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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dianne Bradfield and Ellen Mathis, Co-Presidents

Written by: Ellen Mathis

We enter this fall with a presidential election in addition to races for other offices along with propositions as issues before the electorate. It was only 84 years ago that women received the right to vote. Our organization, AAUW, was a vocal speaker in women's fight for this fundamental right in a democratic society. Be sure to exercise yours. Become educated on some of the issues at our October 2nd Branch meeting when we will focus on the upcoming November 2nd election.

Gail Morrison, Membership Vice-President, organized a very successful membership gathering to kick off our new AAUW year. Thank you to Joan Gustafson whose lovely yard was again our gathering spot. Garnering new members was our garden party theme, but should not be limited to this one event. Bring potential members to any of our functions and they will receive a discount on the Association portion of their dues. With education and equity for women and girls still a struggle, we need to speak with increased membership numbers so that our voices will be heard even more.

You will find that we have increased the number of breakfast meetings this year. The Program Committee was looking not only to lower the cost of our monthly get-together, but to more efficiently use our member's time by making your entire Saturday afternoon available for other things. We hope this will allow you to better fit AAUW into your busy schedules. Dianne Bradfield and I look forward to seeing and talking with you this year. See you in October!

OCTOBER PROGRAM

Darlene Daclan, Program VP

Branch Meeting: Saturday, October 2, 2004
Election 2004 Discussion



Bring your questions and opinions!

The October program will feature the League of Women Voters-Long Beach. The League of Women Voters (LWV) is a non-partisan, non-profit organization of women and men, which never supports or opposes candidates or political parties but encourages informed, active participation by citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The LWV was formed in 1920 as an outgrowth of the movement to give women the right to vote following the passage of the 19th amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

At the October Branch meeting, the LWV program will provide analyses of the propositions and in depth explanation of the measures on the ballot, including provisions, fiscal effects, main arguments for and against, and the supporters and opponents.

Preparing for an election is important to becoming an informed voter and this discussion will help us all make more informed decisions at the ballot box on November 2nd!

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MISSION STATEMENT

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

BRANCH MEETING

Saturday, October 2, 2004

ELECTION 2004 DISCUSSION**BOARD BRIEFS**

Julie Mills, Co-Secretary

Regular business was conducted at the August 9th Executive Board Meeting of the Long Beach Branch. The following motions were made and passed.

- Barbara Cottrell moved that the EF Committee begin fund-raising for the establishment of a new Research and Projects Grant to be named the Long Beach California Branch Research and Projects Grant.
- Gail Morrison moved that Long Beach Branch set local dues for student affiliates at \$6.00.
- Ellen Mathis moved that there be an incentive drawing of a free local membership to any member who brings a guest to the Garden Party in September. Branch dues would be refunded to winner. Motion seconded and passed.

COURTESY

Mary Orr, Courtesy Chair

Sadly we just learned of the passing of Judith Kaho's mother on September 7th. A condolence card was sent on our behalf.

Today, August 30th, I learned that Jean Aldrich is scheduled for back surgery at Memorial Hospital and thereafter will be in rehab. An appropriate get-well card will be sent upon confirmation. This is a serious surgery and am sure she will appreciate our kind thoughts for a speedy recovery.

Birthday greetings to all October honorees.

MENTORING PROGRAM

Pat Sargeant, Education Representative/Mentoring

Mentoring Program enters its 8th year!

I was able to attend the 8th Grade Promotional Ceremony for Constellation Community Middle School at the end of July representing the AAUW LB Mentors. It was inspiring to hear the teachers presenting the certificates say something unique about each student as they came on the stage. Our Mentoring program's five 8th grade girls looked beautiful! Pictured are Tania Padilla (left) and Kathy Jimenez, president of the student body. The others are: Erika Cubias, Lisa Gonzales, and Vanessa Lopez.



At the beginning and end of the ceremony the students recited the school's "The Guiding Principles". They are:

- I will do nothing to harm myself or others.
- I am responsible for my behavior.
- We are each others keepers.
- I take pride in myself and in my work.
- I will leave it better than I found it.

We who participate are closer to the girl's successes, but want you to know about them too. One of this year's high school graduates was the first in her family to do so and is attending CSULB this fall. Thank you to the branch for your support of this Mentoring program, both financially and with your time.

DID YOU KNOW?

Only **21%** of full-time tenured professors are female.

-Source: National Center for Education Statistics (2000)

Support equity in higher education.

Even though more women are attending college than ever before, women receive only **19%** of bachelor's degrees in physics, **26%** in computer science, and **18%** in engineering.

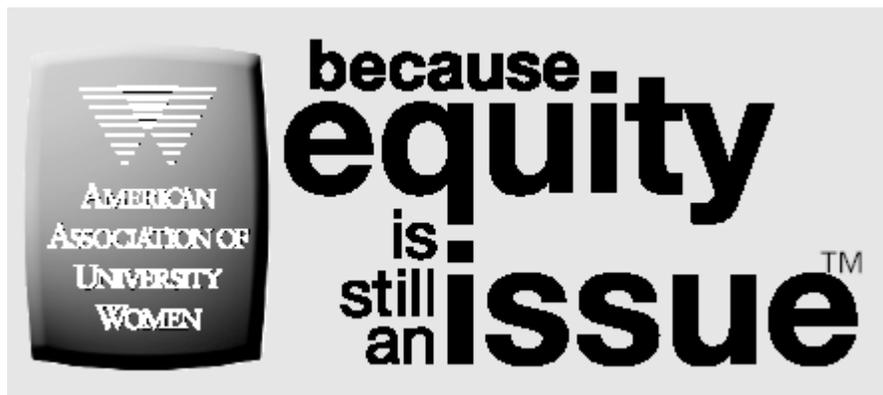
-Source: National Science Foundation (2000)

Support education for women and girls.

The average income for a woman with a bachelor's degree is 24% lower than that of a man with the same level of education - **\$32,238 vs. \$42,292** (ages 25-34)

-Source: National Center for Education Statistics (2001)

Support pay equity.



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PUBLIC POLICY

By: Betty Ann Rauch, Public Policy Director

OOPS!

Do not oppose Proposition 72. When the State Public Policy Committee voted on Proposition 72 they did have the correct information. Since the people behind the proposition were opposed to SB2, the health insurance bill that was passed in the fall of 2003, signed into law by former Governor Gray Davis, and supported by AAUW California, it was assumed that the proposition was written to overturn the bill. Wrong! They wrote it so that if you favor SB2, you must **SUPPORT PROPOSITION 72**. I'm not sure why the authors decided to write it that way but I could make a couple of guesses. But remember, to support the expansion of health care benefits to employees of companies such as McDonalds, Macys, and Wal-Mart, vote **YES ON PROPOSITION 72**. To learn more about Proposition 72, visit www.voteyeson72.com.

The Public Policy Committee will be starting up very shortly. If you have any interest in keeping up with what's happening at both the State and National legislative bodies, please contact me at barauch@att.net or at 562-451-6679. This is a non-partisan group to discuss legislation that impacts the mission statement of AAUW.

EXTOLLING, EVOKING, EMOTING - EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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

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

Although October is traditionally EF month, this year our October meeting is to be focused on the election year and politics due to the upcoming election. However, check out the fancy envelopes on the table as we still need those donations, working toward funding our new Long Beach California Branch Research and Projects Grant. Help! Not being "well - behaved women" - we'd like to make EF history! If your check book is absent, we accept all levels of contributions by mail. Thank you so very much, in advance, for your wonderful generosity.

Many of you have already received your "Give a Dime a Day the EF Way" containers. Just plunk a dime in daily - and when it's full, convert it into folding money and give it to one of us! Then - reuse those dimes, and start again. Receipts will be given immediately! Don't feel left out --- if you don't have a container, they'll be available at the October meeting.

We are planning many "fun" activities for the year, which includes: several Bunco nights, opportunities to have vouchers for Barnes and Noble purchasing which will bring a percent of the sales back to EF, a night at the Long Beach Community Playhouse on November 12 to see "Arsenic and Old Lace", a dessert tasting party, a possible visit to Dr. Phil, and others still being formulated. It would be great if you include friends, relatives, (even strangers!) in any of these undertakings.

We're looking forward to seeing you (all of you!) and enjoying a successful EF year.

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

BUNCO NIGHT
For EF

**COME AND JOIN US FOR A FUNFILLED NIGHT
AND SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH
A 'SET' OF DICE!**



Thursday, October 14, 2004
from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
\$10/person

at

Barbara Cottrell's
6808 Alameda Ave.
Long Beach, California
431-2445

Just a block east of Anaheim and Studebaker

**Plan to come and bring a friend or two. There will be a sign-up
sheet at our October Branch meeting.**

HELP KIDS EVERYWHERE: THINK UNICEF for CARD & GIFTS

Contributed by Valorie Hafner for Helen Sebring, International Relations

UNICEF and greeting cards go together in our minds. AND for unique global gifts and holiday ornaments please remember to shop at the nearby UNICEF International Gift Shop! All profits go to Unicef's children's health and education projects. AAUW is a UNICEF Affiliate organization.

The **UNA/UNICEF** Center is located at:

2428 N. Grand Ave, Santa Ana (1 ½ blocks south of the #22 in Grovemont Square)
Hours: M-F: 10-4:30 and Sat: 10-4:00 Open Sundays in November and December

You are especially invited to two special events:

“A TASTE OF THE WORLD”

Open House, **Sunday, September 26** 4 – 6 p.m.

This is an opportunity for a preview, purchasing unique hand arts, and appetizers. You will find a new selection of African and Indonesian carvings, Russian and Polish boxes, Indian bells, Central American creations, fabrics, ceramics jewelry, flags, and toys.

Annual *WINE or cider & CHEESE*

Sunday, October 31st 2:30 – 5 p.m.

A festive introduction of the new line of UNICEF holiday greetings and gifts, distinctive tree ornaments, a large collection of creches hand crafted in many countries, Advent cards, and books.

UNICEF TRICK OR TREAT boxes are available at the Center.

Families, as well as youth groups, can **help kids everywhere!** For more information: *Call 714-542-9743*

YOU ARE INVITED!

Source: aauw.org

The AAUW Educational Foundation presents **International Perspectives: Women Leading Change in Public Health and Technology**, a three-day program focusing on the intersection of public health and technology in regions where access to technology and knowledge of important health issues may vary.

- How does technology currently support public health? Can it do more?
- Why are women's formal and informal leadership roles important in the public health sphere?
- What issues and trends are emerging?

Established and emerging researchers, policy- makers and practitioners will convene to discuss these topics and more.

When: November 12 – 14

Where: Renaissance Washington, DC Hotel

Click on www.aauw.org/symposium to register today!

INTEREST GROUPS

Antiques and Collectibles	Meeting times TBA		Barbara Gleason	421-2206
Book Chat Plus*	4 th 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 st Monday	1 – 3 p.m.	Linda Patton	402-6831
Other Wednesday Bridge*	1 st , 3 rd Wednesday	12 – 4 p.m.	Emily Elgin	498-4646
			Marlys Pfrimmer	598-4161
Wall Street Watchers*	1 st Thursday	1 - 3 p.m.	Dorothy Anderson	597-7645
Day Gourmet	Meeting times TBA		Elizabeth Jackson	494-0979
Film Fans	Meeting times TBA		Carol Waechter	

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

Friday Bridge
Saturday Bridge

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

AAUW BRANCH MEETING
Saturday, October 2, 2004
Khoury's Restaurant
110 Marina Drive
Long Beach, CA 90803

Networking: 8:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
Breakfast: 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Clean-up/Break: 9:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Business Meeting: 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Program: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Menu: Eggs Florentine in Puff Pastry
Khoury's Potato
Fresh Fruit
Croissants
Coffee and Orange Juice Service

Cost: \$16

Joann Kuroda (562) 429-6923

RESERVATION RETURN:

Send your registration and check payable to AAUW, Long Beach Branch. Please mail to: **Flo Pickett, 2919 Studebaker, Long Beach, CA 90815**

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS:

Friday, September 24, 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 _____

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