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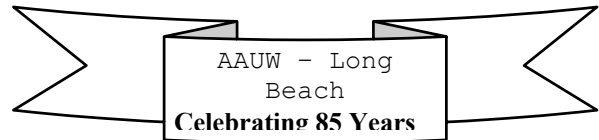
AAUW-LONG BEACH VANTAGE

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October Program

Flo Pickett, Program VP



Dr. Mihri Ozkan

The first program of the 85th anniversary year of LB-AAUW will be held Sat, October 1, 2005 at **Café Camellia in Bellflower.**

Our featured speaker will be Dr. Mihri Ozkan, the 2005 Emerging Scholar of AAUW and a San Diego resident. Emerging Scholar is an award recognizing early professional achievement of an untenured woman scholar who has demonstrated excellence in research and teaching and exhibits a commitment to women's issues in the profession or in the community.

Dr. Ozkan received her M.S. in Science and Engineering from Stanford University and her Ph.D. from UC-San Diego. She is currently Asst. Professor of Electrical Engineering at U.C. Riverside, with a research focus in nanotechnology and its application in biology and engineering. She will tell us about her field and its importance in today's society.

In addition to being named Emerging Scholar by AAUW, a few of her other awards and honors include "Regents Faculty Excellence Award" – 2001 and 2004, "Visionary Science Award" – 2003, "Technical Ingenuity Award" and "Research Leadership Award" – 2003. The Virtual Journal of Nanoscale Science and Technology recognized Dr. Ozkan's research as "frontier research". She is published in science journals, newspapers, and online websites.

We are looking forward to learning new things, hearing from an AAUW Emerging Scholar, and meeting and hearing the personal story Dr. Mihri Ozkan on Sat Oct 1st. Please join us and bring your friends to hear an interesting speaker and a successful university woman and scholar.

Café Camillia is a well established restaurant in Bellflower specializing in contemporary French Cuisine. It's the favorite of many food connoisseurs, and it is easy to find at 16916 Bellflower Blvd.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
MISSION STATEMENT

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



A Small Request

Betty Thompson & Norma Grady, Co-Presidents

Help! We have been told that Joyce Clark at some time in the past wrote a history of the Long Beach Branch. We would love to read Joyce's work, but we cannot find a copy. Does anyone have a copy that you could share with us? If so, please call one of us.

Courtesy

Mary Orr, Courtesy Chair

Congratulations to Bernard and Barbara Gleason on their 50th (golden) anniversary. They celebrated in grand style with many relatives and friends. Time stood still as Bernie and Barbara gracefully danced the first dance.

Birthday greetings to all October honorees!

Life is like salsa. The more spices you add, the better the flavor.

New Members Interest Section

JoAnn Kuroda, Orientation Chair

A New Members Interest Group will be forming this year. The members will have the opportunity to become better acquainted with each other and how they can get involved in a nationwide organization that can be fun and educational. Please call me at (562) 429-6923 if you have any questions.

Vantage Correction – Cultural Interests Representative

Betty Thompson, Co-President

Our Cultural Interests Representative is Jean Friedrichs. She has already been working for us. A dinner and play evening in August was enjoyed by about twenty people. Jean presented the EF chairs with a check for \$150 donation from that evening's receipts.

Board Briefs

Sunelei Meylor, Secretary

The AAUW Board of Directors met on August 6, 2005. Regular Board business was conducted. The following motions were passed:

- That money raised from the membership Garden Party door prize raffle be allocated to the Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund equally.
- By direction of the Educational Foundation Committee, it was moved that the fundraisers will be 50/50 donation at Branch meetings; Bunco night at Barbara Cottrell's October 20; block of seats at Musical Theatre West; holiday shopping at Barnes and Noble Marina Pacifica November 17; purchase of Women's pins to sell at Branch meetings and Governors Conference October 27 and Silent Auction at Wassail in December.

October is Diversity Month!

Kate Hyland, Diversity Chair

(source: Press Telegram and the 2000 Census)

October is Diversity Month, which has a special interest to people in this area. After the 2000 Census, Long Beach was described as the most ethnically diverse city of its size in the United States. At that time, the population was 461,522. Of that, the percentage of non-Latino Caucasians was 45.2, Latinos 35.8, African Americans 12.9, Asians 12.2, Pacific Islanders 1.2, American Indian .8. The newspaper article further stated that the Wrigley area of Long Beach was the most ethnically balanced neighborhood in Southern California. This diversity enriches the community as a whole and gives us many opportunities to become better acquainted with other cultures.

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

****IMPORTANT: Changes to Membership Requirements****

Darlene Daclan & Lisa Monteiro, Membership Co-VP's

As amended by the delegates to the 2005 Convention, the AAUW Bylaws now admit to membership "a graduate holding an associate or equivalent...degree from a qualified educational institution." For all the details, log on to: http://www.aauw.org/member_center/membershipcriteria2005.cfm

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Gail Morrison and Joan Gustafson, Educational Foundation Co-VP's

PURPOSE POWER PROGRESS

By now, those who attended the GARDEN PARTY may have purchased a new pin designed by LUCINDA. Behind every pin is a LUCINDA and she is a real person. Here is her heartwarming story.

After two years of being homeless, I created a simple pin in the shape of a house as a fund-raiser for the homeless. These pins were a huge success. They not only raised money for my local homeless shelter, but more importantly, they created a greater awareness for the issues surrounding homelessness. For the next few years, I continued to make House Pins and was inspired to create additional pin designs representing several other challenging social issues we face. I could not believe how my small idea of giving back took on a life of its own. Over the years, Designs By Lucinda has helped thousands of non-profit organizations. The millions of dollars raised helped to create positive change in the lives of those they serve.

Thank you for your pin purchase. You have changed the AAUW world "One Pin at a Time!"

SAVE THE DATES!!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Anne Les, AAUW CA EF VP writes that California again, is #1 in donations to the Educational Foundation and the Legal advocacy Fund. AAUW CA members can be proud of their continued excellent support for EF & LAF.

We are very grateful for your support of our Educational Foundation!

October 1

Tax-deductible cash donations at the EF General Meeting. Please make your check out to AAUW Long Beach EF. Thank you for your generous donation. Categories are:
Century Club - \$100
2nd Century Club - \$200
Chocolate Club - \$300
Equity Circle - \$500

November 17

Barnes and Noble, Marina Pacifica

Holiday shopping from 3 to 8:00 p.m. Look for the green "Bookfair Vouchers" to be used while shopping to give credit to EF. Last year we got a check for \$250.00 from Barnes and Noble.

Start Making Those Book Lists!!

October 20

Bunco Night

\$10.00 per person. 6:30 p.m. at Barbara Cottrell's Home 562-431-2445

November 13

Musical Theatre West

"The King and I"

matinee, 2:00 p.m. Carpenter Center, CSULB.

Tickets: \$40.00. (That's a \$2.00 savings!!) Contact Joan (562 439-3130 or Gail (562 438-0597) to make your reservations. Remember to invite your family and friends.



Member Spotlight – Darlene Daclan
Kate Hyland, Diversity Chair



Darlene Daclan has been a member of AAUW for three years. Currently serving as membership co-chair with Lisa Monteiro, she has also been the Vantage editor and Program V.P. Darlene has a BA in Liberal Studies/History from Cal State Long Beach, and a Master’s Degree in Business Administration. She is employed by the California State University System and works in the Chancellor’s Office, where she implements admission’s software to the CSU campuses. Darlene finds her position interesting, learning how the twenty-three different campuses operate and meeting people from all over the State. While she spent much of her childhood in Virginia, she attended Stephens Junior High and Poly High schools in Long Beach.

An enthusiastic traveler, Darlene will visit Italy in October. Her favorite travel destinations are New York, and Hawaii. She has enjoyed traveling in the United States and Europe and particularly loved a trip to Paris.

In addition to travel, Darlene has a wide variety of interests. One of her favorite activities is reading. She also enjoys Broadway shows and shopping. An avid sports fan, Darlene watches college and pro sports events of all kinds. In each of the last four years, she has walked or run in a 5K event.

Original and creative, Darlene enjoys scrap booking, making scrapbooks for others, rubber stamping, and created greeting cards using rubber stamps. With her sister she has planned theme family holidays with original games and prizes.

Some facts about Darlene that may not be well known: she has an extensive Hello Kitty collection, eats candy bars with a fork, and can't use chop sticks. (It's reassuring to find there's something she can't do) The enthusiasm, energy and creativity Darlene has brought to AAUW have been an asset to the Long Beach branch.

AAUW-California – November Special Election Positions

Betty Ann Rauch, Public Policy Director

AAUW California **OPPOSES** Proposition 74, the Teacher Tenure Initiative, and Proposition 76, the School and State Funding Constitutional Amendment. Both propositions were placed on the ballot through the initiative process at the urging of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Proposition 74

This initiative would increase the length of time required to become a permanent employee from two complete school years to five (applying to teachers whose probationary period commenced during or after the 2003-2004 fiscal year). School boards would also be authorized to dismiss a permanent teaching employee who receives two consecutive unsatisfactory performance evaluations. Claiming “it is still virtually impossible” for unsatisfactorily performing teachers to be dismissed, the Governor says, “Once California public school teachers have completed just two years on the job, they are virtually guaranteed a job for life”. This claim is untrue, as the California Education Code already presents a long list of grounds to dismiss any teacher, including “unsatisfactory performance”. Such a drastic change to tenure rules would eliminate a district’s authority to decide what constitutes “unsatisfactory performance. Such a drastic change to tenure rules would eliminate a district’s authority to decide what constitutes “unsatisfactory performance”, undermining local autonomy, and would make recruiting and retaining quality teachers more difficult, especially in schools that are already more difficult to staff.

PLEASE VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION 74!

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AAUW-California – November Special Election Positions
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Proposition 76

This initiative would change the state minimum school financing requirement of the voter-approved Proposition 98, permitting suspension of minimum funding, but terminating the repayment requirement. The provisions changing school funding formulas would make school funding more subject to annual decisions of state policymakers and less affected by a constitutional funding guarantee. Calling this “The Live Within Our Means Act”, the Governor has campaigned for this initiative claiming it will “stabilize education funding”.

However, the California Teachers Association believes it “would gut the voter-approved education funding requirement in Prop 98 and would give the Governor new powers to cut school funding even more without consulting anyone else. This is an especially dangerous measure because it is a constitutional amendment and would be very difficult to change once approved by the voters.

PLEASE VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION 76!

Tech Trek Math/Science Camp for Girls

Tech Trek Committee

This summer approximately 500 7th grade girls attended the AAUW Tech Trek Math/Science camp at various locations throughout California. The Long Beach Branch sponsored four campers this year to attend the Whittier Campus. Tech Trek committee members, Linda Patten and Betty Thompson posed a few questions to our returning campers. Here are a few responses to those questions:

Katy Brown said her most valuable experience at camp was learning about business finance and putting stocks together. She has changed her long-range college goal from a degree in veterinary medicine to a degree in business. Katy said her biggest surprise at camp was finding that she was required to speak in front of a large group.

Monica Lopez said her most valuable experience was learning about things she did not even know existed! She said she learned the most new information in the “Body Works” class and her favorite hands-on activity was operating the chicken leg (fun & creepy).

Carla Contreras enjoyed learning “How to Start a Store” (she went broke and lost the business). She also enjoyed dissecting an owl pellet with toothpicks to find more than a thousand bird bones! Carla’s most valuable experience was learning the importance of teamwork. She said she would like to flunk Tech Trek so she could go again next year!

All three girls said they would change nothing about the camp. They each made many new friends, enjoyed the dorm life experience, and thought the counselors and dorm Moms were wonderful and very inspirational. More importantly, they each plan on doing well in school in order to achieve their college goals!

Many thanks to all of you who supported our four Trekkers this year – this remarkable experience will produce ongoing benefits in each of their lives.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Betty Thompson and Norma Grady, Co-Presidents



"First you are young, then you are middle-aged, then you are old, then you are wonderful!" (Diane Cooper) Our Branch has reached that wonderful stage of life. For eighty-five years AAUW women in the Long Beach area have shown their devotion to making positive change in the lives of women and girls and the community. During the middle-aged period in the 1970's, we (Norma and Betty) met when we were the Door chairman and Greeter. We had a great time in various capacities and made life long friends. What a privilege it is to be a part of this group of people!

Our Branch is growing, our activities both service and social are expanding, but to continue we need you. Read this Vantage for areas of interest to you. Ask a Board member about the opportunities to get involved or call us. There are tasks at all level of involvement. Please help. I promise you will find AAUW a wonderful avenue of service and friendship.

So what did our Branch do as a youngster in the 1920s?

It formed committees: Membership, Programs, Rooms and Arrangements, Social, Legislation, Welfare, Press, and Reception. They mostly sound familiar, don't they? (But what was Reception about?) In 1921 the Branch began the tradition of raising money to encourage young women to seek a college education. What began as the Bertha Brown Fisk Scholarship Loan Fund soon provided stipends, and evolved into the variety of funds supporting education for women and girls in our wonder years.

Three kinds of membership were available: National, Associate, and College. Each was based on different levels of college work completed.

The Branch had fun. Their 1927 Christmas party at the California Club cost \$1.75 each—174 attended. That same year they held monthly Four o'clock Book Review for members. During the 1922-23 year, they held a series of 28 scholarship teas besides their regular meetings, perhaps a little much, as no teas were listed the next year.

Programs varied. The Pasadena Theater Players returned several times to present drama. Music programs were varied—a concert trio, an octette, the music of Early California, Novotny on Czechoslovakia and its music, frequent vocal solos. Speakers ranged from such writers as Sherwood Anderson and Carl Sandburg to editor Max Eastman, who spoke on "The Russian Soul and the Bolsheviks," to J. Malcolm Bird on "The Present Status of Spirit Phenomena." One topic was "Fitting into the 1920s." Just as do we, these women were adjusting to a rapidly changing world. Wouldn't you love to have eavesdropped on some of their discussions?

COMMUNITY

Elaine Babbush, Community Representative

Thanks to those who have contributed to Women Shelter and/or Bethune Transitional School. Your help is needed all year, so we hope you will continue to donate school supplies, clothing, toiletries and gift certificates.

If you leave things at the Headquarters and would like a receipt, be sure to leave your name with your donation. Please call Linda Moore at (714) 374-7443 and notify her so she can pick up the donations and deliver them where they are needed. Remember, she will pick up things at your home if you call her. Gift certificates for Target, Walmart and Payless Shoes are also appreciated and can be mailed to Linda at 19291 Champion Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92648.

Interest Groups

<u>Interest Group</u>	<u>Meeting Dates</u>	<u>Meeting Times</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
<u>Book Groups:</u>				
Book Chat Plus* 598-9218	4 th Monday	1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Jean Friedrichs	
Great Books	(Currently Full – Not Accepting New Members)		Linda Patten	402-6831
<u>Bridge Groups:</u>				
Other Wednesday Bridge*	1 st & 3 rd Wednesday	noon – 4:00 p.m.	Emily Elgin	498-4646
Friday Bridge	2 nd Friday	9:30 a.m. – noon	Cathy Cunningham	424-3166
<u>Miscellaneous Groups:</u>				
Antiques and Collectibles 421-2206	TBA	TBA	Barbara Gleason	
Golf at Bixby	Every Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Jean Friedrichs	598-9218
Wall Street Watchers*	1 st Thursday	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Dorothy Anderson	597-7645
Day Gourmet	4 th Thursday	noon	Evelyn Fram	433-0941
Film Fans 598-3850	TBA	TBA	Carol Waechter	

AAUW BRANCH MEETING Saturday, October 1, 2005 Café Camillia

16916 Bellflower Blvd.
Bellflower, CA 90706
(562) 866-2824

Networking: 10:00 – 10:15 a.m.
Business Meeting: 10:15 – 11:15 a.m.
Program: 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Lunch: 12:15 – 1:15 p.m.

Menu: Green salad with tempura shrimp
~or~
Ravioli stuffed with ricotta and spinach
Rolls, butter, beverage
Dessert (tiramisu)

Cost: \$25

Jean Friedrichs (562) 598-9218

RESERVATION RETURN:

Send your registration and check payable to AAUW,
Long Beach Branch. Please mail to:

Dorothy Anderson
2467 Charlemagne Ave
Long Beach, CA 90815

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS:
Saturday, September 24, 2005

Member(s) _____

Phone (Day) _____ Evening _____

Guest(s) _____

Address(s) _____

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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**AAUW-LONG BEACH
OCTOBER MEETINGS:**

Saturday, October 1, 10:15 a.m. – Branch Meeting @ Café Camellia in Bellflower
Monday, October 17, 7:00 p.m. – Executive Committee Meeting @ Betty Thompson's
Residence

CULTURAL INTERESTS

Jean Friedrichs, Cultural Interests Representative

All AAUW members are invited to hear Laura Hillman, author of "I Will Plant You a Lilac Tree" speak at the Los Alamitos-Rossmoor Library on Sunday October 9th at 3:00 PM. Mrs. Hillman will talk of her experiences during WW11. She is a Holocaust survivor and was on Schindler's List. I heard her talk to a large crowd of enthralled listeners recently at Border's Books. She is a delightful speaker and is eager to answer questions. She will also sign her books.

The Library is located at 12700 Montecito Road in Rossmoor behind the shopping center. Please call Jean at 598-9218 to make your reservation, as refreshments will be served.

Many thanks to those who bought tickets to "Educating Rita". Surprisingly we cleared \$150, which was given to the Educational Foundation. We are lucky to live in an area with so many cultural opportunities.

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AAUW-CA
Educational Foundation Luncheon
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Come Meet and Greet the Fellows & Recipients!

Sunday, November 6, 2005

12:30 p.m. Gathering

1 p.m. Lunch

Hilton Hotel
3050 Bristol Street
Costa Mesa, CA

RSVP Deadline – October 27th

Please make your check payable to AAUW-CA EF
\$37.50 for each reservation

RESERVATION FORM

Please print:

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Branch _____

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Address, including zip:

Please send form and check to:
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Sacramento, CA 95816-0067

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