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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ellen Mathis, Co-President

Springtime brings us to the time of the AAUW CA State Convention, this year in Southern California at the Riverside Convention Center. Dianne and I attended last year's in Sacramento and came home with renewed enthusiasm for AAUW's mission. I am sure this year will be no different. We also hope to work in a little time for some antique shopping with historic downtown Riverside so close to the convention site. We had fun doing that in Sacramento.

We are reminded with the AAUW Education Foundation research released in January; *Gains in Learning, Gaps in Earnings*, that college educated women still earn only 72% of what college educated men earn. The research data is online and features an interactive map for all states with California one of four states with a detailed profile. The part of our mission -- promoting equity for all women and girls -- still has lots of work ahead before being attained. Our Branch LAF presentation this year brought home that equity and discrimination issues in higher education still plague us as well.

Our branch's work with middle school girls is a way to help overcome these work related equity issues for women and girls. One of the comments from our January Math/Science Career Conference attendees was, "Don't give up. Be persistent. Work at something you enjoy." A past Tech Trek camper at our branch meeting said, "It was cool to stay on campus and see what college is like." We are sending four more 7th grade girls this summer! At a Mentor/Mentee Saturday program this year, we learned what things to consider when creating a business. The breakout groups identified steps to take in finance, marketing and

producing a product. We then created our bath salts and bracelets, sold them the next month and made a small profit!

Thank you to each of you in the branch for your various contributions of money and time to support the branch as it continues the work of AAUW's mission.

APRIL PROGRAM

Darlene Daclan, Program VP

Israeli-Palestinian Relations

The April Program will feature Dr. Brice Harris, Professor of Middle East History at Occidental College. Dr. Harris will discuss the Israeli-Palestinian situation -- their relations and the opportunities for peace.

Dr. Harris received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Swarthmore College. He went on to receive his Master of Arts degree and Ph.D from Harvard University. Dr. Harris has also received Fulbright Scholarships to Cuttington College in Liberia, University College in Bahrain, King Abdul Aziz University in Saudi Arabia, and Sultan Qaboos University in Oman. A professor at Occidental College since 1965, he often teaches courses on The Modern Middle East, North Africa and Egypt, West and Central Africa, Egypt of the Pharaohs, and Model United Nations. Additionally, Dr. Harris has been a visiting professor to the Center for Arab Studies at American University in Cairo and has been the Resident Director of Occidental Abroad at American University and Cairo University. Major publications by Dr. Harris include: The United States and the Italo-Ethiopian Crisis, Tears in the Holy Land, and It All Started with Sheba.

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MISSION STATEMENT

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BRANCH NEWS

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Saturday, April 2, 2005

BOARD BRIEFS

Julie Mills, Co-Secretary

Regular business was conducted at the February 21st Executive Board Meeting.

Linda Patten moved that \$1,500 from the CD of \$47,000 due for renewal on 2/21/05 be withheld to augment the Building Fund shortfall. The balance of \$45,500 will be deposited into Imperial Capital Bank at a hoped for 3.5%. The motion was seconded.

Announcements:

- ⇒ Branch meeting: March 5 at the Petroleum Club (lunch)
- ⇒ AAUW State convention: April 22-24, 2005 in Riverside (Mission Inn)
- ⇒ LACIC Leadership Day: May 14 at Arcadia Community Center
- ⇒ Installation at the Reef: June 4
- ⇒ Association Convention: June 24-27, 2005 in Washington, D.C

COURTESY

Mary Orr, Courtesy Chair

Wishing Helen Gillis a quick repair of her broken right wrist. Birthday greetings to all April honorees. April showers bring May flowers--we should have a colorful Spring!

AAUW RESEARCH

MEMBERSHIP

Gail Morrison, Membership VP

Co-President Dianne Bradfield presented individual nosegays of daffodils to each of the past presidents honored at the March meeting of AAUW. They were: Virginia Contarsy, Barbara Gleason, Jean Aldrich, Fay Denny, Elsa-Karen Braden, Ellen Mathis, Judith Kaho, Jean Friedrichs, JoAnn Kuroda, Deloris Mayuga, Betty Ann Rauch, Vi Dwyer, Frances Magarian, Anne Graves, Jeanne Badgley, and Joan Gustafson. These past presidents were representatives from the years 1967 (Virginia Contarsy) to 2005 (Ellen Mathis served twice). Others who served twice were Fay Denny and Judith Kaho. Virginia Contarsy and Elsa-Karen Braden are both rejoining!

Over 45 members were in attendance at the Petroleum Club and enjoyed the informative performance by The Select Sorority - A "Herstory: Lesson of America's First Ladies.

VANTAGE ARTICLES

****The Vantage is Starving for Articles!****

Due to the printer's requirements, the Vantage can only be either 4 pages or 8 pages long. As you can see, this poses a problem with empty space if there are not enough articles submitted to the editor. So get those pens and notepads out, start tapping the keyboard on your computer, even whip out that old trusty typewriter, and get your AAUW news to the Vantage editor! No story is too small, no idea is too trivial! AAUW-Long Beach members want to hear what's going on with their local branch, what their members are doing, and what they can look forward to. The Vantage editor will even proofread your article for you, on the house!

Email your articles to Lisa Monteiro at lmonteiro@octa.net, mail it in to her at 1731 Martina Ave., Torrance, CA 90501, or even call it in to (562) 243-8165, by the 8th of each month.

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

CONNIE INSKEEP LEADERSHIP AWARD

Deloris Mayuga, Long-Range Planning Chair

Connie Inskeep was an outstanding leader in our Branch who held various offices and was President or Co-President of the Branch three times. In addition, she held leadership positions in LACIC and the California State AAUW. Her energy and love of AAUW were always inspirational.

The Leadership Award was begun in 1996-1997 year and is awarded to a branch member who exhibits qualities of leadership, which meet the following criteria:

1. Demonstrated leadership in the Branch that is consistent with the mission of AAUW, i.e. promotes equity for women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change.
2. Demonstrated leadership the Los Angeles Interbranch Council or LA District level.
3. Demonstrated leadership at the AAUW California or Association level.

Any of the criteria listed above solely or in combination is acceptable for a nomination. Please make your nomination and list the areas of leadership that qualify your nominee for this award.

IMPORTANT: NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY APRIL 15, 2005

Please send your nomination to Daphne Ching-Jackson. The previous recipients of this award are: JoAnn Kuroda, Joyce Clark, Jean Aldrich, Judith Kaho, Fay Denny, Deloris Mayuga, and Daphne Ching-Jackson.

EFFICACIOUS, EBULLIENT, EFFICIENT - EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Jere Millington and Barbara Cottrell

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

Thanks so much to those of you who are still contributing to EF! Although we were able to send in the \$5,000.00 to establish our own Long Beach Branch Research and Projects Grant, we still have quite a way to go in the next fifteen (!) years to reach the \$35,000.00 needed to be able to use the interest for local applicants.

Special thanks to the AAUW Long Beach Bridge Marathon for their generous contribution of \$268.00.
We are most grateful!

Thanks, too, to Helen Sebring for so graciously donating the money given to her for the use of her cabin to our EF fund, a total of \$500.00!

Our Bunco night brought in \$150.00! What a fun way to earn money!

We're still looking into a Ruby's night - more to come on this as soon as we know!

**American Association of University Women Educational Foundation presents
Women-of-Color as Educational Leaders:
A Career Pathways Conference**

Saturday, April 16, 2005

8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Wilshire Grand Hotel
930 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90017

As part of a national initiative to increase the numbers of women-of-color in educational leadership, the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Educational Foundation and [Syfr Corporation](#) invite you to join us for a one-day conference on Saturday, April 16, 2005, at the Wilshire Grand Hotel in Los Angeles. Today in America a major pool of exceptional talent goes largely untapped as women are passed over or not encouraged to seek positions as principals and superintendents. Most notable is the scarcity of women-of-color in top leadership positions in education. *Log on to www.aauw.org for all the details, including conference speakers and registration!*

PUBLIC POLICY

Betty Ann Rauch, Public Policy Director

SB840, The California Health Insurance Reliability Act (CHIRA) was introduced in the State Senate by Senator Sheila Kuehl. This is the newly formulated version of SB921. Senate Pro Tempore Don Perata has joined as a co-author as have Senator Deborah Ortiz, chair of the Senate Health Committee and Assemblymember Wilma Chan, chair of the Assembly Health Committee. The bill will cover every Californian with comprehensive health insurance and guarantee their right to choose their own physician, while containing healthcare cost inflation. By slashing the administrative costs of health insurance and utilizing California's purchasing power to buy prescription drugs and medical equipment in bulk, CHIRA will save an estimated \$25 billion, in the first year alone, in statewide spending.

CHIRA is based on a model put forward, in a study released this January, by the Lewin Group, an independent firm with 18 years experience in healthcare cost analysis. According to the Lewin Group model, it is possible to insure all state residents with full coverage that includes medical, dental, vision, hospitalization and prescription drug benefits, and that is based on a high standard for quality, by streamlining the process of reimbursement. Means-based premiums, assessed according to income and payroll, would replace all premiums, deductibles, co-pays and out-of-pocket expenses. The vast majority of individuals, families and businesses that pay for insurance would save money while receiving better coverage.

A new report released by Boston University entitled "Health Costs Absorb One-Quarter of Economic Growth", indicates that about 50% of health care spending is wasted on unnecessary administration costs, insurance company profits, and excessive pharmaceutical prices in the U.S., in excess of \$950 billion a year.

There is a broad coalition of organizations, unions, and associations who have expressed support for CHIRA but it is anticipated that a massive campaign of misinformation will be conducted if it appears that SB840 is headed for passage.

There will be a Public Policy Committee meeting at the home of Jean Aldrich, 7970 Ring Street, Long Beach 90808 on Wednesday, March 30 at 1:30 pm. We will be reviewing the California AAUW bill package for the 2005-2006 legislative session. It will be hot off the presses! EVERYONE is welcome.

A VICTORY FOR EQUITY

Lou Es Greene, LAF Co-VP

Washington, D.C.: LAF celebrates a victory in the battle for gender equality and Title IX enforcement. This case clearly demonstrates the need to educate many schools of their obligations under Title IX to ensure that there is no sex discrimination impeding or preventing students from receiving the education they deserve.

Kimberly Howard, a former student in the culinary arts program at Bishop State Community College in Mobile, Alabama, sued the college for its failure to respond to her complaint of sexual harassment that she was subjected to by one of her instructors. Title IX prohibits sexual discrimination and requires the school to investigate and remedy complaints in educational programs that receive federal funding.

Howard reported that the head of the Culinary Arts Program made unsolicited and unwanted sexual advances toward her in his classroom and more overtly and persistently when in his office. After an even more egregious incident, she never returned to any of his classes.

A highly detailed report of these incidents was submitted to the Director of Human Resources. In lieu of investigation as required by Title IX, she was informed that her schedule could be arranged so that she would not have any more classes with the department head. It quickly became clear that Howard could not complete her degree in Culinary Arts without taking some classes from her harasser. The solution then presented to her was for her to change to a different degree program.

She filed suit under Title IX, which requires that, at the very least, the school must investigate the situation. They are also expected to find a viable remedy. The jury awarded her \$285,000 in damages. (No evidence is given of any action to change the behavior of the harasser.) It is reported, however, that the school could not understand how the jury could find the school liable under Title IX!!!

We still have a lot of work to do, as equity is still an issue!!

(This material was excerpted from "Tenure Denied", a joint publication of AAUW Educational Foundation and AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund. Two copies of the little but very comprehensive book is available from Lou Es Greene, LAF Co-VP. Just ask and I will get one to you!)

GAINS IN LEARNING, GAPS IN EARNINGSSource: www.aauw.org*How many women have a college education?**How many women are enrolled in college?**What gains have women made in fields traditionally dominated by men?**Does a college education matter?**Have women's investment in education closed the gender wage gap?*

Do these questions spark a curiosity inside you? Find out all the answers and more about women's educational gains and the gender earnings gap at www.aauw.org!

TECH TREK

TECH TREK MATH/SCIENCE CAMP FOR GIRLS

Tech Trek Committee

Many thanks to all of you who supported our four Trekkers this year-we surpassed our goal of \$2500 and have enough left over to send one camper next year! Our generous 2005 donors are:

Anne Graves Bernice Woolley Betty Ann Rauch Betty Thompson
Carolyn Breihan Daphne Ching-Jackson Darlene Daclan
Deloris Mayuga Dianne Bradfield Dorothy Anderson
Ellen Mathis Emily Elgin Fay Denny Frances La Mar Frances Rozner
Gail Morrison George Jackson Helen Gillis Helen Sebring
Jean Aldrich Jean Friedrichs Joan Gustafson JoAnn Kuroda Joanne O'Neill
Joyce Blasneck Judy Logue Kee DeBoer Linda Patten
Linda Silver Lisa Monteiro Lois Malone Lou Es Greene
Lynn Shrum Mary Riddick Miriam Garland Norma Grady
Norma Mayfield Pat Sargeant Ruth Graham Samantha Rigley
Tina Goldsmith anonymous donor

The essay title for this year's contest was "How can women positively influence the world of science, math, and/or technology?" Here are a few excerpts, gently edited, from the essays submitted by our selected attendees: Katy Brown, Carla Contreras, Dominique Johnson, and Monica Lopez, respectively:

"Women use math everyday, especially when they go shopping. When women go shopping, they have to calculate if the clothes they are trying to buy are half-off or not."

"Some women give up because they think men are better at math, science, and technology. If we try, we can do it! For an example, my mom wanted to be a medical assistant and I was really proud of her. Now I want my mom to be proud of me like I was proud of her when she tried her best and she became a medical assistant."

"Women can be teachers, doctors, scientists, and group leaders. They can design technology to help children get a better education."

"The last thing I would like to say is that it will hopefully encourage me as well as the other girls to keep going on pursuing our dreams and making them come true."

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 Patten	402-6831
Other Wednesday Bridge*	1 st , 3 rd Wednesday	12 – 4 p.m.	Emily Elgin	498-4646
			Marlys Pfrimmer	598-4161
Friday Bridge	Every Friday	9:30 a.m. – noon	Cathy Cunningham	424-3166
Wall Street Watchers*	1 st Thursday	1 - 3 p.m.	Dorothy Anderson	597-7645
Day Gourmet	Meeting times TBA			533-0941
Film Fans	Meeting times TBA		Carol Waechter	598-3850

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

Saturday Bridge

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

AAUW BRANCH MEETING
Saturday, April 2, 2005
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 Mushroom and Lobster in Puff Pastry
 Queen Mary Potatoes
 Fresh Fruit
 Croissants
 Coffee and orange juice service

Cost: \$16

JoAnn Kuroda (562) 429-6923

Please request vegetarian meal at time of registration.

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:
Saturday, March 26, 2005

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.**

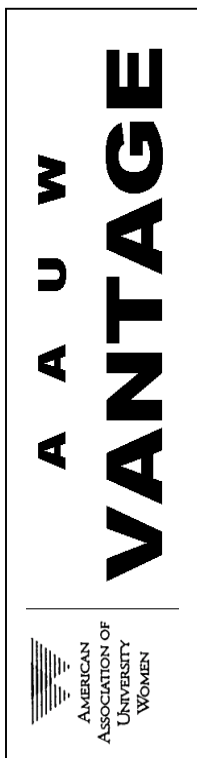
Vegetarian Meal preferred _____

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17	18 BOARD MEETING	19	20 Golf @ Bixby 8:30 a.m. Other Wed Bridge 12-4 p.m.	21	22 Friday Bridge 9:30 a.m. – noon	23
24	25 Book Chat Plus 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	26	27 Golf @ Bixby 8:30 a.m.	28	29 Friday Bridge 9:30 a.m. – noon	30

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