Jane Sellers on April 22. Condolences were tendered to her family to let them know she will be greatly missed. A contribution to EF or LAF in memory of Jane would be a wonderful way to honor our beloved friend.

We were also saddened to learn that Geri Lyles-Miller lost her dear sister in April. A condolence card was sent on our behalf.

Happy news - Lou Es Greene is now home from the hospital and is recuperating. The surgery was very successful. A get-well card was sent on our behalf but individual cards would send a word of cheer.

Birthday greetings to all June celebrants!

CARPE DIEM!

AAUW CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES DISTRICT LEADERSHIP DAY

WHEN: Saturday, May 29, 2004 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

WHERE: Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia, CA

COST: \$26 per person for reservations received by May 22, 2004; \$31 per person for reservations received on or after May 23, 2004 Includes morning refreshments, lunch, and reserved handouts.

WHAT: The training will feature outstanding presenters and many new scripts. Responding to a request to offer something for longtime members who have already filled every job in the branch, the day will feature a special attraction, "Committing Acts of Community," a talk by Corrine McGuigan, Ph.D, Provost of Pacific Oaks College. Dr. McGuigan presented this talk with great response at the 2003 AAUW CA Convention.

COMMUNITY

Lorna Menke, Community Chair, (562) 431-3762

This month School on Wheels will be picking up recreational reading books and school supplies which you have donated to them. These items will be given to homeless children.

The children at Mary Bethune Transitional Center will need summer school clothes. Women's Shelter continues to need children's books and women and children's clothing. Large items can be donated to Second Chance, their outlet store in North Long Beach.

Thank you for your help and cooperation this year!

MEMBERSHIP

Postcards were mailed and given out at the May Branch meeting as a reminder that Branch dues are to be paid this month. Dues are for the year starting July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005.

For a Regular member, dues are \$83.00; for an Association Life Member, dues are \$42.00; for Dual Members, dues are \$26.00; and for Student Affiliates, dues are \$40.00. Please keep in mind, dues are not tax-deductible except as a necessary business expense.

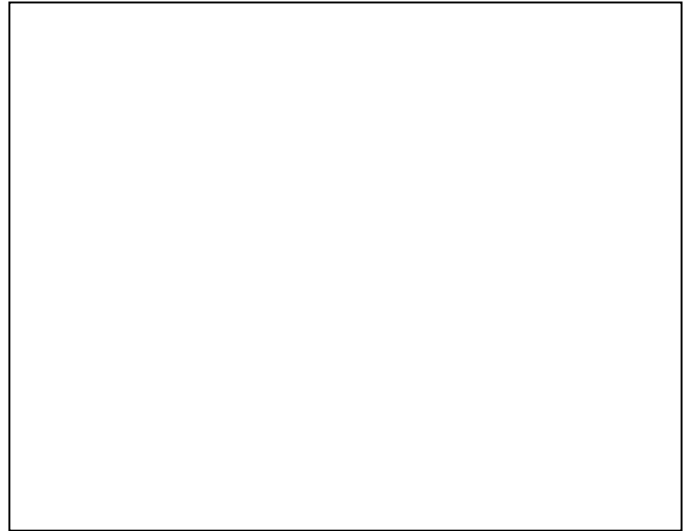
Make checks payable to AAUW, Long Beach and mail them to Membership Treasurer, Nicole Ramsdell, 27 Glendora Ave., Long Beach, CA 90803.

**AAUW-LONG BEACH WEBSITE: <http://www.aauw-longbeach.org>
Webmaster: George Jackson – email him at gl_jackson@hotmail.com**

JUNE PROGRAM
Music from The Days When Instruments Had Character
And Characters Had Instruments

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

We're pleased to offer an exciting program by the acclaimed Civil War Band conducted by Dr. Gary Thomas Scott, Dean of Creative Arts & Applied Sciences at Long Beach City College. This unique ensemble plays authentic music of the era that has been painstakingly gleaned from the Library of Congress, Smithsonian Institute, historical societies, and original Regimental band books. Wearing Union Army uniforms and playing authentic instruments, many of which were only seen during the Civil War, they will get your feet moving and your hearts pumping. In addition, Dr Scott intersperses interesting historical highlights of the bands, providing a vivid glimpse into how the times looked and sounded during "The Tragic Era". The Civil War Band has been invited to join re-creations in states across the country. A number of our members have indicated that they intend to bring their husbands and/or children to this special program. We invite you to do the same.



EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
A Year of Success and Many Thanks
 Kee DeBoer, EF Vice President

This has been a successful year for EF and I thank you all! You have been most generous with your time and money in supporting our various fund-raising efforts.

In 2003, we sent contributions of \$8710 to the Educational Foundation (some designated to the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund and the rest to help complete research grants and fellowships established by other California branches). In addition, we have started our fund-raising for the year 2004: Five hundred dollars has already been sent in and almost \$600 remains in our bank account. So we have a good start on this year's contributions.

I especially want to thank the EF Committee not only for their time and work, but also for their valuable advice. They know what projects will work and which ones will not. They have been a great help!

It is a privilege for us to be a part of the Educational Foundation's mission. For over a century, AAUW has promoted education and career opportunities for women as a means of building a better world. We continue our mission of the promotion of equity, lifelong education, and positive societal changes. The world changes, but the value of education remains constant.

Thank you all for your support!

AAUW Marches With More Than a Million April 25, 2004

Excerpts from www.aauw.org and www.aauw-ca.org

On Sunday, April 25, 2004, AAUW members joined the largest women's rights march in history. An estimated 1 million people converged on Washington D.C., to March for Women's Lives in a powerful demonstration of support for a woman's right to reproductive choices and personal freedoms. AAUW members were represented with our delegations' signs and voices.

Mirroring the Washington D.C. March, AAUW California rallied to the steps of the State's Capitol. At 10 a.m. Sunday, April 25, a great crowd of women gathered on the K Street Mall. Organized by Director of Public Policy, Rita Wustner, hundreds of women from the AAUW-CA state convention and surrounding areas marched in Sacramento to the west steps of the Capitol to rally for reproductive freedom. The group was led in chants, "What do we want?" CHOICE! "What do we do?" VOTE! Impassioned remarks stressed the tremendous struggle and decades it took to gain a woman's right to privacy and the freedom to make personal choices.

Bringing the March Home

Excerpts from www.aauw.org

AAUW efforts for choice should not stop with the March for Women's Lives. People across the country are mobilizing a "get out the vote" effort supporting freedom of choice – all choice – at the ballot box. AAUW members are motivating communities by kicking off a Bring the March Home voter education campaign.

AAUW's campaign aims to educate the public about the importance of reproductive rights and to ensure the future of our right to choose by identifying pro-choice voters and ensuring they turn out. The March for Women's Lives showed the nation that the sanctity of reproductive choice is non-negotiable and is an important personal freedom issue. The only way to truly guarantee that the march is not an empty promise is to bring the march home and demonstrate the power of the pro-choice majority at the ballot box.

Extending the enthusiasm and motivation of the March for Women's Lives and as a primary co-sponsor of the event, AAUW's important presence in the pro-choice community is amplified through its leadership in local activities. With a long and proud tradition of supporting women's rights and freedom of choice, AAUW members are again a leader of today's important issues.

How do you Bring the March Home?

1. Get Connected: Form a local working group and gather the talents of your Branch and your community.
2. Get the Word Out: Open a discussion about reproductive rights, what it means to have choice, and how to protect our freedom to choose.
3. Get Active: Launch a voter registration drive and mobilize registered voters to go to the polls.

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PUBLIC POLICY

PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE

AAUW Supports New Hate Crime Legislation

Statement of Lisa Maatz, Director, Public Policy and Government Relations
American Association of University Women (AAUW)

As one of this nation's oldest civil rights organizations, the American Association of University Women (AAUW) has been at the forefront of the struggle to end crimes. AAUW strives to stop discrimination and violence of all forms, especially when crimes are motivated by a person's gender, race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or disability status.

We applaud Senator Edward Kennedy, Congressman John Conyers, and Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen for their bold leadership in introducing into legislation in their respective chambers: the Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act (SB 966) and Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act (H.R. 4204). With 174 co-sponsors on the House bill and 49 co-sponsors of the Senate bill representing both parties, these bills construct a bipartisan bridge over the ignorance and fear that perpetuates bias-motivated violence.

While the existing hate-crimes law that was enacted after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., has done much to fight bias-motivated violence, it is unfortunately out of date since it does not recognize gender, sexual orientation, and disability based violence and acts of discrimination. Because of these important changes, the passage of these bills is particularly significant to AAUW because they expand the definition of hate crimes to these additional and equally unacceptable acts of violence that were not in the original legislation.

Since the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on September 11th, America has seen a rise in violence based on bigotry and harmful stereotypes. These help to strengthen the federal response to such violence by expanding federal jurisdiction to hate crimes. While states should continue to play the primary role in prosecution of crime violence, it is essential that the federal government be given authority act on cases that local authorities are either unable or unwilling to investigate and prosecute.

AAUW supports the work Senator Kennedy, Representative Conyers and Representative Ros-Lehtinen efforts to pass this much needed legislation.

Two Minute Activist

The Two-Minute Activist, where you can MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD IN CONGRESS! It takes only two minutes to make your voice heard-- one minute to read, one minute to act! First, take one minute to read about the latest issue in Congress. Then, take one more minute to personalize a pre-written AAUW message and e-mail it to your member of Congress. Log onto the website <http://capwiz.com/aauw/home/>, read the AAUW stance, and contact your elected officials. Current issues that need you to take action:

- Support Nontraditional Students in Higher Education - Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY) has introduced the, "Non-Traditional Students Success Act" (S.2360) in the Senate and Representative Rush Hold (D-NJ) has introduced the "Part-Time Student Assistance Act" (H.R.3968) in the House. The Act includes increasing Pell Grants and expanding the percentage of the Lifetime Learning tax credit.
- Support Fair Pay - The Paycheck Fairness Act (S. 76/H.R. 1688) is a step in the struggle to give working women the equitable compensation they rightfully deserve. This important legislation, introduced by Senator Tom Daschle (D-SD) and Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro (D-CT), is aimed at closing the wage gap.
- Support Responsible Reproductive Policy - To coincide with the March for Women's Lives, the co-chairs of the Congressional Pro-Choice Caucus - Reps. Louise Slaughter (D-NY), Diana DeGette (D-CO), Jim Greenwood (R-PA), and Nancy Johnson (R-CT) - introduced the "Putting Prevention First Act (PPFA)" in the House on April 21. Sen. Harry Reid (D-NV) introduced the bill in the Senate on April 22 (S. 2336). Putting Prevention First Act (PPFA) is a comprehensive family planning effort intended to focus on preventing unwanted pregnancy.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President's Message – Heartfelt Thanks Continued from page 1

Joyce Blasnek and **Carolyn Magnuson**, Public Policy Directors: For effectively keeping us all abreast of the issues and policies affecting us as AAUW members. What a team! And we are glad you were on ours!

Lorna Menke, Community Representative: Thank you for soliciting, collecting, and transporting our donations to the Women's Shelter, the Mary Bethune Transitional Center, and the School on Wheels. You have a good heart!

Helen Sebring, International Relations: For enlarging our world with the International Dinner and continuing to head the Great Decisions groups. You continue to be a real "educator."

Jean Aldrich, Parliamentarian: Thanks for keeping us on track and improving our method for making motions. Is there a hat you haven't worn?

Linda Reabe and **Miriam Garland**, Cultural Capers: For being *super heroes* of "what's great to see" in the neighborhood. With you at the helm, culture is alive and well!

Administrative Committee Chairs:

Anne Graves, Audit: Thank you for so faithfully auditing the financial records so we are always in compliance. We always felt your support and are grateful for your contributions to AAUW.

Mary Orr, Courtesy: For always being so thoughtful and timely in sending our *best wishes* no matter the occasion. Your warm heart and understanding spirit are a treasure!

Geri Lyles-Miller, Diversity: For helping us as we tackled the problem of maintaining and increasing membership. You are a valuable member and dear friend.

Lois Malone and **Mary Riddick**, Door: Always faithful and conscientious, it has been a real pleasure having you both on our team. Thank you for guiding us through the transition with the Reservations Chair.

Judith Kaho, Historian: Usually in front of the camera, this year it was your turn to be recorder of the events of the past year. You are a lady of many talents!

Pat Sargeant and **Lois Schilling**, Hospitality: You ladies made sure everyone was warmly greeted at all the Branch meetings. Your smiles always made us feel great!

Darlene Daclan, Newsletter: Where do we begin to tell the story of how one little lady puts our newsletter together in so little time? *Crunch!* Do I hear a deadline? We appreciate all your dedication.

Linda Silver and **Deloris Mayuga**, Orientation for New Members: Thank you for continuing to serve and support us and devising an innovative way for new members to learn about AAUW. Your experience is priceless!

Florence Wilson, Publicity: Thank you for your persistence and dedication in getting AAUW in the news. It isn't easy to get attention!

Catherine Magana and **Gail Morrison**, Reservations: For making sure the Branch meeting reservations went smoothly. Happiness is finding your name tag!

Glori McCune, Yearbook: Year after year you devote your time and energy to help produce one of our most valuable and useful documents—the Yearbook. Thank you for helping us keep in touch!

George Jackson, Web Spinner: Last, but not least, you elevated our image and broadened our awareness of how we can improve the web page with your innovative ideas and technological expertise. Always one step ahead!

Overtime:

Many of our Board members wore different hats throughout the year. **Betty Ann Rauch** and **Norma Mayfield**, Program Co-Vice Presidents, were not only responsible for organizing the Branch meeting programs, but often had to serve as our Meetings Coordinator. **Jane Sellers**, Membership Vice President worked well with our Membership Treasurer, Nicole Ramsdell. She even hosted our Membership Garden Party at the beginning of our year at her lovely home and garden. **JoAnn Kuroda** was not only LAF Co-Vice President with Lou Es Greene, she was also Chair of the Budget Committee. (And we were able to balance the budget so the good work of AAUW can continue . . .) Immediate Past President **Daphne Ching-Jackson** chaired the committee that organized the 2nd Annual Math/Science Conference for Middle School Girls and wrote a proposal for an AAUW Community Action Grant to help fund our 3rd Annual Math/Science Conference for next year. Daphne's cohort, **Joan Gustafson**, was instrumental in serving as our liaison for the Headquarters with the staff at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. **Ellen Mathis**, Co-President Elect, served as the Education Representative for the Mentoring Program and looked after all the details at the Headquarters to make sure there were adequate supplies and proper notices.

Dianne Bradfield, Co-President Elect, pitched in to make sure each month's mailing of the Vantage arrived in your mailbox in a timely fashion. **Jean Aldrich**, Parliamentarian, generously offered her home to serve as a meeting place for various meetings throughout the year. **Thank you** to the Bridge groups for generously contributing to the LAF and mentoring programs. And a B-I-G **THANK YOU** to you, the members, for supporting the mission of AAUW!

As you can see, it takes a lot of teamwork to make the trek from start to finish. Our work began on the foundation laid by those who held the office before us. We now pass the baton to the next in line . . . It is time to say "Good bye" and "Thank you" for a wonderful opportunity to serve you! It has been a reward and pleasure!

INTEREST GROUPS REGISTRATION

Antiques and Collectibles	2 nd Thursday	1:30 a.m.	Barbara Gleason	421-2206
Book Chat Plus*	4 th Monday	1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Jean Friedrichs	598-9218
Day Gourmet	5 th Thursday	12 – 2:30 p.m.	Elizabeth Jackson	494-0979
Film Fans			Marilyn Fortier	421-5838
Golf at Bixby	Every Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	Betty Bragg	(714) 897-7184
Great Books	1 st Monday	1 – 3 p.m.	Linda Patten	402-6831
Friday Bridge**	2 nd Friday	9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Cathy Cunningham	424-3166
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

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

**Meets at the Petroleum Club

AAUW BRANCH MEETING

Saturday, June 5, 2004

The Grand

4101 East Willow Street

Long Beach, CA

Networking: 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Business Meeting: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Civil War Brass Band: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Luncheon: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Menu: Garden Salad with choice Ranch or Italian Dressing
Beef Brisket
Parslied, roasted new red potatoes
Chef's choice of fresh steamed vegetables
Warm rolls and butter
Chocolate Mousse
Coffee, Decaf, Tea, Iced Tea
Vegetarian: Pasta Primavera

Cost: \$25.00

Directions: The Grand is located on Willow Street between Redondo Ave. and Lakewood Blvd. The parking structure is located off of Grand Ave. Parking is free and is easy access to the entrance.

RESERVATION RETURN:

Send your registration and check payable to AAUW, Long Beach Branch. Please mail to: **Gail Morrison, 38 Quincy Ave., Long Beach, CA 90803.**

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS:

Saturday, May 29, 2004

Member(s) _____

Phone (Day) _____ Evening _____

Guest(s) _____

Address(s) _____

Phone _____

No. of Reservations _____ Amount Enclosed _____

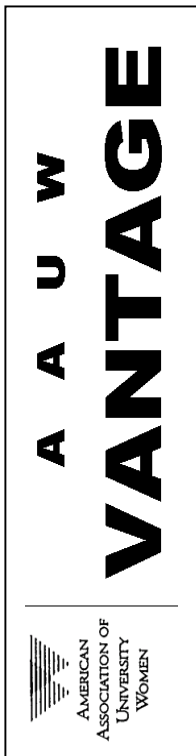
I would like to make _____ reservation(s) for the **meeting and program only.**

Vegetarian Meal preferred _____

JUNE 2004

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Golf @ Bixby 8:15 a.m. Other Wed. Bridge 12-4 p.m.	3 Wall Street Stocks 1-3 p.m.	4	5 BRANCH MEETING 9:30 a.m.
6	7 Great Books 1-3 p.m.	8	9 Golf @ Bixby 8:15 a.m.	10 Antiques and Collectibles 1:30 p.m.	11 Friday Bridge 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	12
13	14	15	16 Golf @ Bixby 8:15 a.m. Other Wed. Bridge 12-4 p.m.	17	18	19 Saturday Bridge 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
20	21	22	23 Golf @ Bixby 8:15 a.m.	24	25	26
27	28 Book Chat Plus 1:30-3:30 p.m.	29	30 Golf @ Bixby 8:15 a.m.			

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