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Flo Pickett, Program VP

## *Educational Foundation Program Saturday, October 7, 2006*

The AAUW Educational Foundation (EF) awards grants and fellowships to eligible women scholars. (See August/September Vantage for more information.) Our speaker for this program, Linda J. Sax, Ph.D., is Associate Professor In-Residence in the Graduate School of Education & Information Studies at UCLA. Dr. Sax received her B.A. degree (1990) in political economy from the University of California, Berkeley, and her M.A. (1991) and Ph.D. (1994) degrees in higher education from UCLA.

Dr. Sax's research focuses on gender differences in college student development; specifically, how institutional characteristics, peer and faculty environments, and forms of student involvement may affect male and female college students differently. She is currently principal investigator on a nationwide study of the effects of single-gender education funded by the American Association of University Women. She is also co-principal investigator on an NSF-funded project to increase women's pursuit of graduate degrees in the physical sciences and engineering. Dr. Sax is the recipient of the 2005 Scholar-in-Residence Award from the American Association of University Women and the 1999 Early Career Award from the Association for the Study of Higher Education. Dr. Sax will share information from her studies with us and will answer questions regarding her studies.



Please join us for the first program of the year and bring a friend who is interested in the topic and/or in joining AAUW-LB for a year of good programs and good luncheons, in addition to wonderful friendships.

### **Want to Help Others Like Dr. Sax? Join Us at an EF Fundraiser**

**BUNCO Party**—October 19, 2006—See Page 4 for more information

**Musical Theater West's Presentation of "THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE"** on Sunday, November 5th at 2 p.m. \$40 per ticket. Carpenter Performing Arts Center, Long Beach.

Please contact Sharon Westafer for tickets

Call: (562)493-4749 or

Email: [sharwest1@hotmail.com](mailto:sharwest1@hotmail.com)

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



# BRANCH NEWS



## Courtesy

Mary Orr, Courtesy Chair

Get well cards for a speedy recovery were sent to the following members. Your own cards and calls will cheer them.

- On 8/31, Barbara Cottrell underwent back surgery and she is now recuperating.
- Linda Moore, our community rep to pick up donations for the Shelter and schools, was ill during the month of September. She expects to be better in October.
- Joanne O'Neill had hip surgery on August 18 and is now on the mend.

We hope to see them at AAUW events soon.

*Birthday greetings to all October honorees.*

Yesterday is history,  
Tomorrow is a mystery.  
Today is called your "present."  
Live and thrive!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Planned Branch Program Meetings (all on a Saturday except where noted):

Nov 4	9:30 AM	LB Yacht Club
Dec 2	10 AM to Noon	Wassail Bay Shore Congregational Lakewood C.C.
Jan 6	9:30 AM	Lakewood C.C.
Feb 3	9:30 AM	Leisure World
Mar 3	8:30 AM	Khoury's
Apr 12*	5 PM	El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant
May 5	9:30 AM	The Grand
Jun 2	9:30 AM	Old Ranch C.C.
*Thursday		

### **Nov and Dec Program Info**

Nov 4-Legal Advocacy Program. Our speaker will address an aspect of the current status of sex discrimination cases and the role of AAUW.

Dec 2-Our annual Holiday Wassail and silent auction at Bay Shore Congregational Church, 5100 The Toledo, Belmont Shore (Long Beach).

### **Other Activities**

**9/16/06**—Garden Party at Norma Grady's  
**10/7/06**-- Long Beach Symphony Pops Concert at the Long Beach Arena. Contact Jean Friedrichs 562-598-9218.

**10/19/06**—BUNCO Party. See Page 4

**11/5/06**—Thoroughly Modern Millie, See Page 1

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Below are the dates, times, and location of future Board of Directors and Executive Committee Meetings:

*Board of Directors:* St. Luke's Guild Room, 6:30 PM: Oct 16, Jan 15, Mar 19, May 21 (Joint Mtg) (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of Month)

*Executive Committee:* St Luke's, Room 117, 6:30 PM: Sep 18, Nov 20, Dec 18, Feb 19, Apr 16 (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of Month)

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

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Gail Morrison, President

### AAUW-LONG BEACH—THE START OF ANOTHER FANTASTIC YEAR!

Approximately 30 Board members attended our Orientation in the lovely Guild Room at St. Luke's Church on August 5. As ideas and plans for the year were shared, one could feel the enthusiasm grow for our 2006-2007 AAUW year! Everyone had a great time (as we usually do) and we are looking forward to another wonderful year!

By the time you read this Vantage newsletter you may be at the Garden Party, Sept. 16, at Norma Grady's. The Garden Party is always a fun reunion after the long (hot) summer siesta. Darlene Daclan and Lisa Monteiro have planned an elaborate fete for our enjoyment.

Our October program will focus on our Educational Foundation. This is the time of year to give generously to our very own Long Beach Research and Projects Grant that Jere Millington and Barbara Cottrell initiated. Last year we donated \$7,500 towards the \$75,000 goal and I know that we will contribute this amount again. See the article on the front page regarding our engaging speaker for our October meeting.

Hoping to see all of you there!

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## Public Policy

Betty Ann Rauch, Public Policy, Chair

For you information, AAUW-CA has taken the following positions for the November ballot:

- **Support Ballot Initiative 1C**, "Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006."
- **Support Ballot Initiative 1D**, "Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006."
- **Support Proposition 88**, "Education Funding, Real Property Parcel Tax, Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute."
- **Oppose Proposition 85**, "Waiting Period and Prenatal Notification Before Termination of Minor's Pregnancy Initiative Constitutional Amendment".
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**A plea:** Please do not base your vote, whether on a proposition or a candidate, on a 30-second "sound-bite"! Most such advertisements are slanted and misleading.

**Remember to Vote on Tuesday, November 7, 2006!**

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### TRUTH IS STRANGER THAN FICTION

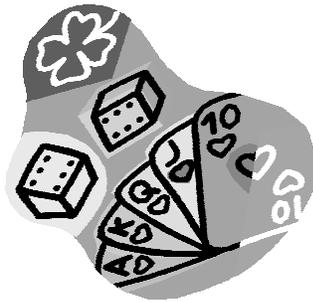
The Police in Oakland, CA spent two hours attempting to subdue a gunman who had barricaded himself inside his home. After firing ten tear gas canisters, officers discovered that the man they wanted was standing beside them in the police line shouting. "Please come out and give yourself up!"

## DID YOU KNOW?

- In 2005, the college enrollment rate for women at two and four year schools was 70.4 percent, while for men it was 66.5 percent?
- Women now earn half of all degrees in business, and are more likely to earn a degree in business than in any of the other college majors.
- Less than 12 percent of all the bachelor degrees awarded to women were in the fields of biological, life and physical sciences, engineering, computer science, mathematics, agriculture, and natural resources.
- Women have made significant gains in post graduate programs, now earning 59 percent of all Master degrees and 46 percent of all doctoral degrees awarded.
- One third of women still work in the fields of education and health services. Ironically, this is where both the highest paying jobs and the lowest paying jobs for women can be found.
- The Center for Women's Business Research estimates that since 1997, the number of businesses owned by women grew by 28 percent. That's three times the growth rate of all U.S. privately-held employer firms.
- Today, nearly half (48 percent) of all privately-held U.S. firms are 50 percent or more women-owned. This means that 10.6 million firms are at least half owned by a woman or women. These firms employ 19.1 million people and generate nearly \$2.5 trillion in sales.
- In comparison to other states, California ranks first in total number of women-owned businesses and their firms are ranked first in employment and overall sales.
- Of the 59 million wage and salaried women working in the United States as of June 2000, less than half--just 47 percent--participate in a pension plan.
- Even with all the economic gains that women have made in last decades, their average income after 65 is about half of their male counterparts: \$12,080 versus \$21,100 in '04.

### Wanna Sing? Gotta Dance?

Equity Players needed! Please contact Lou Es Greene for more information: 562 434-6477



***FUN FILLED FUNDRAISER FOR EF  
Bunco at Barbara Cottrell's  
Thursday, October 19 at 6:30 p.m.  
\$10 donation***

Please join us for an evening of bunco and refreshments.  
Your non-member friends are welcome.  
RSVP by October 15 to Sharon Westafer 562-493-4749  
Or sharwest1@hotmail.com

## **IN THE ANAHEIM CORRIDOR OF LONG BEACH**

Darci Fersch - Diversity

Located along the Anaheim Street corridor of Long Beach is one of the nation's most diverse communities. To help keep the culture of these diverse communities alive, is the City of Long Beach, Homeland Cultural Center. The Center, located in MacArthur Park, is in central Long Beach at Anaheim Street and Gundy Avenue. Zoot Velasco is the supervisor of the Center. He and his staff work with approximately 1,200 students that go through the Center every week. In the November branch meeting, Zoot will briefly share with us what makes the Center a success.

The Homeland Cultural Center brings non-traditional art forms into the cultural mainstream by encouraging legitimate expression, appropriate applications, and respectful content. The Center has a mission to provide a safe place to cultivate, present, and preserve cultures of the area residents through performing and visual arts and to celebrate the ethnic diversity by encouraging artistic expression in various cultural traditions.



More information about the Homeland Cultural Center may be found at:  
[http://www.longbeach.gov/park/facilities/homeland\\_cultural\\_center.asp](http://www.longbeach.gov/park/facilities/homeland_cultural_center.asp)

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**Donations Always Welcome**  
Lou Es Greene, Community Representative



Are you doing some Fall cleaning? Do you have clothing or other items you no longer need? The Long Beach Women's Shelter or the Mary Bethune Center always appreciate your donations. Linda Moore will be transporting your donations starting in October. Please call her at (714 504-4963). If you need your donations picked up before then, call Lou Es Greene. Lou Es and Linda can also pick up donations at the meetings or the office. Just let me know. We all wish Linda well.

Dr. Lou Es Greene, Community Representative, 562 434-6477

More information about the Mary Bethune Center in Long Beach, may be found at: [http://www.lbusd.k12.ca.us/public\\_information/n060210a.asp](http://www.lbusd.k12.ca.us/public_information/n060210a.asp)

# EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Long Beach, (CA) Branch Research & Projects Grant

Dr. Linda Sax, recipient of the 2005 AAUW University Scholar-in-Residence award, will be our speaker at the October branch meeting. You will have a chance to hear firsthand how funds from the Educational Foundation (EF) are put to work. You will also have the opportunity to make your tax deductible contribution to EF at this meeting.

The AAUW Educational Foundation invites letters of intent from colleges and universities in the United States to fund a female scholar to conduct a research project on issues related to gender equity in education and/or economic security for women and girls. Each year, the Foundation awards a single grant of \$100,000 for a two-year research project. The proposed scholar must demonstrate expertise in research and writing. The originality of the proposed research project is also considered. The research project must be relevant to the AAUW mission and current research agenda and the potential of the research must affect lasting change on a local and national level. Dr. Sax will examine the implications of single-gender versus co-educational high school education on college experiences and outcomes.

***Because branch EF contributions are due December 1, I encourage you to make your EF contribution at the October meeting. Remember, all contributions to EF are tax deductible!! Every dollar contributed brings us that much closer to completing funding of our Long Beach Branch Research and Projects Grant.***

On November 5, our EF fundraiser will be attendance at a performance of “Thoroughly Modern Millie” at the Carpenter Center at CSU-Long Beach. The performance begins at 2 p.m. and the cost is \$40. Please contact Sharon Westafer 562-493-4749, sharwest1@hotmail.com, to purchase your tickets.

*Sharon Westafer, EF Vice President*

*More information about EF may be found at the AAUW web site: [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)*

## Boy Crisis

*“The real story is not bad news about boys doing worse, it’s good news about girls doing better”*

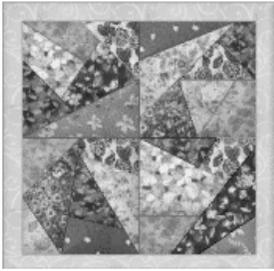
Have you read or heard about the “war on boys” that some critics have blamed on Title IX, the federal law prohibiting sex discrimination in education, as the cause of the supposed crisis and calling for its repeal? Others have called for single-sex education as a solution. Now, according to an article on the front page of the June 26, 2006 *Washington Post*, a new report shows the claims of a crisis for boys in education are unfounded. The report cites the AAUW Educational Foundations’ report *How Schools Shortchange Girls*. From the *Washington Post* article:

“Although low-income boys, like low-income girls, are lagging behind middle-class students, boys are scoring significant gains in elementary and middle-school and are much better prepared for college, the report says. It concludes that much of the pessimism about young males seems to derive from inadequate research, sloppy analysis and discomfort with the fact that although the average boy is doing better, the average girl has gotten ahead of him.”



The AAUW Educational Foundation continues to research progress in educational achievement for both boys and girls and will be releasing a report on the findings in spring 2007

More information about the Washington Post article and the AAUW report may be found at [http://www.aauw.org/print\\_page.cfm?Path\\_Info=F:%5Cweb%5Caauw%5Cmember\\_center%5Cindex.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/print_page.cfm?Path_Info=F:%5Cweb%5Caauw%5Cmember_center%5Cindex.cfm)



# ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

Barbara Gleason, Chair

When: Thursday, October 12  
Time: Start at 1:30 PM

On October 12, we will meet at 1:30 PM at the Goodwill Store at the corner of Willow and Atlantic. After our browsing, we will depart Goodwill and head North on Atlantic Blvd to "Food Finders," 3434 Atlantic Blvd. Our last stop will be at Mary Orr's home for coffee. Her address is 3320 Pasadena Ave.

Save November 11, for our annual outing to the Children's Benefit League Bazaar.

For those who like quilts, Long Beach City College will host a quilt show on Saturday, October 7, from 1 to 3 PM. The admission is \$15 with an advance reservation (call 562 938-4094) or \$20 at the door. Opportunity tickets to win handmade quilts will be available. LBCC President, Dr Jane Kehoe, and LBCC Foundation Director (and Branch member), Dr. Ginny Baxter, will each contribute a quilt for the drawing.

## AAUW BRANCH MEETING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2006  
HOLIDAY INN, LONG BEACH AIRPORT  
2640 N. LAKEWOOD BLVD  
(LAKEWOOD & WILLOW)  
REDONDO ROOM (PENTHOUSE LEVEL)

Gathering: 9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.  
Business Meeting: 10:00-11:00 a.m.  
Program: 11:00-12:00 p.m.  
Lunch: 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

Menu: Chicken Tortilla Soup  
Choice of Turkey or Roast Beef Sandwich  
Potato Salad  
Apple Pie  
Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Herbal Tea

Cost: \$25.00

Questions: Sunny Meylor, (562) 594-5519

## RESERVATION RETURN

Send your registration and Check payable to AAUW Long Beach Branch. Please mail to Judy Allen, 2845 Greenbrier Road, Long Beach, CA 90815

**Deadline for Reservations, Friday September 29, 2006**

Member(s)

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

Guest(s)

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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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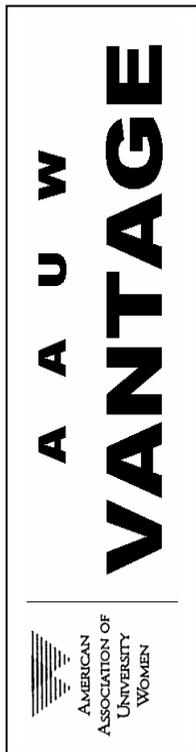
## Interest Groups

<u>Interest Group</u>	<u>Meeting Dates</u>	<u>Meeting Times</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Scrapbooking	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Darlene Daclan	673-6909
Cultural Cuisine	TBA	TBA	Lisa Monteiro	243-8165
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
Day Gourmet	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Noon	Evelyn Flam	433-0941
Film Fans	TBA	TBA	Carol Waechter	598-3850
Equity Players	TBA	TBA	Lou Es Greene	434-6477
<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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