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## HOLIDAY WASSAIL

*AAUW - Long Beach*  
**Celebrating 85 Years**  
1920-2005

### JOIN US!

Saturday, December 3  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Instead of a regular branch meeting, we are having our annual Holiday Wassail. Please see insert for directions and information.

See you there!

### SILENT AUCTION BENEFITING EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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

Don't forget the Silent Auction December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Wassail when we will be "auctioning" items with proceeds to go to Educational Foundation. There will be more chances to be a part of our fund raisers after the first of the year.

From the internet: Q. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers all have in common? A. All were invented by women.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Betty Thompson and Norma Grady, Co-Presidents



Those of us who were present at our October and November Branch meetings were privileged to hear speakers who demonstrated what AAUW is all about. Living evidence of the results of our fundraising was with us in the persons of our Emerging Scholar and our LAF recipient from Garden Grove. The Executive Director of the Long Beach Community Hispanic Association informed us of the services that agency provides to our Hispanic/Latino population. Avenues of service for assistance to needy women and children in Long Beach were described by our Community Chairperson. Learning opportunities for public policy issues and international relations were made available. Our hope is that in the coming New Year more of you will be able to join us at our Branch meetings.

We are thrilled to welcome our new members, their energy, and the new ideas they bring with them. Let's all gather at Vi Dwyer's home in December for the Wassail. We will celebrate our friendship and usher in the holiday season with good cheer.

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MISSION STATEMENT

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



# BRANCH NEWS



## January Branch Meeting

Saturday, January 7, 2006  
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon  
Imperial Mandarin Palace, Cerritos

Information about our next Branch meeting will be in the January 2006 Vantage. Reservation slips are in this issue and will also be in next month's issue.

## Courtesy

Mary Orr, Courtesy Chair

We were saddened to learn of the death of JoAnn Kuroda's mother. A condolence card was sent on our behalf.

Birthday greetings to all December honorees.  
Happy Holidays to all!

*God may have made Adam before Eve but he had to have a rough draft before the masterpiece!*

## Board Briefs

Sunelei Meylor, Secretary

The AAUW Executive Committee met on October 17, 2005. Regular business was conducted.

## White Space

Do you know what happens when the Vantage Editor doesn't receive enough articles? Empty space that needs to be filled! Please continue to send in your articles and information – anything that will be of interest to our members. Send your articles by the 8<sup>th</sup> of each month to Lisa Monteiro at [Imm1979@earthlink.net](mailto:Imm1979@earthlink.net).

## Interest Group News

### **Scrapbooking**

Interested in scrapbooking? You're in luck – a new interest group is starting up! Please call Darlene Daclan at 562-673-6909 or email her at [darlene\\_daclan@yahoo.com](mailto:darlene_daclan@yahoo.com) if you are interested in joining.

### **Book Chat Plus**

There is no meeting in December. Contact Jean Friedrichs at 562-598-9218.

### **Golf Group**

The group is no longer holding regular games. Contact Jean Friedrichs at 562-598-9218 if you are still interested in playing.

### **Cultural Interests**

Jean Friedrichs, Cultural Interests Representative

If your pocketbook is looking empty and you would like to know about a couple of FREE concerts, here is some information.

Los Altos United Methodist Church will hold a Christmas Concert entitled "Stars, Snow & Santa" for the whole family on Sunday, December 4 at 4:00 PM with choirs of all ages, lots of handbells, and a real live visit from Santa. Refreshments will follow. The address is 5950 E Willow in Long Beach.

The Los Alamitos-Rossmoor Library will feature a concert by the Los Alamitos High School Show Choir on Sunday December 11th at 3:00 PM. This good-looking, high spirited group led by Dr. Randi Carp is always a joy to watch and listen to. Call Jean Friedrichs to make your reservation as yummy refreshments will be served. The Library is located at 12700 Montecito, behind the Rossmoor Shopping Center.

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

# EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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

## **PURPOSE POWER PROGRESS**

For women who desired a college education in the 1880s, the cost of that education was a tremendous hurdle. In recognition of that, the AAUW awarded Ida Street the first Fellowship in 1888 with a stipend of \$850 to attend the University of Michigan. Our founding mothers believed education was the key to achieving equity for women. Those beliefs live today in the Education Foundation.

We are very grateful to our members who so generously contributed to the Long Beach California Branch Research and Projects Grant. This is a ten year endeavor so we appreciate all of the donations and participants in the fund raising activities. Following are the donations received this fall:

1 <sup>st</sup> Century Club		2 <sup>nd</sup> Century Club	Chocolate Club
Dianne Bradfield	JoAnn Kuroda	Deloris Mayuga	Jean Aldrich
Daphne Ching-Jackson	Frances Magarian	Linda Silver	Fay Denny
Barbara Cottrell	Jere Millington		Barbara Gleason
Kee DeBoer	Gail Morrison		Joan Gustafson
Norma Grady	Betty Ann Rauch		Ellen Mathis
Lou Es Greene	Betty Thompson		
Judith Kaho			

Other members who donated to our Grant were: Miriam Garland, Lois Malone, Julie Mills, Flo Pickett and Frances Rozner. A big thank you to them.

The middle of November finds us with two fund raisers: "King and I" on Nov. 13 and shopping at Barnes & Noble on the 17<sup>th</sup>. It is a pleasure to make plans for these fund raisers as we can rely on our usual enthusiastic members to take part.

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## **TO ALL GENEROUS AAUW DONORS TO LAF**

Helen Sebring and Lou Es Greene, Legal Advocacy Fund Co-VP's

If you missed the opportunity to donate to our really important fund, the Legal Advocacy Fund, at the meeting this month, you can do that important job now. Just cut out the form below, fill it out, and mail it to Lou Es Greene at 227 St. Joseph Ave., Long Beach, CA 90813, by the end of the month. And thanks for your contribution!

### **AAUW-CA LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND DONOR FORM**

*I want to support women fighting for equity in higher education with a donation of:*

\_\_\_ \$25      \_\_\_ \$50      \_\_\_ \$100      \_\_\_ \$250      \_\_\_ Other

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Branch \_\_\_\_\_

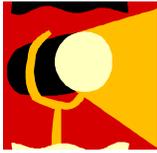
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City and Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_

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Designate my donation to:    \_\_\_ Any LAF litigant or program    \_\_\_ California litigants or programs

Your contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Submit by December 1 for crediting.



## Member Spotlight – Lisa Monteiro

Kate Hyland, Diversity Chair



Lisa Monteiro has been a member of AAUW for three years. She has been Audit Committee Chair, she's in her second term as Vantage editor, and she is currently Membership Co-V.P. with Darlene Daclan. Additionally, Lisa joined the Mentor Program with Darlene last year. Lisa and Darlene have been friends since the mid 1990's when Lisa was Darlene's student assistant at DeVry University. Darlene was instrumental in getting Lisa to join AAUW.

A CPA, Lisa has a BS in accounting from DeVry and is currently enrolled in an MBA program at CSULB. She is employed by the Orange County Transportation Authority's Internal Audit Department. Prior to her employment there, she worked for a CPA firm. This involved very long hours and frequent work on week-ends. With this firm, she estimates that she spent about 50% of the year traveling, mostly out of state.

Now that Lisa no longer travels on business very much, she is beginning to travel for fun. She has visited New York, New Orleans, and the Dominican Republic this past last year. She had a two-week vacation to Miami planned, but after Hurricane Katrina, she decided to instead spend the time helping victims of the hurricane. She has had Red Cross training, and has spent time helping victims of the hurricane with their taxes.

In her limited leisure time, Lisa is an avid reader, often reading three books at a time, and she particularly enjoys science fiction, legal mysteries, and thrillers. She also enjoys movies, shopping, and watching football and baseball on TV. Wrapping presents creatively is the latest skill she has acquired. The Long Beach AAUW Branch is fortunate that Lisa Monteiro shares her time and talents with us.

## Membership Update

Lisa Monteiro, Membership Co-VP

What an exciting start to our new membership year! We've already had 16 new members join our Branch this year. JoAnn Kuroda graciously hosted a new members gathering at her home in November. We had a chance to get to know some of our new members and what their interests are. Another social for new members is being planned for early next year; all new members are encouraged to join! Thanks to JoAnn and Fay Denny for cooking up such a delicious dinner. The evening was not only fun, but productive as well – the group came up with a great idea for a new interest group! In the next Vantage issue, look for information on the newly-forming Cultural Cuisine Interest Group. The plan is to meet every other month for a chance to taste foods from various countries. Think of how exciting it will be!

At our next Branch event, stop by and introduce yourself to our newest members! If you know anyone who might be interested in joining our wonderful Branch, forward their contact information to Lisa Monteiro at [lm1979@earthlink.net](mailto:lm1979@earthlink.net) or Darlene Daclan at [Darlene\\_daclan@yahoo.com](mailto:Darlene_daclan@yahoo.com) and we will get in touch with them.

Don't forget, you can always bring a friend to a Branch meeting!

Our new members have so much to offer our Branch;  
let's show them what makes us great!

## WAR AND PEACE

Norma Grady, Co-President

**1940:** While war raged in Europe and China, Long Beach Branch surveyed members' qualifications, interests, and capabilities in preparation for defense work. When the British Federation of University Women asked for temporary homes for their children, 15 members responded with offers.

Women had many interests – in the last year of peace the Branch learned that red is a dangerous color, especially for older women. But most program topics reflected more serious concerns: *Books Banned as Subversive; Recreation for Youth in Stressful Times; News and Views of Washington; Mexico—Good or Bad Neighbor.*

Then came December 7, 1941 – and everything *really* changed. The Branch adjusted and combined programs as members were occupied with First Aid, Red Cross, and other demands. Recent Grads' activities were limited, for most members were now employed. Meetings were switched from evening to afternoon because of the blackout. Programs were held at locations reachable by bus.

The Social Studies Committee established a Consumer Service Center with information on rationing and price controls, for example. They located and investigated suitable rooms for incoming defense workers. Together with AWVS the Branch opened a cottage and garden on Atlantic as a gathering place for servicewomen. The Finance Committee invested \$1702 of the reserve fund in war bonds.

But busy as they were, members continued to focus on traditional AAUW concerns – undertaking a survey of the arts in Long Beach, protesting as discriminatory the proposed removal of the Los Angeles postmistress. Interest groups kept going – the Creative Music group undertook a seminar in composition and critical analysis – and bridge overcame all obstacles.

As least as early as 1940 the Branch was showing concern over contemptuous attitudes by Americans toward racial minorities. Through programs and projects, more than ten years before the civil rights movement emerged on the national scene, the local Branch raised awareness in this area—in 1943, for example, they worked on an analysis of racial prejudice in Long Beach.

As the war ended, programs shifted to concerns of the postwar world: the U.N., the Arab-Jewish question in Palestine, legal status of women, what's happening in Hollywood, and fashion.

On May 24, 1940, the status of the Branch had changed, as Articles of Incorporation were signed. In 1947 came the first dues increase – to \$5, and then in 1949 to \$10 – postwar inflation kicking in?

Throughout the 40s, the Branch continued to raise money for EF and for local scholarships. Two special categories of members were the Recent Grads group and the Juniors. Each met twice a month, once for business, and once for bridge. Recent Grads worked on social welfare projects, while the Juniors served as a Building Fund committee. In 1949, using money raised from fashion shows, benefits, and other projects, they bought a lot to build on – Garden section to do the landscaping. With over 500 members, the Branch was looking ahead. So what next?



# COMMUNITY

Elaine Babbush, Community Representative

As you are shopping for the holidays, please keep the WomenShelter and Bethune Transitional School in mind.

Bethune hopes to give each child a pillow, pillowcase and fleece blanket. The WomenShelter needs new clothing for women and children in all sizes and gifts for children of all ages, including dolls, blocks, puzzles, arts and crafts supplies, and children's books. A complete list of things that would be greatly appreciated can be found at the AAUW website ([www.aauw-longbeach.org](http://www.aauw-longbeach.org)).

You may call me, Elaine Babbush, (562 431-1232) if you want to drop things off at my home or Linda Moore (714 374 7443) if you need items picked up. If you leave things at our headquarters, please call Linda so she can pick them up there.

There are many opportunities to help our community as a volunteer. RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer program) can assist you in finding a way for you to help others. The number to call for more information is 562 506-2801.

## Mentor Program Kick-off Event

Ellen Mathis, Immediate Past Co-President

The Mentoring program started this year with a team building session. We met at the Rock Gym on Willow St in Signal Hill. Both Mentees and Mentors tackled the rock walls with much success and later broke into two teams of 8 to measure our teamwork skills. We had to strategize how we would tackle each of several tasks. One required us to put team members through a hanging hoop with all starting on one side and ending up on the other! Another had a team standing on a 12" wide board (2 feet off the ground) and assisting the mentees around us to the other end with no one falling off! And yet another, had the team all on one 3' square box, walking across that 12" wide board to another 3' box, picking up the board and placing it between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> box and all walking across! We cheered our success as both teams make the grade.

This year we have two new 7<sup>th</sup>-grade girls along with new mentors and another new mentor stepping in to mentor an 8<sup>th</sup>-grader whose mentor could not continue.

Pictured are Linda Cabrera with Adriana Ramirez and Erin Blake with Kimsoppa Chan.

## Our Newest Mentors and Mentees



Erin Blake and Kimsoppa Chan



Linda Cabrera and Adriana Ramirez

# PUBLIC POLICY

Betty Ann Rauch, Public Policy Chair

Last March the California State Public Policy Committee met and took a position on nearly forty (40) bills. Those that AAUW opposed never made it out of their chamber of origin. Some of the bills that were supported did not make it out of the Appropriations Committee due to lack of available funds. SB 840, the Single Payer Health Care Bill, will undoubtedly be resubmitted in the next legislative session with some additional revisions. The following bills are those that were supported by AAUW and that made it through both houses of the 2005 legislature and sent to the governor's desk.

Governor Schwarzenegger **signed** the following bills:

**AB22 (Lieber) Human Trafficking in California:** A comprehensive anti-trafficking bill to protect victims, prosecute trafficking and prevent human trafficking in California.

**AB405 (Montanez) School Pesticide Use:** Under the Healthy Schools Act of 2000, the use of pesticide treatment under certain conditions would be limited.

**AB1288 (Chu) Court Orders:** Would require a court to issue an order to a domestic violence defendant to relinquish his/her firearms and expands access to existing gun registration records to holders of DV restraining orders.

**SB 644 (Ortiz) Dispensing Prescriptions:** Would require a licensed pharmacist to dispense drugs and devices (contraceptives) unless he/she has notified employer of ethical, moral or religious grounds for refusing and his/her objection can be reasonably accommodated.

**SB 484 (Midgen) CA Safe Cosmetics Act of 2005:** Requires cosmetic manufactures to disclose ingredients in their products to the CA State Department of Health Services known by the state to cause cancer or birth defects.

Governor Schwarzenegger **vetoed** the following bills from our 2005 bill package:

**AB 73 (Frommer) Prescription Drug Importation Procurement:** Would establish the California RX Prescription Drug Web Site Program.

**AB 169 (Oropeza) Gender Pay Equity:** Would increase damages obtainable upon bringing a successful civil action against an employee who has violated wage law.

**AB 723 (Chu) Public School Tolerance Instruction:** Would require instruction on tolerance to pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12.

**AB 855 (Bass) CalWORKS:** Would allow persons convicted of felony controlled substance crimes to regain eligibility for CalWORKS assistance and food stamps under certain circumstances.

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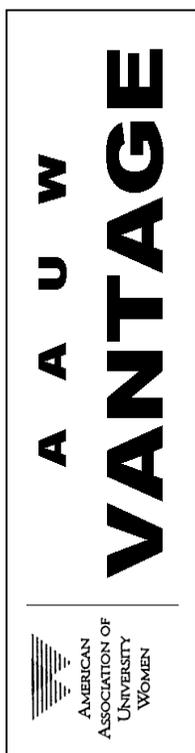
## Interest Groups

<u>Interest Group</u>	<u>Meeting Dates</u>	<u>Meeting Times</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
<b><u>Book Groups:</u></b>				
Book Chat Plus*	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Jean Friedrichs	598-9218
Great Books	(Currently Full – Not Accepting New Members)		Linda Patten	402-6831
<b><u>Bridge Groups:</u></b>				
Other Wednesday Bridge**	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	noon – 4:00 p.m.	Emily Elgin	498-4046
Friday Bridge	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday	9:30 a.m. – noon	Cathy Cunningham	424-3166
<b><u>Miscellaneous Groups:</u></b>				
Antiques and Collectibles	TBA	TBA	Barbara Gleason	421-2206
Golf at Bixby	(Not meeting – contact Jean)		Jean Friedrichs	598-9218
Wall Street Discussion Group*	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Dorothy Anderson	597-7645
Day Gourmet	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	noon	Evelyn Flam	433-0941
Film Fans	TBA	TBA	Carol Waechter	598-3850

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

\*\* Meets at the Petroleum Club, 3636 Linden Avenue, Long Beach, 90807

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