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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dianne Bradfield and Ellen Mathis, Co-Presidents

Written by: Dianne Bradfield

We would like to welcome you back to another exciting year as we all work together to foster the mission statement of AAUW, and seek to fulfill the vision statement of our branch.

The board of directors and committee chairs met recently for a time to get better acquainted, have an orientation, and brainstorm ideas for the coming year. The 30 people in attendance spent time in small groups sharing their thoughts and ideas for programs, membership, and fundraisers for EF and LAF. Those discussions helped provide a good foundation for our Program VP (Darlene Daclan), our Membership VP (Gail Morrison), our EF Co-VP's (Jere Millington and Barbara Cottrell), and our LAF Co-VP's (Lou Es Greene and Helen Sebring).

Reflecting on our "VISION" for the year ahead, we encourage each of you to:

- be a Voice in the community by telling your friends and co-workers about AAUW, by looking for opportunities to share the good things AAUW does, by wearing your women's pin.....
- help Increase membership by bringing a friend to a branch meeting, offering to drive someone to a meeting, sharing the mission of AAUW.....
- Support our branch projects by participating in and contributing to various fundraisers for EF, LAF, and Tech Trek, by helping our Community Representatives with donations to the Bethune School, Women's Shelter, and Schools on Wheels.....
- Keep up with the different Issues of equity for girls and women by reading articles in the Vantage, Outlook, and Perspective.....

- Engage in Opportunities to connect with others by attending branch meetings, joining an interest group, going on a cultural outing, being on a committee, attending conferences and workshops, becoming a mentor....
- share New ideas and help them come to fruition by e-mailing the program VP with your ideas for an exciting program, by communicating with our EF and LAF VP's with ideas for fundraisers.....

Working together, we can carry out our "VISION" and enjoy a productive year!

See you in September! - *Dianne and Ellen*



## MEMBERSHIP GARDEN PARTY

By: Ellen Mathis, Co-President

Would you like a refund of your \$26 Long Beach Branch dues? If you bring a guest to the September 18th Membership Garden Party, your name will be entered into a drawing to be the lucky member to receive the \$26 refund! Bring two guests and your name is entered twice! We look forward to seeing you and your guests.

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MISSION STATEMENT

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

## BRANCH NEWS

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### **BRANCH MEETING**

Saturday, September 18, 2004 – Membership Garden Party, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Joan Gustafson's residence.

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BRIEFS**

Barbara Gleason, Co-Secretary

At the July 7, 2004 Executive Committee meeting, the committee moved to approve the new additions to the appointed officers/administrative committee list. Motion passed.

### **BOARD BRIEFS**

Julie Mills, Co-Secretary

At the May 17, 2004 Board of Directors meeting, regular business was conducted. The following motions were made:

Daphne Jackson moved that all but \$5 dollars in the interest account of the Ethel Black/Irene Holmes be transferred to choices approved by the Board. Motion seconded by Judith Kaho and passed.

After the Board voted on three of five choices for Ethel Black/Irene Holmes interest account usage, JoAnn Kuroda moved that the distribution of Ethel Black/ Irene Homes interest account would be as follows: 50%, for the 1<sup>st</sup> choice Math/Science conference, 25%, Convention Fund, 25% to a Membership affair. Motion seconded by Dianne Bradfield and passed.

JoAnn Kuroda, Budget Chair, moved that the Budget committee recommend to the Branch membership that the 2004-2005 budget be approved as presented with modifications.

Norma Grady, Finance committee chair, recommended to the Board and moved that the \$28,000 Ethel Black/Irene Holmes CD held by Kaiser Federal Bank be reinvested for six months. Motion was seconded and passed.

Norma Grady moved to recommended to the Branch a change in wording of Policies and Procedures 9g:

*Current wording: The treasurer is to transfer interest money from the Ethel P. Black fund to the Branch checking account after approval as needed.*

*Proposed wording: The treasurer is to transfer interest money from the Ethel P. Black fund after Branch approval as needed and no later than the June 10<sup>th</sup> of the next fiscal year.*

Motion was seconded and passed.

With the possibility of renting or leasing Headquarters space in the recently purchased building of the Assistance League at 6220 Spring St., Long Beach, Julie Mills moved that the Board appoint a committee to assess the needs of the Branch and contact the Assistance League showing Branch interest. Motion seconded by Ellen Mathis and passed.

Incoming president, Ellen Mathis moved that the slate of appointed and administrative chairs be approved by the Board. Motion seconded by Daphne Jackson and passed.

### **COURTESY**

Mary Orr, Courtesy Chair

Trust that you all had a wonderful summer. Birthday greetings to all September celebrants.

### **HEADQUARTERS ALTERNATIVES**

Julie Mills, Headquarters Alternatives Co-Chair

At the May Executive Board Meeting, a motion was made and passed to investigate the possibility of a headquarters lease in the new clubhouse acquired by the Assistance League of Long Beach at 6220 Spring St. Long Beach. Subsequently, Barbara Gleason and Julie Mills were asked to co-chair a committee for that purpose. Serving on the committee are Elaine Babbush, Cathy Cunningham, Emily Elgin, Joan Gustafson, Janet Krueger, and Ellen Mathis. We met in July to review the research of the previous Headquarters Committee and to newly assess the size, space, storage needs as well as other elements that would be desirable. A phone call was made to the Assistance League President who welcomed a letter telling of our interest and outlining our Branch needs. The letter was sent in July. We were told their organization has much to do architecturally to prepare the new space and expect a time frame of up to two years before occupancy. We'll keep you informed when we hear from them.

**AAUW-LONG BEACH WEBSITE: <http://www.aauw-longbeach.org>  
Webmaster: George Jackson – email him at [gl\\_jackson@hotmail.com](mailto:gl_jackson@hotmail.com)**



You Are Invited To A  
**GARDEN TEA PARTY**

On Saturday, September 18, 2004  
from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
At The Home Of  
Joan Gustafson  
221 Bennett Avenue  
Long Beach, Ca 90803

Enjoy an afternoon with new, prospective, and current members of  
the Long Beach Branch of AAUW.

Learn about what we do, interest groups, monthly meetings,  
Educational Foundation, Legal Advocacy Fund, Mentoring and  
more!

Light refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP by Saturday, September 11, 2004  
to Gail Morrison, Membership Vice President  
38 Quincy Avenue  
Long Beach, CA 90803  
562/438-0597  
email: [gailgo@earthlink.net](mailto:gailgo@earthlink.net)

**PUBLIC POLICY**

By: Betty Ann Rauch, Public Policy Director

The state committee for Public Policy met last weekend and made several decisions. We voted to add AB3042 to our current bill package. This is an enhancement bill that would assign an additional one-year penalty to a person who is convicted of unlawful sexual acts with a minor for money. The original bill called for two year enhancement of penalty but the bill has since been amended and now adds one year and assigns the crime as unlawful sex with a minor for money. This bill sets up a way for perpetrators to be assigned with a "sex with minor" charge and the minor to be recorded as a victim. This would then qualify the minor for public assistance and counseling as a sex crime victim instead of being charged as a prostitute.

The committee also looked at a number of the Propositions that will appear on the November ballot. After much discussion, it was decided that only Proposition 72 fell within our mission statement. AAUW supported SB2 as part of the 2003-04 bill package. This bill passed the legislature in 2003 and was signed by the governor. It requires large employers (200 or more) to either provide basic health coverage (comparable to the standard HMO package of benefits) for their employees or to pay into a state health program by January 1, 2006. Medium size employers (50 or more) would have until January 1, 2007. Small business owners (less than 50 employees) are not affected by this bill. In 2001, the Legislature identified 6,000,000 Californians who lacked health insurance coverage at some time and 3,600,000 Californians who had no health insurance coverage at any time. Over 80% of the uninsured are in working families. Proposition 72 is a referendum to repeal SB2. It is supported by the California Chamber of Commerce and California Restaurant Association. The main opposition to the law comes from McDonald's, Macy's, Wal-Mart, and a handful of other large and profitable employers. (A report released recently by the UC Berkeley Labor Center shows that inadequate wages and benefits force non-managerial employees of Wal-Mart to seek **\$86 million a year** in state aid, or approximately \$1,952 per employee in public assistance.) AAUW's State Public Policy Committee voted unanimously to **OPPOSE** Proposition 72.

**EXTOLLING, EVOKING, EMOTING - EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**

By: Jere Millington and Barbara Cottrell, Educational Foundation Co-Vice Presidents

*"Well behaved women --- rarely make history!"*

The American Association of University Women is the largest and oldest national organization of university women. It promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change. The Education Foundation is the philanthropic arm of AAUW that encompasses many areas including: American, International, and selected profession Fellowships, grants for public service projects or Career Development, textbook purchases, and national conferences and research.

Since we are not able to contribute to the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund this year, we would like to start building our own AAUW Long Beach Branch fellowship that would eventually be used to support local women in their educations. Although this still needs to be approved, it's an idea that appeals to us greatly.

Only through our continued support of the EF can AAUW continue to make an impact on an equal education based on skills and abilities without regard to gender or ethnicity. Won't you join the distinguished members of our branch and contribute to the EF fund at any of these levels?

\$500.00 - Equity Circle  
\$300.00 - Chocolate Club

\$200.00 - Second Century Club  
\$100.00 - Century Club

\$50.00 - One Half Century Club  
\$25.00 - One Fourth Century Club

**Please send donations to:**

Jere Millington  
12699 George Reyburn Road  
Garden Grove, Ca. 92845

or

Barbara Cottrell  
6808 Almada St.  
Long Beach, Ca. 90815

Make checks payable to: AAUW – EF. These donations are tax deductible! Thank you so much for your support! Hope we'll be seeing you and your friends at many of the activities we are planning this year!

## COMMUNITY

By: Carolyn Breihan and Linda Moore  
Co-Community Representatives

As your new Co-Community Representatives, we want to introduce you to what our role is. We will be constantly on the alert to raise branch awareness of ways members can contribute to community needs. Currently we will continue to collect items for the Mary Bethune Continuation Center for Homeless Children (CCHC), the Women's Shelter and School on Wheels. Each of these organizations helps women and families who have been "left behind" by some parts of society, and so we have great opportunities to change the lives of women and children and families.

We will accept donations of used clothing (in good condition, please) or school supplies at any branch meeting, or you can call us to arrange for pickup. Let us know how you want to help with your time, also.

As a former tutor for "Schools on Wheels," I can assure you that these children are very appreciative of ways we can help them be successful in school, and small acts can have an immense impact.

### Contact Information:

Carolyn Breihan – (562) 597-2797

Linda Moore – (714) 374-7443

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## THE CAMBODIAN SUCCESS STORY

By: Helen Sebring  
International Relations Chair

Thanks to the wonderful support of 55 AAUW members, friends and family, and the amazing stories of Dianne Bradfield and Dianne McNinch, the branch has been able to send \$425 to each of the two school programs in Cambodia to help young women and children. The attendees wined and dined on the marvelous catered food supplied by Sophie's of Long Beach. Our only expenses were for the caterer and the room at The Fountains. We have received thank-you letters from both schools for our help in their beautiful but extremely poor land.

Also, 35 people attended the Great Decisions discussion group meeting on three different days and times. In November, you will have a chance to sign up to discuss

some of the most vital issues for 2005 with other interested people.

Our connection with the world through International Relations makes a difference.

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## WELCOME!

By: Lou Es Greene  
Legal Advocacy Co-Vice President

Our wonderful Helen Seabring has volunteered to fill an unexpected vacancy and will be the LAF Co-Vice President. We are delighted! Thank you Helen.

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## DEAR ABBY

*A past president of the AAUW, M. Ballou, sent a letter to Dear Abby that was inspiring.*

**Dear Abby:** My husband, Phil, and I were the first in our families to receive university degrees. We did it together, living in a one-room apartment near campus, living on \$90 a month from Phil's G.I. Bill. We ate lots of macaroni and cheese, attended church within walking distance (we had no car), and graduated in three years with our bachelor of science degrees. Later, we earned M.A.E degree by going to the university on Friday and Saturday nights. (I graduated with honors.) There is nothing as costly as NOT getting an education.

The best advice I can offer from the perspective of my own education, and that of the hundreds of college students I have taught, is this: 1). Believe in yourself and do your best. 2). Be enthusiastic and make friends. 3). Wring from your college experience every opportunity to learn the basics in your chosen field, and attend the elective seminars - the all-campus lectures - to broaden your horizons. 4). Learn to disagree without being disagreeable. 5). Recognize learning as an introduction to learning more on your own. 6). You owe it to yourself, your children, your employer, and your community to GO FOR IT!

- M. Ballou, Ph.D., Ed.D., past president of the American Association of University Women.

**Dear Dr. Ballou:** You have my respect and admiration. Wouldn't it be wonderful to know how many thousands of young people your letter has inspired today?

**MENTORING PROGRAM**

By: Pat Sargeant, Education Representative/Mentoring

Our Mentoring program, beginning its 8th year, is currently planning the 2004-2005 year. We have 7 mentors and 8 mentees continuing from this year. Pat Sargeant will be chairing the program. We are proud to share that 5 of our "mentee graduates" are attending either LB City College or CSULB and will become Student Affiliate members of our Branch.

This message is to let you know we are recruiting new Mentors. We are planning on adding 7th grade girls again (last year that was not possible). We need to locate Mentors before we know how many new girls we can add. There will be Mentor Training provided by member Judy Strother Taylor, a professional in the mentoring field, as well as parent, mentee, and mentor orientation.

The Mentor program meets as a group about 8 times a year on a Saturday morning with a formal program followed by lunch arranged by member, Joan Calder. In between these formal meetings, the Mentor and Mentee meet one-on-one or with another Mentor/Mentee pair for a walk on the beach, a trip to the Library, or whatever activity will allow them to get better acquainted.

If you are interested, please let us know. We are asking that you e-mail Pat Sargeant, pat\_sarge@msn.com, or call her at (562) 431-3435.

We hope to hear from some of you.

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**ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES**

By: Barbara Gleason

Our group will not be meeting on a regular monthly basis. Instead, when we have an opportunity for a program, I will either call you or have the information in the Vantage.

Joan Gustafson has again invited us to attend the Children's Benefit Leagues Harvest Faire at Bethany Lutheran Church, southeast corner of Clark and Arbor Road. She will secure luncheon tickets for us to buy. I will call to see who plans to attend the Saturday, October 23 event.

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**THE GOLD GROUP**

By: Jean Friedrichs

The Gold Group will be meeting on Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. at the Bixby Golf Course. Call Jean Friedrichs at (562) 598-9218 for information. We need to know that you are coming in order to confirm reservations for starting times. All golfers are welcome to join; you need not be a good player, just able to keep up with the group.

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**BOOK CHAT PLUS**

By: Jean Friedrichs

Book Chat Plus meets on the fourth Monday in September, the 27<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Headquarters room. We take turns telling about our current reading, interesting travel, plays, movies, etc. New members are welcome to join. Tea and cookies are served in this informal group. Call Jean Friedrichs at (562) 598-9218 for more information.

**INTEREST GROUPS**

Antiques and Collectibles	Meeting times TBA		Barbara Gleason	421-2206
Book Chat Plus*	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Jean Friedrichs	598-9218
Golf at Bixby	Every Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Jean Friedrichs	598-9218
Great Books*	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	1 – 3 p.m.	Linda Patton	402-6831
Other Wednesday Bridge*	1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	12 – 4 p.m.	Emily Elgin	498-4646
Wall Street Watchers*	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	1 - 3 p.m.	Marlys Pfrimmer	598-4161
			Dorothy Anderson	597-7645

*Meeting times and contact persons TBA announced for the following interest groups:*

- Day Gourmet
- Film Fans
- Friday Bridge
- Saturday Bridge

\*Meets at Branch Headquarters @ 525 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Long Beach 90813

**STARTING A NEW INTEREST GROUP**

By: Jean Friedrichs

Remember – you can always start your own interest group. Just get together five members and a contact person for the Vantage. Groups that some members have shown interest in include Gardening, Hiking, and Attendance at Pop Concerts or Musical Theater West. You can also form another bridge or card group. Just contact me at (562) 598-9218 and I can send your idea into the Vantage.

**EQUITY PLAYERS – HELP WANTED!**

By: Lou Es Green

Equity Players needs an accompanist for (probably) two rehearsals and two performances this year (maybe one more). Payment is in gratitude and laughter. HELP!! Please contact Lou Es Greene, LAF Co-Vice President at (562) 434-6477 and/or mither@charter.net.

**DIVERSITY**

By: Jean Friedrichs, Diversity Chair

AAUW welcomes all members, both new and returning, to attend the **Membership Garden Party on September 18<sup>th</sup>** (Saturday) at the home of Joan Gustafson from 3 – 6:00 p.m. If you can bring a prospective member, great. If not, come anyway and talk to our guests and tell them what a great group of members we have. If you belong to a small group, do some recruiting. We want members from all ages and all professional interests. We urge you to bring a friend, new neighbor or relative. Newly retired women are often interested in joining an active group like AAUW, which has a variety of programs and interest groups.

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## SEPTEMBER 2004

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Golf @ Bixby 8:30 a.m. Other Wed Bridge 12-4 p.m.	2 Wall Street Watchers 1-3 p.m.	3	4
5	6 <b>LABOR DAY</b> Great Books 1-3 p.m.	7	8 Golf @ Bixby 8:30 a.m.	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Golf @ Bixby 8:30 a.m. Other Wed Bridge 12-4 p.m.	16	17	18 <b>MEMBERSHIP GARDEN PARTY 3 – 6 p.m.</b>
19	20 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 6:30 p.m.	21	22 Golf @ Bixby 8:30 a.m.	23	24	25
26	27 LACIC MEETING 6:45 p.m. Book Chat Plus 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	28	29 Golf @ Bixby 8:30 a.m.	30		

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