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Flo Pickett, Program VP

## *Celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Executive Order 11375 Saturday, February 3, 2007*

Our February 3, 2007, meeting will feature Alex Torres, Executive Director for WINTER, Women in Non-Traditional Employment Roles. WINTER is a non-profit economic foundation that promotes encouragement and job-training for women in construction, building trades, fire and police work and other employment that has not traditionally employed women. WINTER has been in existence for 10 years. It has received grants from the Department of Labor to fund efforts to develop and implement technical assistance programs to employers and unions so they may recruit, train and retain women in nontraditional occupations and apprenticeships and prevent sexual harassment in the workplace

What is Executive Order 11375? On October 13, 1967 President Lyndon B. Johnson signed Executive Order 11375 adding gender to the law about who should be on construction sites. The previous Executive Order 11246 (September 24, 1965) included race, religion, color and national origin as protected groups. These orders are the guiding force behind protecting women's right to be on construction sites. The law actually states the ways contractors are required to outreach, recruit and hire women. The Office of Federal Contract Compliance of the Department of Labor is in charge of monitoring compliance, to ensure women and people of color get their fair share and equal opportunity. In 1978 women comprised two percent of the construction workforce. Today in 1997, 30 years after the law was signed women still represent two percent of the construction workforce. There are 79 apprenticeship programs in California, 50 have zero women. The skilled trades offer a solution to welfare reform, we need more women on the construction sites.

### **Board Briefs**

American Association of University Women, Long Beach Branch, December 18, 2006

The Executive Committee meeting of the Long Beach Branch of AAUW was called to order by President Gail Morrison at St. Luke's Episcopal Church at 6:35 p.m. on December 18, 2006. Regular Branch business was conducted. Motion made by Patricia Ferrer, seconded by Sharon Westafer, to revise the motion of November 20, 2006 to reflect that \$600 (rather than \$700 as approved) was removed from the Ocean Crest LAF account for submission to AAUW California LAF. Motion passed. Motion made by the Finance Committee that the \$28,000 CD at Indy Mac Bank that comes due December 22, 2006 be reinvested there in a 6-month CD. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.  
Fay Denny, Co-Recording Secretary

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN MISSION STATEMENT

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

# BRANCH NEWS

## Courtesy

Mary Orr, Courtesy Chair

We were advised that our dear member, Gwen Long, passed away suddenly in December. No notice was in the newspaper but thanks to research by one of our members, a condolence card was sent to her son on December 14, 2006.

Happy Birthday to all February honorees and Happy Valentine's Day to all.

"The world is so full of a number of things I'm sure we should all be happy as kings.

R.L.Stevenson"

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

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		

## **LOST:**

One large silver pierced earring at Lakewood C. C. luncheon on 1-6-07. If found, Please call Barbara Gleason.

## **BECOME A PART OF THE TEAM**

We've all heard the expression "It takes a village", made familiar to us by Hillary Clinton. Well, in fact, it takes a team to run the branch. The nominating committee is working hard to fill offices for next year and we need your help.

When the nominating committee calls you, don't hesitate to say yes. Becoming a board member is a wonderful way to learn about AAUW and the branch and to make new friends. The former office holders are always happy to help with your job and with answering questions.

In addition to the elected positions, the incoming Co-Presidents will have the task of appointing almost thirty officers and administrative chairs. If you find you're unable to take an Executive Committee position, perhaps there's another job you can fill. All board positions are listed in the yearbook. Take a look and see which job would fit you, then give a member of the nominating committee a call.

Joan Calder, Kee DeBoer, Norma Grady, Sunny Meylor, Jere Millington, Flo Pickett and Sharon Westafer serve on the nominating committee.

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

- *Board of Directors:* St. Luke's Youth Room, 6:30 PM: Mar 19, May 21 (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of Month)
- *Executive Committee:* : **Feb 19** (Jean Aldrich's home, 6:30 PM), Apr 16 (St Luke's, Room 117, 6:30 PM)

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT: Gail Morrison**

HAPPY NEW YEAR! It's time to exchange that New Year's Eve hat for a new hat. We have several to choose from this new year:

- On January 27, the LAF fundraiser luncheon will be held in Pomona from 11 a.m. to 2 pm. and will feature Arezou Payandi, female wrestler from the University of California Davis in the case with Michael Burch. Cost is \$30. See either Jean Aldrich or myself for reservations. Deadline is January 15, 2007.
- Linda Silver presented information at our January branch meeting on sending our girls to the Tech Trek Camp at Whittier College campus for one week. Costs have gone up to \$750 per girl and Linda plans fundraising for our February branch meeting. What a wonderful opportunity awaits some lucky girls who will attend this year's camp. Linda finished her report with a heartwarming letter from one of the girls who attended last year's camp. Among her distinctive pleasures of camp were the food and friends.
- Daphne Ching-Jackson tells us that the Math/Science Conference will be held this year on February 24 at Long Beach City College's PCH Campus. Sharon Westafer is rounding up volunteers. This is a great project to become involved with and perhaps our largest project of the year as we are actually performing one of our missions in our community.

Board and Branch notes:

From our LACIC: The Tech Trek girls have been invited to speak at "Speech Trek" at the January meeting of LACIC. The winner of the contest will speak at the California Convention in April 2007 in Ontario.

Kathleen Doty, LA District Chair reported that volunteers are needed to assist with the state convention in April 2007 at the Ontario Airport Hilton. Dates of the convention are April 27 - 29, 2007.

Ellen Mathis noticed a resemblance of a picture in the Fall/Winter 2006 AAUW Outlook magazine celebrating AAUW's 125th anniversary. The picture is in the very center of the magazine and depicts Eleanor Roosevelt with some other women. One of them with Eleanor looks like our Agnes Stoffer Townsend of Long Beach. Ellen held up the Outlook picture next to that of Agnes that was hanging on the wall in our Room 117 at St. Luke's Church and viola! We are certain that it is our Agnes! Check it out.

It was noted that we have a conflict in dates with LACIC's June 2 Leadership Training/Installation. Further discussion of this conflict may be conducted at the January 15 Board meeting. We will let you know of any changes.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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| January 15  | Board Meeting: 6:30 p.m. Youth Center, St. Luke's Church         |
| January 22  | LACIC, 6:30 p.m. Downey Library                                  |
| January 27  | LAF Fundraiser Luncheon, Kellogg West Conf. Center, Pomona, CA   |
| February 3  | Branch meeting at Leisure World: 9:30 a.m.                       |
| February 5  | Vantage deadline   |
| February 19 | Executive Board meeting at Jean Aldrich's, 6:30 p.m.             |
| February 23 | Scrapbooking Interest Group                                      |
| February 24 | Math/Science Conference at Long Beach City College, PCH Campus   |
| February 24 | Last day to mail Tech Trek donations                             |
| February 28 | Interfaith/Interculture Breakfast: \$35                          |
| March 3     | Branch meeting at Leisure World/Last day for Tech Trek Donations |

## **The Southern California National Conference for Community and Justice 16th Annual Interfaith/Intercultural Breakfast**

The NCCJ Interfaith/Interculture Breakfast will be held on Wednesday, February 28 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Registration starts at 6:45 a.m.; the breakfast and program is from 7:30 AM to 10:00 AM. Cost is \$35.00. Darci Fersch has reserved a table for AAUW. If you would like to reserve a place at the table, please call Darci Fersch at (562) 986-9109. Darci will need to receive your check no later than February 18<sup>th</sup>. Please make your checks payable to Darci Fersch (not AAUW) and send them to her at:

**2622 E. Catalina Drive, Signal Hill, CA 90755**

For those of you who are not familiar with NCCJ, it sponsors an annual Interfaith/Intercultural Breakfast where more than 900 people celebrate the diversity of Southern California, highlighting the various cultures and religions in our communities. Keynote speaker Prince Cedza Dlamini, is a descendent of freedom fighter King Sobhuza II, who fought for the independence of Swaziland, and Nelson Mandela (his grandfather), who triumphed over apartheid in South Africa.

Linda Silver, Tech Trek Chair

## **Tech Trek Math/Science Camp for Girls**

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.

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 at Whittier College for our selected attendees. 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!

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.

Fees for the August 5-11, 2007 camp are \$750 per camper. Last year our Branch raised funds to send four girls to camp and we hope to do the same this year. 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 24<sup>th</sup> so that we can meet the 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.

## Meet Long Beach Branch EF Fellowship Recipients-Part 1

Each year the endowments established by California branches in honor of state presidents, branches or branch members honored by their branches, fund women with very worthwhile projects. Here is where our branch EF donations work for EF:

**International Fellowships** are awarded for full-time graduate or postgraduate study or research to women who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Supplemental grants support community-based projects in the fellow's home country.

The Long Beach branch established the Anna Stofflet Townsend International Endowment in 1953. The endowment was completed in 1968. Anna was California State Division President from 1950 to 1952 and Association VP, South Pacific Region from 1955 to 1963.

The recipient of the Anna Stofflet Townsend International Endowment for 2006-2007 is Serap R. Sengul from Turkey. She is obtaining her Ph.D. in Anthropology at the University of Texas in Austin, Texas. Serap's project is Gender States of the Nation: Integrating War-Displaced Kurdish Women into the Urban Spaces of Kurdish Nationalism in Dryarbakir, Turkey. Serap intends to return to her hometown to further her career as an anthropologist and feminist activist. Before beginning work on a doctorate, she took part in women's initiatives, worked as a consultant with Kurdish Mothers for Peace, and monitored women's rights violations as part of her work in human rights organizations in Turkey.

**American Fellowships** support women doctoral candidates completing dissertations and scholars seeking funds for postdoctoral research leave or for preparing completed research for publication. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. The Long Beach branch established and completed the Louise Ruth Arbogast American Fellowship Endowment in 1986.

Tracy S. Sachtjen is the 2006-2007 recipient of the Louise Ruth Arbogast American Fellowship Endowment. She is studying for her Ph.D. in American history and women's studies at the University of California, Irvine. Tracy's project is American Ugly: The Production of Ugliness in American Culture. Tracy's goal is to become a professor of women's studies and history. She ultimately intends to become an administrator and channel more funding to women's studies programs. For her dissertation, she is studying the history of ugliness in the United States and how it has become a public way of alluding to failure.

Next month you'll learn about the Long Beach branch's three Research and Projects grant recipients.

### What is Going on with LAF?

*In early December, I sent our LAF Contribution to the State LAF Chair--\$2,580.00.*

*Thank you all for helping raise such a generous amount.*

*Money can be donated at any time; it is kept in our Long Beach Branch Account until December.*

*Call me if you have any questions.*

*Jean Aldrich  
LAF Vice President*

## GREAT DECISIONS 2007

This is the last chance to order your book for Great Decisions—Just \$15.00 and 3 great groups from which to choose.

More good news. Our speaker for our April 2007 general meeting (International Month) is Eunice Iliya. Ms. Iliya is from a small village in southern Nigeria. She is currently a student at Claremont Theological School. She has a fascinating story to tell.

Our May dinner meeting, the second Wednesday in May, May 9<sup>th</sup>, will feature Dr. Gilbert Gonzalez from the Department of Latino Studies at UC Irvine. He is a specialist in writing and documenting of the history and immigration of the people of Central America and Mexico, especially to the USA and our involvement in Mexico. Please put the date on your calendar and prepare for a very authentic meal of real Mexican cuisine – we won't be going to a “gringo” chain like El Torito. Details to be provided later.

Two of the topics for student this year are migration and Africa, so these speakers will surely add to our knowledge and understanding.

Helen and Kate

### Math/Science Conference Gearing Up

The AAUW Math/Science Conference Committee is working on the final stages of planning and implementation as the Long Beach Branch sponsors its 5th annual conference for middle school girls on February 24 from 9 a.m.-12 noon.

Speakers are the following: Heather Galloway, Forensic Scientist/Technician; Carolyn McDonald, Marine Biologist; Cynthia Johnson, Architect; Anh (Annie) Duong, Chemical Engineer; Kay Marie Anthony, Nurse Practitioner; Pam Putnam, Coroner; Annette Lindquist, Finance Director and a banker who was not confirmed at press time.

The event will again be held at Long Beach City College, Pacific Coast Campus, and participants will be middle school girls from Long Beach Unified middle schools.

If you are interested in helping on the day of the conference, please contact Sharon Westafer at (562).493.4749.

Ellen Mathis

### MENTOR PROGRAM

November and December found our mentoring program focusing on what it takes to start and operate a business. Michelle Zarzana and Sherrie Hammond, current Mentors, each have their own Chiropractic Offices. They shared their stories of how their Practice began and where they are today in their businesses. The girls then discussed, from the outline Michelle had created for this project, the steps they needed to take to create a business to manufacture soap to sell as a fundraiser. Then the work began. See the picture of them working, all looking up, because I called their names as the camera clicked. (continued page 7)



## MENTOR PROGRAM (continued)

Some things the Mentees discovered along the way were that: Things take longer than you expect. – The actual making and packaging took more than twice as long as planned. It was a fun project and you could use your creativity in both making and packaging the soap. Working together, as a team, sharing ideas, and being a second set of hands when needed added to the enjoyment. At the end, they were proud of what they had accomplished.

This activity culminated in excellent presentation and “saleswomen ship” at the December Wassail. Who could turn down the offer to purchase soap from young women bringing a selection to your table! Two of the Mentees shared the cashier duties. It was a successful business adventure! After expenses were paid for the materials (the moulds were on loan) the net was \$545.00. Thanks to patients of Dr. Zarzana who purchased the remainder (over 20 percent of sales).



Page 6: (Left to Right) Kathy Jimenez, Sherrie Hammond, Adriana Ramirez, Michelle Zarzana and Robin Hollowell

Page 7: (Left to Right) Adriana Ramirez, Frances Rozner (branch member), Kathy Jimenez, Vanessa Lopez and Jennie Samonn

### AAUW BRANCH MEETING SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2007

LEISURE WORLD SEAL BEACH\*  
13533 Seal Beach Blvd.  
Seal Beach, California  
(562) 594-4754  
Clubhouse 4, Room A

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

Menu: Hot Deviled Chicken Salad  
Vegetable, Fruit, Rolls, Chocolate Éclair  
Coffee, Tea

Cost: \$10.00

Questions: Sunny Meylor (562) 594-5519

Deadline: January 31, 2007

\*Leisure World is on the West Side of Seal Beach Blvd,  
between the 405/22 Freeways and Westminster Ave  
(2<sup>nd</sup> St in Long Beach)

### 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, January 31, 2007

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Salad \_\_\_\_ OR Vegetarian \_\_\_\_

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

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## Interest Groups

**New Members Group** will meet on Wednesday, February 28, 6:30pm, at the home of Deloris Mayuga. More information coming soon. Fay Denny and JoAnn Kuroda Co-chair, New Members Group (562) 429-6923 (JoAnn) (714) 894-0416 (Fay)

**Public Policy** will meet on Wednesday, February 21, time, place, and topic to be determined. For more information contact Betty Ann Rauch.

**Book Chat Plus** will meet on Monday, February 26, at 1:30 PM at the Headquarters at St. Luke's. Everyone is invited to join this friendly group to talk about their favorite current reading, trips, movies, etc. Tea and cookies are served. For more information call Jean Friedrichs at (562) 598-9218.

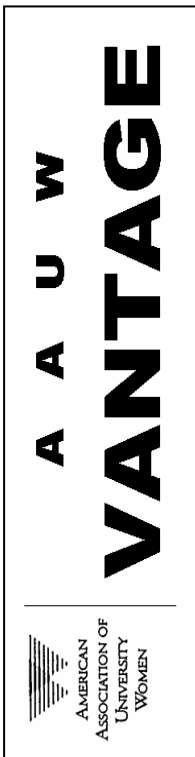
**Antiques and Collectibles.** TBA. Call Barbara Gleason for information: (562) 421-2206

### **Bridge Groups:**

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

Both groups meet at the Petroleum Club, 3636 Linden Avenue, Long Beach, 90807

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