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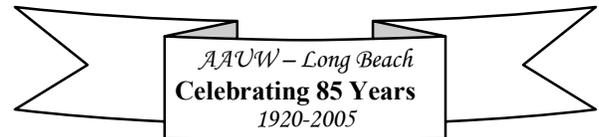
# AAUW-LONG BEACH VANTAGE

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## FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Flo Pickett, Program VP



The program for the breakfast meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup> will feature Renee Castro from the National Council of Community and Justice (NCCJ) as speaker and facilitator. NCCJ has been active in Long Beach for many years and has been involved in helping people understand diversity and to practice not only tolerance, but acceptance of cultural difference in human beings. Renee will give us some background on the organization and its successes. Long Beach is one of the most diverse cities in the country with the potential to be one of the most interesting if we can all learn to work and play together.

NCCJ, by giving a platform and a venue for discussion, has performed an invaluable service to this community by helping us all understand one another better. Their work continues. During this 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, AAUW members have chosen to attend the Annual Interfaith/Intercultural Breakfast on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> at the LB Convention Center.

The program for March will feature successful local author Jan Burke (Goodnight, Irene and other mysteries) more info in the March newsletter.

### National Conference for Community and Justice Breakfast

Kate Hyland, Diversity Chair

On February 16<sup>th</sup>, the National Conference for Community and Justice will hold their 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Interfaith/Intercultural Breakfast, "Under One Sky", at the Long Beach Convention Center. This is described as "an opportunity for people of all racial, ethnic, religious and cultural backgrounds to come together to celebrate the rich diversity of the greater Long Beach area as well as share the vision of a truly inclusive community." It is a very uplifting event and was attended by over 900 people last year.

Gerda Klein, a Holocaust survivor, will be the keynote speaker. She is an interesting and inspirational speaker. We plan to have an AAUW table at the event and a number of people have signed up. If you wish to attend, or for further details, contact Kate Hyland at (562) 424-3845.

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MISSION STATEMENT

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



# BRANCH NEWS



## February Branch Meeting

Saturday, February 4, 2006  
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon  
Lakewood Country Club

See you there!

## New Members Group

JoAnn Kuroda, Orientation Chair

The New Members Group will be meeting on Tuesday, February 7, at 6:30pm at the home of JoAnn Kuroda. The meeting offers a wonderful opportunity to meet other new members and to learn about our branch activities. The group has decided to put together a basket with the theme "Women", which will be auctioned at the March meeting.  
RSVP: (562) 429-6923.

## Courtesy

Mary Orr, Courtesy Chair

Happy Valentine's Day!

Birthday greetings to all February honorees.

*Dream of the joys to come but hold tight to the joys that are here!*

## Nominating Committee

We would appreciate your input for nominations. Please let us know if there is a position you would like to fill. Gail Morrison and Linda Patten, Co-Chairpersons, Jean Aldrich, Carolyn Breihan, Lisa Monteiro, Betty Ann Rauch, and Helen Sebring.

## International Relations

Helen Sebring, International Relations Chair

## **GREAT DECISIONS**

There are three discussion groups for the Great Decisions program. All will begin the last of January or the first of February. The facilitator for the Tuesday morning group is Betty Ann Rauch, 562-431-6679. She will call each of her group to tell the meeting spot and the date. The Friday afternoon group leaders are Joanne O'Neill at 562-597--9535 and Emily Elgin. The Wednesday group is large and wonderful with several new members joining. There may be two groups, the other on Thursday evening. The facilitator is Helen Sebring, 562-596-0180. She will call and see who can attend on the two evenings or there will be one larger group only.

The advantage of a smaller group is that everyone is sure to have ample time for joining the discussion. All members have received their books and will get a call about the date and meeting spot for the first meeting. Then the group itself will decide the format of the eight sessions (or more).

## Board Briefs

Sunelei Meylor, Secretary

The AAUW Executive Committee met on Monday, December 19, 2005. Regular Executive Committee business was conducted.

## Update Your Directory!

Elaine Babbush's e-mail address is now:  
[ejbabbush@gmail.com](mailto:ejbabbush@gmail.com)

Julie Mills' e-mail address is now:  
[JGMills@verizon.net](mailto:JGMills@verizon.net)

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

# Tech Trek Math/Science Camp for Girls

Linda Silver, Tech Trek Chair

It's that time again – time to start planning, recruiting and fundraising to send as many lucky 7<sup>th</sup>-grade girls to Tech Trek Science camp as possible. While many of us are familiar with Tech Trek, I have included the following information for new members:

Tech Trek is a math/science camp designed to develop interests, excitement and self-confidence in young women who will enter eighth grade in the fall. It features hands-on activities in math, science and related fields. All sleeping, eating, instructional and recreational facilities are located on a university campus where the camps are held (our campers have gone to Whittier College for the past several years).

Campers are assigned either a math or science core class that they attend daily. Off-campus field trips to encourage maximum interaction and instruction are also planned. Most important of all is the university campus experience. Campers have the opportunity to live the life of a college student for the week (with constant supervision).

Designed to provide every camper with exposure to all core subjects taught, campers will also select from a number of rotating labs. Instructors include credentialed middle school teachers and women currently engaged professionally in math, science or technology fields. Evening programs in fields such as astronomy, engineering, marine biology, and environmental studies are planned to enhance the learning experience and introduce students to a variety of potential career areas.

Girls who are eligible for Tech Trek:

1. Must be interested in Science or Math;
2. Must demonstrate the potential for academic success;
3. Should likely benefit from a Math/Science camp experience;
4. Have less opportunity for programs such as this; and
5. Compete for selection by writing a Math/Science related essay.

Camp fees for 2006 have been increased from \$700 to \$750 per camper. Frances Rozner, Tech Trek Fundraising Chair, kicked off the 2006 fundraising for campers at the January 7<sup>th</sup> Branch meeting. Last year, our Branch raised funds to send four girls to camp, and we hope to do the same this year. I hope to have a 2005 Trekker attend the February Branch meeting to share her experience with all of us. If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact me at (562) 433-8131 or [silvermentor@hotmail.com](mailto:silvermentor@hotmail.com). Please send donations by February 17<sup>th</sup> so that we can meet our reservation deadline.

Thank you all for your continued support. Your donations to Tech Trek are completely tax deductible and they provide a life-changing experience for girls who otherwise would not have this opportunity.

## EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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

**PURPOSE POWER PROGRESS**

A reservation has been made at the Getty Villa in Malibu for March 18. Our branch has a 10:00 a.m. appointment to visit the newly-renovated museum. Further information will be given in the next Vantage, or you can call Joan Gustafson (562) 439-3130. To be a part of this group, a donation of \$20.00 to Education Foundation would be appreciated.

There is only room for 30, so get your reservation in. Feel free to invite spouses, friends, and neighbors.



## Member Spotlight – Erin Blake

Kate Hyland, Diversity Chair



Meet Erin Blake, one of our newest members. She joined the Long Beach Branch in September, attracted by the mentoring program. She is enjoying mentoring a seventh grader, and mentioned the groups' recent activities: rock climbing, viewing the Christmas lights at Naples and visiting the California Pizza Kitchen.

Erin came to us from Minnesota, where she majored in Art and minored in Spanish at North Western University. Currently, she is the office administrator for the Long Beach Day Nursery. Accredited by the National Association of the Education of Young Children, the nursery provides children real opportunities to learn. Many of their mothers are struggling to make ends meet and lack time to help them.

An active person, Erin loves Salsa dancing which she does four times a week. She also enjoys walking and bicycling, and rides her bicycle to work. An avid reader, she talked about a recent book describing China discovering America in 1421. Commenting on the weather in Southern California, Eric said this is her first winter where the temperature reached 80 degrees. Her energy and enthusiasm makes her an ideal mentor for a young girl.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Betty Thompson, Co-President

Our new year was off to a fine start with over 60 enthusiastic people at our Branch meeting on January 7. Thanks to Kate Hyland for giving us the opportunity to meet Sherrel Johnson from the Council on American Islamic Relations, and to Flo Pickett and her committee for bringing us the inside story of Literary Women from Cordelia Howard.

In the next few months we have many opportunities for you. Members are working on committees for the Math/Science Conference in February, for Tech Trek fundraising and finding the four girls we will support for camp this summer, and for our April meeting "at home" in St. Luke's Guild Hall. On that day we will cater for ourselves and raise funds for EF and LAF. There are new Interest Groups beginning and a Getty Villa trip planned. Great Decisions groups are forming.

Keep abreast of all these expanding opportunities and find a way for you to be involved. I guarantee you will meet and work with interesting people and you will contribute to our mission in Long Beach and beyond. We need you. There are many challenges ahead.

## Donated Display Board

The Branch received an anonymous donation recently of a tradeshow quality "Table Top Display Board". It has never been used. There is plenty of room (48" high with 6-18" panels, all folding into a carrying case) to display. It would have been great at the garden party for the magnificent Branch History Display put together by our Membership Co-VP's Darlene Daclan and Lisa Monteiro. The case is stored at our Room 117 Headquarters. There is a sign out/in sheet for it on the Bulletin Board.

## A New World

Norma Grady, Co-President

The Sixties. . . maybe you lived through them, maybe you've only read about them. But times they were a-changin'—Sputnik aftermath, the Berlin Wall, Cuban missile crisis, John Glenn's orbit, the Vietnam escalation, the Kennedy and King assassinations, civil rights, the women's movement, protests and riots, folk, rock, landing on the moon—just a few of the things that made for an unforgettable decade.

So what about the Branch in those unsettling years? Members remained committed to the roles and responsibilities that educated women should undertake in the world. Members participated in study groups, raised money for scholarships and fellowships, held teas, listened to a variety of programs, played bridge, worked in the community, and developed friendships. Membership held steady at around 450 throughout the 60s—dues were \$15.

The Branch continued its policy of joining other local groups in sponsoring educational and cultural programs. They helped sponsor a yearly Writers' Conference given by the Adult Division of LBCC. In 1961 the Creative Arts Committee inaugurated the docent program at the Long Beach Art Museum and continued to run it throughout the decade. For a time the Committee presented a series of monthly art appreciation lectures at the museum. Perhaps as a perk from this, an AAUW Christmas reception was held there, featuring the "silver Wassail Bowl." Also in the area of art, the Branch established an annual \$100 award to the outstanding woman artist in the Annual Southern California Juried Art Exhibit. Another \$100 award went to the outstanding woman student in music at Long Beach State College.

In 1960 Elaine Babbush headed the Education Committee to study issues involved in teaching foreign language in elementary school. That group succeeded in establishing summer-school classes in Spanish. By 1962, in response to the Sputnik challenge and world events, the committee's topic for the year had become: Are our schools stimulating and challenging the mentally gifted? Are we overlooking this resource? Mass Media's interest: Identification of propaganda and interpretation of influence in the media, both here and abroad. Time to study it again, maybe? The Status of Women Committee looked at the comparative situations of women around the world.

All was not study. The Fellowship Committee raised sizable funds for fellowships each year through presenting a series of smashing fashion shows. A newly formed Gourmet Group went out for dinners. The Building Committee, having second thoughts about the responsibility of ownership, decided to begin enjoying the money they had raised; they rented an apartment for Branch headquarters in the International Building on Ocean Boulevard.

So although members listened to panels on "Law and Order or Chaos and Anarchy" and lectures on "Hypes, Hippies, and Hypocrites" [I keep wondering what that speaker had to say], the Branch weathered the 60s with its usual élan.

Something changed, however. The yearbooks, which until the mid-sixties are full of information on various committees and programs, as well as what their editors considered significant in terms of accomplishments, become stripped down. Even the by-laws are gone. Was it economy, efficiency, or what?

# PUBLIC POLICY

Betty Ann Rauch, Public Policy Director

As those of you who attended the January 2006 meeting of AAUW know, Association has taken a position to oppose the nomination of Judge Samuel Alito, Jr. to the Supreme Court. It is felt that many of his previously stated positions are in total opposition to measures that fall within our Mission Statement. It is quite possible that his nomination will have already have been decided by the time you read this article. Association has taken positions on a number of other issues. They are:

Affirmative Action	Title IX
Charitable Choice	Vocational Education & Perkins Act
Federal Judicial Nominees	Medicare
Federal Marriage Amendment	Reproductive Rights
Hate Crimes Prevention	Medicare
Patriot Act	Social Security
Charter Schools	Single Sex Education
Disabilities	Pay Equity
No Child Left Behind Act	Welfare
Pathways Advanced Career Training Act	Violence Against Women Act
Single Sex Education	School Vouchers

To read about these issues and AAUW's reason for supporting or opposing them, please go to [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) and log onto "Issues".

## Mentor Program

Ellen Mathis, Immediate Past Co-President

In December the Mentoring program participants heard from four of our "graduated Mentees" (pictured right). We gathered at Linda Silver's home for pizza and a "question and answer" session about life after high school. The current Mentees wrote questions on separate sheets and the older girls took turns picking a question and answering it; of course, the other three chimed in with their experiences too. One of the answers was "one of the biggest challenges that you have is to budget your time between classes, studying, working and having fun. It is hard to do with all kinds of distractions around". Another was about what courses should be taken - the uniform response was that you don't have to decide on a major to start taking the general courses required for everyone. Maybe one of them will interest you. The four "graduates" were accompanied by their AAUW Mentors: Dianne Bradfield, Linda Silver, Daphne Ching-Jackson and Deloris Mayuga (in the order of the girls pictured).

The evening ended with a walk to view the light displays along Naples Island stopping to share chocolate fondue at the home of Judy Strother-Taylor (her Mentee graduated last June). It was a great way to usher in the holiday season.

## Mentee Graduates



Left to right: Johanna Rios, Nicky Galarza, Tamara Person, Katrina Marshall



# COMMUNITY

Elaine Babbush, Community Representative

Are you aware of the following?

A woman is killed by her husband or boyfriend every day and a half in Los Angeles county.

One in six pregnant women is battered during pregnancy.

Up to 70% of children growing up in homes which domestic violence occurs are abused.

These are just a few frightening statistics. We received a note of thanks from WomenShelter for our support. Please continue to help. Check our website for their needs. Call us for drop-off or pick-up of donations. Elaine (562) 431-1232 or Linda (714) 374-7443

**AAUW BRANCH MEETING**  
**Saturday, February 4, 2006**  
**Lakewood Country Club**  
3101 Carson Street  
Long Beach, CA 90712  
(562) 421-0550

Networking: 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.  
Breakfast: 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.  
Business Meeting: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
Program: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Menu: French toast  
Sausage  
Fresh fruit  
Orange juice  
Coffee or tea

Cost: \$18

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, January 28, 2006

Member(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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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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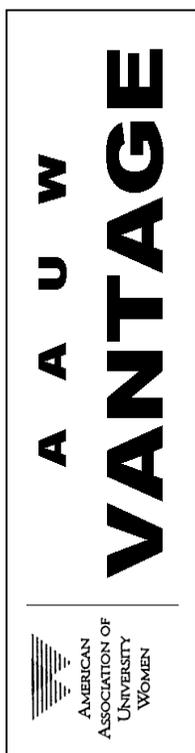
## Interest Groups

<u>Interest Group</u>	<u>Meeting Dates</u>	<u>Meeting Times</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Scrapbooking	January 31	6:30 p.m.	Darlene Daclan	673-6909
Cultural Cuisine	January 18	6:30 p.m.	Darlene Daclan	673-6909
Book Chat Plus*	4 <sup>th</sup> 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 <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
<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

\* 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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