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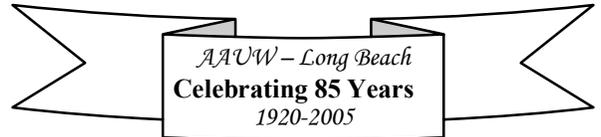
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DON'T WAIT TO BE ASKED!

Janet Krueger



Suppose you were our Nominating Committee Chairman and a member said to you, "You know, I'm pretty good with numbers and I could take on the Treasurer's job if you want"--wouldn't you be thrilled?! Well, let's each thrill Gail Morrison and Linda Patten as well as their committee by getting out our Yearbooks, looking at the list of Executive Committee positions to be filled next year, and finding one we think we could handle. Then contact Gail, Linda or a committee member and voila!--by volunteering you have taken a job you will enjoy rather than possibly being reluctantly drafted for one that was not your first choice.

Then will come the pleasure of working closely with and getting to know other Board and Branch members. Being active in AAUW can be fun, and members are surprised when I tell them that every office or chairmanship I have held in the Branch was one I volunteered for, including all the financial positions (some of them twice) and two terms as Membership VP. I especially enjoyed inaugurating a monthly Branch webpage to be used to attract new members.

After the new officers (including you?) are decided upon, the incoming President or co-Presidents have the task of lining up almost thirty appointed officers and administrative chairs. So let your eyes survey those jobs, too, and if you see one you like--volunteer! Don't be shy--if you're a new member or haven't had time to volunteer before now you probably have talents and abilities and interests that no one knows about--yet!

Although it has been four years since I have been well enough to actively participate in the Branch, I will always be grateful for all the good times and good friends that came my way in the previous years, and especially for the feeling of accomplishment I got from volunteering in AAUW. Now we need YOU. Try it--you'll like it! Just ask any current officer or chairperson, some of whom will be volunteering again next year.

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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
Old Ranch Country Club

The entrance is at the Baswood signal on
Lampson. We hope to see you there!

Courtesy

Mary Orr, Courtesy Chair

HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

"The world is so empty if one thinks only of
mountains, rivers and cities
But to know someone here and there who thinks
and feels with us
And who, though distant, is close to us in spirit
This makes the earth for us an inhabited
garden"
Gothe

Board Briefs

Sunelei Meylor, Secretary

The AAUW Board meeting met November 21,
2005. Regular business was conducted. The
following motions were passed:

That the issue of interest group that is not an
AAUW scheduled event be discussed at the
next bylaws committee meeting.

That we renew Ethyl Black/Irene Holmes C.D.
@ the new interest rate of at least 4.60% for
one year at a bank to be determined. The
chosen bank will have the highest rate and the
closest proximity possible.

Interest Group News

Cultural Cuisine – Peruvian

We are pleased to announce the first meeting of the
Cultural Cuisine group. We will meet for dinner at
a Peruvian restaurant in the Long Beach area on
Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 6:30 p.m. Please call
Darlene Daclan at (562) 673-6909 or email her at
darlene_daclan@yahoo.com if you would like to
join. She needs to know by January 11 whether you
would like to attend. See you then!

Scrapbooking – First Meeting

Everyone is welcome to join the first meeting of the
Scrapbooking group. The meeting will be on Jan.
31 at 6:30 p.m. at Darlene Daclan's home. Please
call Darlene at (562) 673-6909 or email her at
darlene_daclan@yahoo.com if you would like to
join. Please bring your pictures and ideas. Whether
you are an amateur or an expert at scrapbooking,
we're sure you'll have fun!

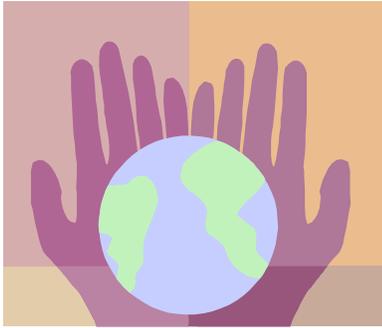
Wall Street Discussions

Ellen Mathis

Wall Street Discussions will be dark in January. We
normally meet on the first Thursday at 1 pm at our
Branch Headquarters. Our next meeting will be
Feb. 2nd.

We do not have a fixed agenda, but instead include
in our discussion the current status of the stock
market, what sectors are doing well and talk about
a particular stock one of us has invested in or that
seems interesting. At this next meeting we will take
a stock featured in the NAIC's (National Association
of Investment Clubs) **Better Investing** and review it.
Everyone is welcome and no reservations are
needed. It is a good place to learn about stock
market investing. Dorothy Anderson is our chair;
feel free to call her or me if you have any questions.

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



DIVERSITY SPEAKER

Kate Hyland, Diversity Chair

Sherrel Johnson, in charge of Community Relations for CAIR -- The Council on American Islamic Relations -- will speak to us during the business meeting on January 7th. Ms Johnson shares and exchanges information with various community groups and will provide information about the Muslim Community. She will then share information about our organization with her Community.

BUILD A HARASSMENT-FREE CAMPUS

Source: www.aauw.org

Make a difference in your community.

Collaborate with active women leaders.

Gain leadership skills and create change.

In June 2005, AAUW launched a new programmatic theme, "Education as the Gateway to Women's Economic Security." As a part of this theme, AAUW is pleased to announce a new initiative in higher education: ***Building a Harassment-Free Campus.***

Sexual harassment is a problem on college campuses, but many campus administrators and student leaders are confused about what constitutes sexual harassment and how it affects students' educational experience. What do we mean by sexual harassment? How often does it occur, to whom, and at what cost? Where do we draw the line between freedom of expression and the right to a learning environment that is free from bias and harassment?

The Building a Harassment-Free Campus initiative supports a new AAUW Educational Foundation research study and expands upon AAUW's prior research and expertise in higher education and sexual harassment. Working with Harris Interactive, one of the most credible survey research firms in the nation and AAUW's partner on the 1993 and 2001 *Hostile Hallways* research, AAUW conducted a national research study of college students and their experiences regarding sexual harassment on campus. The study looks at a nationally representative survey of undergraduate college students -- male and female 18-24 year olds, enrolled full- or part-time at a two-year or four-year college or university -- and examines the groups' harassment experiences throughout the college campus and these incidences' impact on their educational and college experience. The research report is scheduled for release in January 2006.

For more information, log on to www.aauw.org. Or call AAUW's Leadership and Training Institute at 202/785-7741 or send an e-mail to lji@aauw.org.



Member Spotlight – Adele Brown

Kate Hyland, Diversity Chair



Adele Brown is our Membership Treasurer and has been a member of the Long Beach Branch for about one year. Prior to that, she was a member of the Ontario – Upland – Rancho Cucamonga (OUR) branch of AAUW. She recently attended the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of that branch.

At her former branch, Adele was active in fund raising. She successfully organized progressive dinners, a fashion show, and card games. She served the branch as Hospitality Chair and took charge of the Great Decisions group when it lacked a leader. Adele arranged for that group to meet at the school where she taught, when members were not interested in meeting in their homes, and occasionally brought in speakers and arranged for videos.

Adele has a BS in Science from Gustavus Adolphus College in Minnesota, and has done graduate work in Home Economics at UCLA. She was attracted to the field of Home Economics because of the number of options the field affords. She taught for thirty-five years for the Chaffey Joint Union High School District, and taught at the Junior College for an additional five years. One of her favorite classes was "Living on Your own" in which she taught life skills to both boys and girls. A fond memory is when she saw one of her former students who told her that she and her husband had used the notebook from her class to make decisions when buying a new car.

A person of many interests, Adele enjoys movies, plays, and good food. An avid bridge player, she belongs to four bridge groups. Her love of travel has taken her to the Panama Canal and Nova Scotia. She joined her daughter and family at their time-share on Maui, and spent Thanksgiving in Palo Alto.

Adele is a widow, and moved to Seal Beach two years ago to be closer to her daughter and family. While she misses her friends of forty years, she has enjoyed the friends she has made here, and noted that she has "the cutest, smartest three year old grandson in the world."

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Betty Thompson, Co-President

This year ends in a few weeks and it has been a great year for our Branch. We have celebrated 85 years of accomplishments by women in Long Beach. We have successfully completed projects this year for women and girls in our area. Many of our members have worked many hours to meet our goals and fulfill our mission. As your Presidents, we deeply appreciate your contributions to the work of our Branch. We ended the year with a lovely time of friendship and good will at our annual Wassail in Vi Dwyer's home.

Now we look forward to our events in the coming months. As Rainer Maria Rilke wrote, "And now let us welcome the new year, full of things that have never been." Our challenge is to make these things happen for women and girls in Long Beach. Happy New Year to you all!

Educational Foundation

Gail Morrison and Joan Gustafson, EF Co-VP's

Additional 1st Century Club donations were made by: Linda Patten, Ruth McClelland and Florence Wilson.

We were very proud to send the list of donations to the state before the Dec.1st deadline. Long Beach Branch will make a good showing once again.

More thanks are needed to be given to the members who took part in our Silent Auction at the Wassail. Along with the generous donation from Helen Sebring of the mountain home, we realized more than \$1,153.00.

Not So Long Ago

Norma Grady, Co-President

Do any of you remember the 50s? Familiar names begin to appear in the yearbooks, familiar topics in the programs—Korea, child molestation, Pakistan, world trade and the port of Long Beach. There were cultural events and parties. Scholarship money was raised. In 1953 the Branch began a fellowship in honor of Anna Townsend, state president from 1950 to 1952; its first recipient, a graduate student at the Women's University in Seoul, Korea.

Branch membership during the decade ranged between five and six hundred while the city and surrounding areas expanded geographically and demographically. To meet the needs of scattered members, a zone plan, based on zip codes, was devised for a time. Informal neighborhood social and discussion groups, meeting in members' homes during both daytime and evening, provided opportunities to form friendships and to better understand AAUW's program.

Numerous administrative committees (22 in 1959) kept things running smoothly. The Branch regularly met each month on a Tuesday evening for a business meeting combined with program, usually with coffee hour following, rarely with dinner preceding. Other Branch meetings were held on the occasional Saturday with lunch, while Friendship Teas were held three times a year in members' homes.

The primary program, however, was carried on by two other kinds of committees: study groups and general sections. Study groups focused on issues: Mass Media, Status of Women, Legislation, International Relations, Education, Social Studies. Their work frequently resulted in action. A study by the Social Studies group on juvenile problems in Lakewood resulted in a recreation program in Pan-American Park, questionnaires used in schools, and classes for parents. The Status of Women group identified a list of Long Beach women qualified for state appointments. Working with other community groups, the Education section played a major role in establishing adult education in Long Beach.

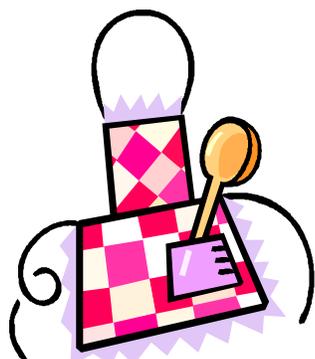
General sections included such topics as Spanish, Book Review, Travel, Gardening, Bridge & Canasta (remember that one?). The Braille section offered transcription lessons and performed a needed service. Three general sections were identified by age: Recent Grads, Juniors, and Liberal Arts.

Yearly fashion shows sparked the fund-raising for building construction. In 1951 the Branch purchased a lot at the corner of Marshall Place and Long Beach Boulevard; in 1958 they sold this lot and purchased another at Fourth and Loma.

And then came 1960, ushering in the decade that would challenge old understandings. Would the Branch change?

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

Barbara Gleason



When: Thursday, Jan. 12

Time: 1:30 p.m. for coffee, followed by program

Where: Barbara Gleason's Home

I am going to repeat the program on aprons, as only half of our groups was able to attend. Elinor Clark showed an apron that had been in her family for over 100 years! Lorna Menke has informed me that she will bring an apron she wore when she was 4 years old. For those who were not at my home in November, please bring up to 5 aprons. Those that were here, just bring 1 or 2. We did say, also, that if you have any fancy or old hankerchiefs, we would also welcome them. See you there!

Mentor Program

Ellen Mathis, Immediate Past Co-President

The Mentors and Mentees enjoyed the **King and I** at the Carpenter Center last month and helped support the Education Foundation fundraiser. Beforehand we had lunch at Mentor Patricia Ferrer's home and listened to the newspaper reviews of the play. For this play they were quite positive. Going to the theater was one of the activities the girls had requested.

We spotlight two mentors this month who stepped in to take over for mentees whose mentors could no longer participate in the program. It is so nice that these girls could continue with our branch program with a new caring role model.

Lisa Monteiro, our VANTAGE Editor (and Co-VP Membership) stepped in last year to mentor Tania Padilla a 10th grader at St Anthony's. New branch member, Dr Michelle Zarzana, is Jennie Samonn's new mentor. Jennie is an 8th grader at Constellation Middle School. Michelle is a Chiropractor with her own practice here in Long Beach.

Stepping In



Lisa Monteiro and Tania Padilla (above); Michelle Zarzana and Jennie Samonn (below)





COMMUNITY

Elaine Babbush, Community Representative

Thanks to all of you who contributed to the WomenShelter and Bethune School to help make their holidays brighter.

As you may know, our Long Beach libraries are facing a funding crisis. The days and hours that the libraries are open will be cut back if we do not act. If you are concerned about this, please call your representative on the city council and let him/her know. They are considering ways to solve the problem and your input may help.

Have you thought about being a volunteer for Meals on Wheels? They are accepting volunteers now to pack meals, deliver meals, and to visit the elderly, ill, and disabled.

If you are interested and can serve a few hours, call (562) 432-6215 for more information.

AAUW BRANCH MEETING

Saturday, January 7, 2006

Old Ranch Country Club

3901 Lampson Ave.

Long Beach, CA 90740

(562) 596-4425

Networking: 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Business Meeting: 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Program: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Menu: Chicken and pasta provencal
Tossed salad
Bread and butter
Coffee and tea
Brownie with vanilla ice cream

Cost: \$23

Jean Aldrich (562) 430-8688

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, December 31, 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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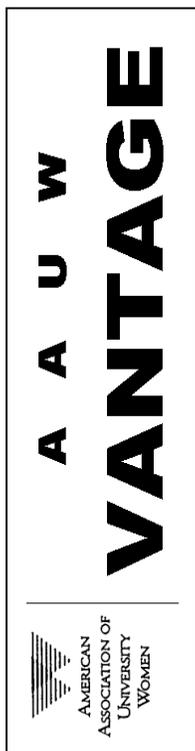
Interest Groups

<u>Interest Group</u>	<u>Meeting Dates</u>	<u>Meeting Times</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Scrapbooking	TBA	TBA	Darlene Daclan	673-6909
Cultural Cuisine	TBA	TBA	Darlene Daclan	673-6909
Book Chat Plus*	4 th Monday	1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Jean Friedrichs	598-9218
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 st Thursday	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Dorothy Anderson	597-7645
Day Gourmet	4 th Thursday	noon	Evelyn Flam	433-0941
Film Fans	TBA	TBA	Carol Waechter	598-3850
<u>Bridge Groups:</u>				
Other Wednesday Bridge**	1 st & 3 rd Wednesday	noon – 4:00 p.m.	Emily Elgin	498-4046
Friday Bridge	2 nd Friday	9:30 a.m. – noon	Cathy Cunningham	424-3166

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

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

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