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Flo Pickett, Program VP

Legal Advocacy Fund Saturday, November 4, 2006

Our November 4 program at the Long Beach Yacht Club will focus on AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF). LAF gives support to individuals challenging sex discrimination on campus. Since its inception in 1981, LAF has become the largest fund for supporting sex discrimination litigation in higher education.

We will have a speaker from CSULB's President's Commission on the Status of Women talk to us about the status of women on our local campus. More information on this committee may be found at <http://www.csulb.edu/org/women/>

Please come prepared to make your annual LAF donations. AAUW-LB members have always been generous in this area.

Join Us At Our First Cultural Cuisine Night of the New Year

Tuesday, November 14, 2006, Ferraro's Cucina Italiana, 3500 N. Los Coyotes Diagonal, Long Beach, CA

If you like to eat Italian food and to socialize with your Long Beach AAUW friends, then you'll enjoy an evening out at Ferraro's located just north of Wardlow Road on Los Coyotes Diagonal. In addition, if you have a friend or spouse who would like to enjoy our company, bring them too!

Please RSVP to Fay Denny, 714 894-0416, or faydenny@yahoo.com, by Sunday, November 12th.

BOARD BRIEFS

Fay Denny, Co-Secretary

AAUW Long Beach Branch, Executive Committee Meeting, September 18, 2006

President Gail Morrison called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Regular Branch Business was conducted. It was moved by Deloris Mayuga and seconded by Sharon Westafer that the Executive Committee accept the new Premises Agreement dated July 1, 2006 as proposed by St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

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MISSION STATEMENT

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



BRANCH NEWS



Courtesy

Mary Orr, Courtesy Chair

I lost my beloved husband and sweetheart on September 13, 2006. Our heartfelt thanks from my family and me for your beautiful flowers, cards, and calls. Bless you. Mary

Mr. Orr's obituary may be found at:
<http://www.legacy.com/lbpresstelegram/Obituaries.asp?Page=Lifestory&PersonId=19410858>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

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

*Thursday

We were saddened to learn that our 1950 to 1951 past president, Mrs. Thelma Eileen Geiger, passed away September 25, 2006. Mrs. Geiger's family requests that any contributions in her memory be made to the Catalina Island Conservancy

(<http://www.catalinaconservancy.org/>)

Mrs. Geiger's obituary may be found at:
<http://www.legacy.com/lbpresstelegram/Obituaries.asp?Page=LifeStory&PersonID=19465217>

Math/Science Conference

February 24, 2006

LBCC PCC Campus

Still Needs Volunteers

Contact Daphne Ching-Jackson or Sharon Westafer

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL NOVEMBER HONOREES

Honor Our Veterans on November 11th

Have a Joyful Celebration this Thanksgiving Day

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: Jan 15, Mar 19, May 21 (Joint Mtg) (3rd Monday of Month)

Executive Committee: St Luke's, Room 117, 6:30 PM: Nov 20, Dec 18, Feb 19, Apr 16, May 21 (3rd Monday of Month)

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Gail Morrison, President

As summer turns into fall, AAUW reaches into our 125th year of existence: 1881 to 2006. Yes, Virginia, AAUW still exists and what a Legacy of Leadership we can all be proud to share. From Mentors to Cultural Interests, Public Policy to Diversity, International Relations to the New Members Group, not to forget EF and LAF and Tech Trek and the Math/Science Conference, our cup overflowed with commitment to women and girls and together we are making it happen!

It seems that St. Luke's Church took center stage during the summer and early fall. For instance:

We now have a New Facilities Use Agreement effective July 1, 2006 with St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Deloris Mayuga and her husband, Sal, kindly went over this agreement to compare it with the previous Rental Agreement. Other than some language changes, the wording remains relatively the same. Because of the church's non-profit status, our "rent" has now become a "donation." Our donation is now \$345 per month with the donation increasing each year by no more than 3%. Thirty dollars per month for utilities will be charged with this amount to increase by 5% per year. We also will be required to pay a contracted person (Hektor Rivas) for custodial services, or to provide it for ourselves. Members are free to examine this new Facilities Use Agreement, if you wish, by contacting either Pat Ferrer or myself.

On September 5, I had a call from Gary, the Rector at St. Luke's Church saying that a shooting occurred at St. Luke's on Saturday, September 2 at 8:00 p.m. This unfortunate situation took place just prior to the AA meeting during their welcoming time. A bullet went through our AAUW window, not the sliding glass door, and Gary graciously told me that St. Luke's would take care of it for us. It has since been repaired and the Executive Board met there on September 18 without any problems. Other groups have also resumed meeting there and there is no concern for safety. I certainly appreciate everyone's cooperation over this matter.

All those at the branch meeting thoroughly enjoyed Dr. Linda J. Sax, our EF speaker who discussed her research on gender differences in college students. She plans to have her book on gender differences available through AAUW by fall of 2007. I'll be first in line!

We welcomed many new members at this meeting and hope to see them again soon. As they continue to become familiar with our branch, let us help them down the "yellow brick road" to a successful year!

Time Again for Great Decisions, 2007

As usual the topics picked by the Foreign Policy Association for the Great Decisions discussion groups for 2007 are pertinent, serious, and well-worth our time and attention. Here is the list of topics: Middle East, Climate Change, Mexico, Migration, South Africa, War Crimes, Central Asia, and Children. Each year we try to offer at least three groups so that we can best accommodate each person's schedule: morning, afternoon, evening. Each group usually has 10 to 12 participants. It is always possible to begin a new group with six committed people. If there are too many in a group, some do not get the chance to participate fully. It is important for each person to have the Great Decisions book. It costs \$15.00 and enables us to all start out with similar information. You can always bring in more news of the subject. The committee orders the books in January and distributes them for the groups to begin in February. You have the chance to sign up immediately. Make out a check for \$15 payable to AAUW Long Beach and send to Helen Sebring. Friends are welcome in any group. Men, husbands, friends, relatives are welcome in the evening group. Get ready for another great year and help Kate Hyland and Helen Sebring pick the most important topics for a program at a meeting and for the International Dinner evening.

Thanks. Helen and Kate

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION EF Opens The Doors Of Opportunity

Thanks to all of you who supported the Educational Foundation (EF) by making donations at the October branch meeting and to those of you who attended the fun Bunco night, hosted by Barbara Cottrell and Jere Millington. Thank you, Barbara and Jere for the fun evening. Donors to EF not listed previously will be listed in the December Vantage.

For those of you who haven't sent a contribution to EF, there's still time as the deadline to send in the Branch contribution is December 1. In September, Barbara Gleason joined the Chocolate Club with her \$300 donation and Ruth McLelland joined the Second Century Club with her \$200 donation. Frances Rozner contributed \$120 and Dianne Bradfield contributed \$100 to join the Century Club. Any amount donated is greatly appreciated and is tax deductible.

If you would like a ticket, or tickets, for "Thoroughly Modern Millie" on Sunday, November 5, please contact Sharon Westafer, (562) 493-4749 or sharwest1@hotmail.com by Thursday, November 2nd.

The popular Barnes and Noble Book Fair will be Thursday, November 16. See announcement and enclosed vouchers for details.

This year, the December Wassail will again include a silent auction. We are gathering items for the auction and if you would like to donate something for the auction let me know and I'll gladly arrange to pick it up. Thank you to Helen and Fred Sebring who have once again offered their lovely vacation cabin as an auction item. Suggested items are books, gift certificates, tickets to the theater, concerts or sporting events, hand made items, home baked goods or whatever creative items you would like to donate.

Sharon Westafer
EF VP

The Artsy Bohemian Side of Long Beach – East Village

Diversity – Darci Fersch

The emerging arts community of the East Village is where you'll find a plethora of art galleries and shops, cafes and ethnic restaurants serving up delightful cuisine from around the world. This is a great place to explore the creative side of Long Beach. You will find coffee shops, eateries, boutiques, public art, monthly art walks, gallery openings, museums, antiques, special events and incredible historic buildings such as St Anthony's Church and the Lafayette Building, both state historical landmarks. Visit the East Village if you are attracted to bright color, hippie culture, and unique avant-garde art. The heart of the East Village is on Linden Avenue between First Street and Broadway. This area is more than a physical place; it's a living environment complete with every kind of amenity for the art loving resident. A delightful way to discover this unique area of Long Beach is on the Village Tour D'art (through Long Beach Transit) which is a free shuttle that travels throughout the emerging neighborhoods of the East Village – www.lbtransit.com.



Public Policy

Betty Ann Rauch, Public Policy Director

Why AAUW CA OPPOSES Proposition 85

The official name of Proposition 85 is “Waiting Period and Parental Notification Before Termination of Minor’s Pregnancy Initiative Constitutional Amendment”. This proposition amends the state constitution to prohibit abortion for unemancipated minors until 48 hours after the physician notifies the minor’s parent or legal guardian. It provides exceptions for medical emergencies or with a parental waiver. It also permits a minor to obtain a court order waiving this notice.

Sixty-two (62) percent of pregnant adolescents already consult their parents. Those that do not, fear abuse, punishment, loss of their home, parental disappointment, or because the impregnator, through seduction or coercion, was a close family member. That segment may take desperate measures and seek illegal abortion providers should this proposition pass. When parental notification is required, pregnant teens often postpone getting timely prenatal care. This increases associated health risks. Unfortunately, enhanced parent/child communication cannot be legislated and does not belong in the state constitution.

AAUW CA supports the following propositions:
Ballot Initiative 1C, Ballot Initiative 1D, and Proposition 88

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 7.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ENCLOSED BRANCH MEMBERS' PUBLIC POLICY SURVEY. It can be returned to me at the Branch meeting on November 4 or sent to AAUW CA, P.O. Box 160067 Sacramento, CA 95816-0067



Congratulations to Long Beach Unified School District
Lou Es Greene, Community Representative

Recently, Mary Orr and I delivered donated school supplies to the Mary Bethune Transitional Center for Homeless Children. We were met, given an introduction to the program and a tour of the facility by the new facilitator, Wanda Haramis. LBUSD'S program to ready these homeless children to integrate into a 'regular' school program was most impressive for scope and variety of services and for the skill, warmth and dedication of the staff.

I am proud that AAUW is one of several local organizations who are giving interested support to such a wise and caring program.

When asked about current needs, it was explained that the children have to walk more than a few steps between buildings and that the center does not have adequate rain gear. Due to a generous donation that Lou Es received, AAUW Long Beach will be able to donate what the center requested: Umbrellas-- 15 small ones & 15 large ones.

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LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

Jean Aldrich, LAF Vice President

November is the month we support the Legal Advocacy Fund of AAUW. Founded in 1981, the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) provides funding and a support system for women challenging sex discrimination in higher education.

LAF promotes equity for women in higher education by

- providing case support for sex discrimination lawsuits,
- educating the college and university community about sex discrimination and ways to improve conditions through public education on campus and in the community programs,
- organizing a network of volunteer attorneys and social scientists who consult with the public on legal strategies, resources, and the strength of current and potential lawsuits, and
- recognizing innovative efforts to improve the climate for campus women through the Progress in Equity Award

From the beginning of the program, AAUW LAF has funded over 100 cases and donated over one million dollars (\$1,000,000). Long Beach Branch has contributed generously and it is time to give again.

Please donate by check or cash. Legal costs are very expensive e.g., a court reporter is \$1,000 a day of deposition.

Make your checks payable to LAF Long Beach and either bring to the November branch meeting or mail to:

Jean Aldrich, LAF Vice President
7970 Ring Street
Long Beach, CA 90808

Call if you have questions – (562) 430-8688

THE MENTORING PROGRAM

The Mentoring Program got off to a great start on October 1st. We have one new Mentor (and new member to the branch) to replace one who moved to India to teach English. We did not add any new 7th graders. This first meeting of the year is traditionally a team building session. The Boys and Girls Club staff lead us on several “low challenges” followed by a discussion about what we learned achieving this task, for example to build trust in each other. These activities encourage us to strategize as a group.

For example, how would all 15 of us be able to get from one wood platform to another 10 feet away with only the aid of a rope hanging from a tree limb half way between? To make it more difficult, one person had to carry a coffee can of water! We were successful and proud of our team efforts! For another you need to think of a see-saw with the wood piece about 8'x 10' on top of a center log. All of us were able to get on and sing “Twinkle, twinkle little star...” with the see-saw only touching the ground twice. It did take several tries. Our solution was for everyone to get on (one touch to the ground) and then designated individuals moved towards the “up end” but not enough to make it hit the ground, but to lift the touching end up.

At the picnic benches, we snacked afterwards on watermelon and vegetables with Halloween cookies to make it festive. Joan Calder handles the food for each event. At the scheduled time, she and the food & drink arrive! This is a wonderful way to help the Mentoring Program without the time commitment of being a Mentor. Thank you, Joan. We need assistance too with other things. Would you like to help? Call Ellen Mathis or Pat Sargeant.

AAUW BRANCH MEETING

Saturday November 4, 2006
Long Beach Yacht Club
6201 Appian Way
Long Beach, CA 90803
(562) 598-9401
Bridge Deck

Directions: Appian Way off Second Street
(Belmont Shore Area)

Social: 9:30 a.m. – 10: a.m.
Business Meeting: 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Program 11:00 – 12:00 Noon
Lunch 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Menu: Warm Salmon Salad, Rolls/Butter,
Coffee/Decaf/Tea, Cookies

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, Saturday, October 28,
2006**

Member(s)

Phone (Day) _____ Evening _____

Guest(s)

Address(es)

No. of Reservations ____ Amount Enclosed _____

I would like to make ____ reservation(s) for the
meeting and program only.

Vegetarian Meal preferred ____

BOOK FAIR AT BARNES AND NOBLE

Thursday, November 16th

3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Marina Pacifica Shopping Center

6326 E Pacific Coast Highway, Long Beach

The popular Book Fair at Barnes and Noble is back just in time for your holiday shopping. Simply take one of the enclosed vouchers with you to Barnes and Noble, shop to your heart's content and then present your items, with the voucher, at the designated cash register. (Usually a bunch of balloons are attached to the cash register.) Everything you purchase, except gift cards, membership cards and cafe consumables, will count toward the total. Proceeds earned from a percentage of sales will go to the Educational Foundation. Now is the time to stock up on Christmas cards, by travel books to plan your next trip and some books to take along to read, and those boxes of Godiva chocolates you know will be the perfect gift for Grandma and Auntie Mame. A calendar is a perfect stocking stuffer for kids of all ages and don't forget that book light and travel journal to take along on your trip!!

If you need more vouchers, just let me know.

Sharon Westafer, EF VP

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Interest Groups

New Members Group: Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2006. 6:30 PM. All new members are invited to meet at the home of Betty Thompson, 12412 Ballantine Dr, Los Alamitos, 562 430-8438. It's a wonderful time to meet other new members and learn about our organization. Please RSVP by Nov 25 to JoAnn at 562 429b 6923 or email: sojoinlb@aol.com or call Fay Denny at 714 894-0416, email: faydenny@yahoo.com.

Book Chat Plus: 4th Monday, 130 to 330 PM, at Branch Headquarters*, Call Jean Friedrichs, 562 598 9218 for more info.

Antiques and Collectibles. Friday, November 11. Children's Benefit League Bazaar. Call Barbara Gleason for more information: (562) 421-2206

Bridge Groups:

Other Wednesday Bridge**	1 st & 3 rd Wednesday	Noon – 4:00 p.m.	Emily Elgin	498-0646
Friday Bridge*	2 nd Friday	9:30 a.m. – noon	Cathy Cunningham	424-3166

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