

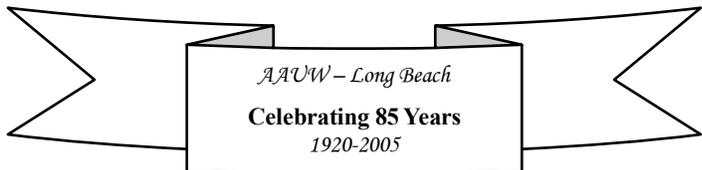
AAUW-LONG BEACH VANTAGE

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APRIL PROGRAM

Flo Pickett, Program VP



The April 1 program (no fooling!) will be a luncheon held at St Luke's Episcopal Church at 7th and Atlantic in the Guild Room. This is our International Relations Branch meeting. The speaker will be Dr. Nilufer Medora from the Dept. of Family and Consumer Sciences at CSULB. She teaches courses in Child Development and Family Studies and Family Life Education. Her interests are in the areas of cross-cultural issues, mate selection, adolescent development, and family relations. Dr. Medora is from India and will tell us more about the history, geography, and demographics of India, the partition of Pakistan, and family life in India. AAUW helped Dr. Medora get her advanced degrees and she looks forward to meeting with us and speaking at our Branch meeting.



*Nilufer Medora,
Ph.D.*



Cultural Interest Speaker

Jean Friedrichs, Cultural
Interest Chair

At our April business meeting, Meagan M. Mattingly will tell us about our local treasure, the Museum of Latin American Art, its current showings and its plans for the future. This charming young lady is their Outreach Coordinator.

Long Beach Fifth District Candidates Forum

Betty Ann Rauch, Public Policy Director

AAUW Long Beach has joined in coalition with the League of Women Voters and the Barbara and Ray Alpert Jewish Community Center to put on a candidate forum for the Fifth District of the Long Beach City Council. The Forum will be held at the Alpert Jewish Community Center at 3801 E. Willow Street on Wednesday, March 29, 2006 from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. Please see the insert for more information. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to hear the candidates and to submit written questions. Do plan to attend, particularly if you live within the 5th Council District. It should be a very informative evening.

American Association of University Women
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AAUW-Long Beach on TV

On Friday, March 24, at 7:00 p.m. Deloris Mayuga and Lisa Monteiro will be guests on "Another Point of View" with Larry Hubbard on Charter. Deloris and Lisa will talk about the great things our Branch has done in the past and what we're involved in now, especially within the community. Check your local listings to tune in!

Connie Inskeep Award

It's time to start thinking about the Branch member you'd like to nominate for this award for meritorious contributions to the Branch and the Association. Nominating forms will be included in the next *Vantage*.

Courtesy

Mary Orr, Courtesy Chair

April showers bring May flowers.

"I must go seek some dewdrops here,
and hang a pearl in every cowslip's ear."
Shakespeare

Birthday greetings to all April honorees!

AAUW Can't Do it Without You!

We are pleased to announce that we have filled all our positions for next year...all except one very important one – **President Elect**. AAUW-Long Beach can't continue to do our work without the help of you – our members. If you know someone who would be perfect for the position, or if you're feeling supportive enough to take on the job yourself, *please* give one of us a call!

Here are the positions filled so far:

President: Gail Morrison
 Program VP: Flo Pickett
 Co-Membership VP: Lisa Monteiro and Darlene Daclan
 Education Foundation VP: Sharon Westafer
 Legal Advocacy VP: Jean Aldrich
 Co-Secretary: Judith Kaho and Deloris Mayuga
 Treasurer: Pamela Ferrer
 President Elect: vacant



Gail Morrison, Co-Chair; Linda Patten, Co-Chair; Jean Aldrich; Carolyn Breihan; Lisa Monteiro; Betty Ann Rauch; Helen Sebring

Board Briefs

Sunelei Meylor, Secretary

The AAUW Board of Directors met on February 20, 2006. Regular Board of Directors business was conducted. The following motions were passed:

That the AAUW-L.B. join the League of Women Voters in holding a political forum for Long Beach City Council election District 3 and District 5.

That the Board accept the resignation of Adele Brown as Membership Treasurer.

That the Board appoint Lisa Monteiro to complete the term of Membership Treasurer vacated by Adele Brown's resignation.

The Budget Committee moved that the Board accept the Revised Budget.

The Finance Committee moved that we invest our Certificate of Deposit of \$45,500 which comes due 3/18/06 in another CD at an interest rate of not less than 4.75% at the bank which has the higher rate at the time of reinvestment.

2006 International Dinner

Helen Sebring, International Relations Chair

Save May 10th for a Pakistani Adventure!

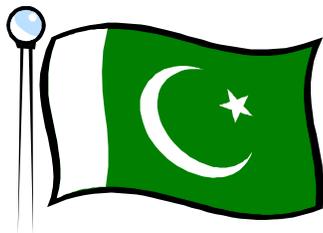
Time: 6:00 p.m. (gathering) 6:45 p.m. (dinner)

Place: Bismullah Halal Tandoori, Buena Park (Knott and Lincoln)

Food: Delicacies of northern India and Pakistan

Price: \$25.00 with all profits for earthquake recovery in Pakistan

Reservations: Helen Sebring (562) 596-0180



And now let's meet Dr. Mehdi!

Dear AAUW members and friends:

My name is Sheherbano Mehdi. I was born and raised in Karachi, Pakistan. My father is a journalist and my mother a development practitioner – a combination that kept me very well connected to the grassroot communities in my country. I attended a medical school in Pakistan, a very prestigious institution called The Aga Khan University Medical College. After getting married, I moved to Southern California where my husband had been living for several years. I worked in cardiology research at USC for a year and then continued to do a residency in Internal Medicine from St. Mary Medical Center in Long Beach. I am now a physician specialist, currently living in Long Beach with my husband and two children. This year I will start a program in Rheumatology at UCO to specialize further.

Another Successful Math/Science Conference!

Ellen Mathis, Immediate Past Co-President

The girls in the Mentor Program have been participants and volunteered to help each year at our Branch Annual (4th) Math and Science Career Conference, at the Pacific Coast Campus of LBCC. The Mentees would carry a sign identifying a career and then walk the attendees to the room for their Career Speaker choice. After the break they accompanied another group. They then could go to the room for their career choice.

With this article you see part of the group lined up in Dryer Hall getting instructions from Daphne Ching-Jackson, Chair of the Conference. After a “tour” to each room being used for Career Speakers the Mentees joined in for the conference keynote opening.



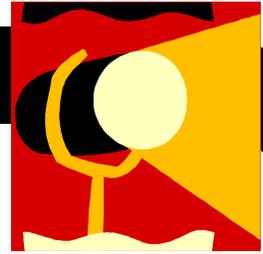
In the picture – left to right Dr. Michelle Zarzana, Jennie Samonn, Erin Blake, Kimsoppa Chan, Nicole Ramsdell, Linda Cabrera, Adriana Ramirez, Tania Padilla, and Pat Sargeant



It was from the Forensic Lab Tech from the LB Police Department that I learned that identical twins have the same DNA but different fingerprints. Author Jan Burke, our March branch meeting speaker, had that question on her list as she tested our knowledge of crime investigation facts.

Two of “our girls” recently celebrated their Quinceaneras. They are pictured here together at the Math and Science Career Conference. They are Kathy

Jimenez, a 10th grader at Cabrillo HS, and Tania Padilla, a 10th grader at St. Anthony's HS.



Betty Thompson, a long time friend of Pam Steeby, is responsible for Pam's joining the Long Beach Branch last October. In the past, Pam was a member of the Huntington Beach Branch. A native of Boston, Pam moved to California with her family at the age of eleven.

Pam is a CSULB alumni with a degree in History. She recently retired after twenty-five years teaching at Los Alamitos High School. In addition, she taught at Oak Jr. High School for thirteen years. However, "retired" does not exactly describe her, as she still subs at Los Alamitos High.

During her teaching career, Pam taught U.S. History, World History, Psychology, Sociology and AP European History. She said one year of teaching Economics was enough. On three occasions, she had the opportunity to chaperone an exchange student on a trip to Germany. Staying in Germany gave her a different perspective than that of a tourist.

Pam's husband shares her passion for history and travel. They have visited Great Britain, Hawaii, the Czech Republic, Slovenia, Austria, and Italy. On their wish list is a trip to Australia and New Zealand.

An avid reader, Pam said the idea of spending time with women with similar interests helped attract her to AAUW. So let's get this interesting, enthusiastic person involved in activities as soon as possible! She has a lot to offer our Branch.



President's Message

Betty Thompson, Co-President

"Time is a fixed income and, as with any income, the real problem facing most of us is how to live successfully within our daily allotment." (Margaret B. Johnstone) Our Branch has seen some Big Spenders of time with our activities these past months. Many women spent many hours and much energy planning and conducting the Math-Science Day for girls at Long Beach City College on February 25th. For me it was a privilege to be there that day. We can all be proud of this accomplishment and are indebted to our women who spent part of their "daily allotment of time" to make it possible.

On February 16th our Branch sponsored a table at the National Conference for Community and Justice at Long Beach Convention Center. Over twenty organizations in our area collaborated at this event. The program "Under One Sky" was inspirational and informative. I challenge us to sponsor two tables next February as we continue to seek to be agents of change in Long Beach.

In this *Vantage* you will read of our coming projects and opportunities. I hope you will choose to spend some of your daily allotment of time on work to further our goals and objectives. I guarantee the time you "spend" will pay big dividends to you and to the lives you touch.

Many thanks to all of you who supported our four Trekkers this year. Our generous 2006 donors are: Melody Hubbard, Beatrice Avcollie, Pat Sargeant, Helen Sebring, George Jackson, Daphne Ching-Jackson, Kee DeBoer, Jere Millington, Joan Gustafson, Betty Ann Rauch, Geraldine Miller, Judith Kaho, Dianne Bradfield, Carolyn Magnuson, Linda Patten, Gail Morrison, Jean Aldrich, Miriam Garland, Deloris Mayuga, Frances Rozner, Lou Es Greene, Bobbi Burkett, JoAnn Kuroda, Linda Silver, Katherine Hyland, Darlene Daclan, Judith Allen, Ruth Graham, Flo Pickett, Betty Thompson, Ellen Mathis, Julie Mills, Norma Grady, Joanne O'Neill, Emily Elgin, Nicole Ramsdell, Barbara Gleason, Frances La Mar, and Dorothy Anderson.



The essay title for this year's contest was "Why is Science, Math, or Technology Important to the World?" Here are a few excerpts from the essays submitted by our selected attendees:

"I feel that I could benefit from this camp because it will teach me how to prepare myself for future opportunities in high school and college."

Paige Johnson



"I really want to go to Tech Trek because I will meet new people and meet important women. The important people will tell me what it felt like to go to school for a couple of years. Then if I get interested in the type of jobs they have, I will study to be someone like those ladies. The girls I meet might even become my friends."

Guadalupe Moreno



"Technology is very important especially in the future because technology will get more and more advanced. Every year there is always someone coming up with a great idea to make technology more and more advanced."

Kimsoppa Chan



"Well, this is me Adriana and I told you why science, math and technology are so important for the world. The world is nothing without these three things. I haven't told you why I love science so much, but my dream job is to become those people that help animals and nature. Well, I told you everything and why those three things are important. Well good bye and I hope you choose me. You are going to know who I am by the girl that has a necklace of a dolphin that has a pink ball and another with a pink butterfly. Good bye."

Adriana Ramirez



Are you fascinated by people who write books? If so, a great opportunity awaits you. Barnes and Noble, Marina/Pacifica, will be sponsoring Greg Bishop, author, on April 20 at 7 p.m. located on the lower floor. Bishop is one of four (or five) authors of *Weird California: Your Travel Guide to California's Local Legends Best Kept Secrets*. "Weird" such as the crookedest street in California (San Francisco) and others that you may or may not know exist in California. Come and find out more of California's best kept secrets.

For those of you who missed the B&N voucher event in November, another book buying event is planned for Thursday, April 20 from 3 - 9 p.m., Marina/Pacifica. You may use the vouchers inserted with your April Vantage. By using these vouchers, AAUW earns a percentage of books purchased by you. November's check from B&N earned EF \$286! You may come any time to buy books on this date from 3 - 9 p.m. and/or participate in the discussion of Greg Bishop at 7 p.m., (or both). Bishop will be available for Q&A and book signing. Can't go? Give your vouchers to your friends.

April 1st will find us meeting at the lovely Guild Room at St. Luke's Church in Long Beach for the self-catered luncheon. Jean Aldrich is heading this up with the \$20 donation going to EF and LAF. (Lou Es is smiling!)

By now, many of you will have toured the newly renovated J. Paul Getty Villa in Malibu on Saturday, March 18th. I understand that it contains a sizable collection of bronze sculptures plus many other beautiful sights. A big thank you for those who attended this outing and also for supporting the many other events that Joan and I have offered as EF fund-raisers throughout the year!

Prospective Interest Groups

Are you anxious for another great interest group to be formed? Fret no more - interest group ideas are forming as we speak! Take a look at the prospective groups below and call or email Lisa Monteiro at 562-243-8165 or lmm1979@earthlink.net and let her know if you would be interested in joining one of these groups. Better yet - let her know if you would like to host one of these groups! Hosting is easier than you think - all you need to do is ensure a meeting location, set the dates/times for meetings, and inform members of this information! Forums for the meetings are up to you - you can facilitate each meeting yourself, or pass on the facilitation to a different group member each meeting!

Have Bag, Will Travel

The idea - each month, a different area of the world will be the focus. Members can discuss their adventures if they have traveled that area. Bringing pictures of your travel experiences would make it even better! Members that haven't traveled that area can learn about it and get help deciding where to go and what to do.

Foreign Films - Fascinating!

Have an interest in foreign films, but no forum to discuss them? Perhaps you don't know anyone else who shares your love for foreign films? Here's your chance! Members can discuss foreign films they've seen and would like to see. Members can even take "field trips" and view films at a theatre as a group!

You Should Read This!

"I'll read yours if you read mine!" Can't attend Book Chat in the afternoons? Let's meet in the evenings instead! The idea is that members can share the books they love without having to all read the same book. Finally get someone to read that book you so love, and be able to discuss it with another who has read it.

Antiques & Collectibles

Barbara Gleason



Come join us as we enjoy a "high tea" at the **Chocolate Box**, near Carson and Lakewood Blvd., in Lakewood Village. The event will be Thursday, May 11, at 1:00 p.m. and the price per person is \$17. The owner prepares a goodly amount of food, finishing with the chocolate candy that she makes herself. The tea room displays hats, small antiques, and other Victorian items. Please come wearing your hat and gloves, if possible.



AAUW BRANCH MEETING
Saturday, April 1, 2006
St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Guild Room
7th and Atlantic
Long Beach

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 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Menu: Chicken salad casserole
Fresh fruit skewer
Rolls and butter
Beverage
Cherry crunch

Cost: \$20

Benefit EF and LAF

*Questions about the location or menu? Call
Jean Aldrich at (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, March 25, 2006

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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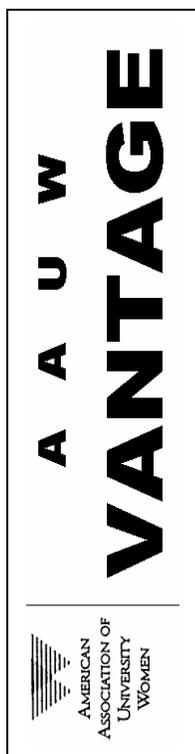
Interest Groups

<u>Interest Group</u>	<u>Meeting Dates</u>	<u>Meeting Times</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Scrapbooking	4 th Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Darlene Daclan	673-6909
Cultural Cuisine	May - attending International Dinner		Lisa Monteiro	243-8165
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
Bridge Groups:				
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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