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Flo Pickett, Program VP

## *Learn How Women Have Changed the Business World Saturday, March 3, 2007*

The strongest influence for women in the workplace is sometimes found in the home. Our speaker for our *breakfast* meeting on March 3, 2007, found this to be just the case. A Human Resources practitioner for over twenty years, Cecile Kelley finds much of her motivation, success, and challenges as a working woman and working mother through the experiences of her own mother's career. She will talk about a few of the challenges that women have encountered in the workforce over the past 50 years and how those challenges have in turn shaped the way businesses are run today. A graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles, Cecile received her Bachelor's degree in Psychology with an Emphasis in Business Administration. During her time at UCLA, she was an active member of Alpha Chi Omega women's fraternity and a Peer Health Counselor, an initial career interest not far from that of a Human Resource professional. Throughout her career, Cecile has contributed her Human Resources expertise to non-profit, health care, and professional services organizations. She emphasizes the importance of balancing an employee advocate philosophy while upholding business objectives through strong collaborative leadership. Cecile is currently the Human Resources Manager for the Los Angeles office of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, a top-tier, international law firm.



### **New Members Dinner Meeting Wednesday, February 28, 2007, 6:30 PM**

What is the New Members Group and who are we? All new and prospective members are those who belong to this group. You are invited to come and enjoy an evening of fun and meet others who have joined this year and those who are interested in becoming a member. The second meeting of this group will be on Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2007, at the home of Deloris Mayuga, 6571 El Roble Street, Long Beach, 90815. The attendees will learn about how active our branch is and how they can become a part of this wonderful and vibrant organization - The American Association of University Women. This will be a potluck dinner. We are also planning to have an opportunity basket to help the Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund. The theme of the basket will be The Traveling Woman (an item with that theme can be brought to the dinner). We look forward to seeing you on the 28th. Please call to RSVP or if you have any questions. Fay Denny (714) 894-0416 or [faydenny@yahoo.com](mailto:faydenny@yahoo.com) or JoAnn Kuroda (562) 429-6923 or [sojoinlb@aol.com](mailto:sojoinlb@aol.com)

# BRANCH NEWS

## Courtesy

Mary Orr, Courtesy Chair

*We were saddened to learn that our member, Virginia Contarsy's husband, Howard, died on 1/26/07. A condolence card was sent.*

*George Jackson underwent an appendectomy but is recovering nicely. Adele Brown had a hip replacement and is now in recovery. Get well cards were sent to them.*

*Birthday greetings to all March honorees, including me.*

*Celebrate St. Patrick's Day.*

*"The more joy we have, the more perfect we are. Spinoza"*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

Mar 3	8:00 AM	Khoury's
Apr 12*	5 PM	El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant
May 5	9:30 AM	The Grand

### **NEW DATE**

**Jun 9 9:30 AM Old Ranch C.C.**

\*Thursday

**Yearbook Pen and Ink Change  
New Address and Phone #**

Norma Mayfield  
1691 Sunningdale Rd #52L  
Seal Beach, CA 90740  
562 598 2793

## **BOARD BRIEFS AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN LONG BEACH BRANCH JANUARY 15, 2007**

The Board of Directors' meeting of the Long Beach Branch of AAUW was called to order by President Gail Morrison at St. Luke's Episcopal Church at 6:42 p.m. on January 15, 2007. Regular Branch business was conducted. Motion by Darlene Daclan that the Budget Committee moved that the revised budget be recommended for approval by the Branch. Motion passed. It was moved by JoAnn Kuroda, seconded by Jean Aldrich, that the Branch meeting for June 2, 2007 be changed to June 9, 2007 due to a conflict with the District meeting. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.  
Fay Denny, Co-Recording Secretary

**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)

**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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## FROM THE PRESIDENT: Gail Morrison

### Board and Branch Notes:

This seems to be the year for an abundance of changes for our Long Beach Branch. All of these changes are positive changes that are adding to our growth! Following are the latest changes:

Please mark your calendars for our branch meeting in June: JUNE INSTALLATION DATE CHANGED TO JUNE 9. The Board of Directors (BOD) approved to change our branch meeting to June 9th so that the new board could attend the LACIC (Los Angeles County InterBranch Council) Leadership Training and Installation on June 2.

In November, we replied positively to a survey from the Assistance League of Long Beach asking if we might be interested in using their new facilities at 6220 Spring Street. I received a call the day after our BOD meeting advising us that we could have lunch served to us by ALLB members at a charge of \$25 per person. This information has been directed to the Executive Board and will be discussed at our upcoming February 19th meeting. Results will be forthcoming.

Our January Board of Directors meetings had quite a surprise when we found that none of our keys at St. Luke's would open the door to the Youth Center. All 25 of us met in Room 117. The problem was straightened out the next day. We now have four new keys for the facilities at St. Luke's.

In an attempt to increase our membership and relieve our members of financial drain, "Community Visibility," a think tank, has been directed to our Executive Board. The BOD recommended that the Executive Board discuss this multi-leveled plan as it involves reaching out into the community to attract new members and to find new ways for fundraising activities. Results will be forthcoming.

### LACIC/LA District News:

Kathleen Doty, LA District Director, reported that a proposed by-laws change has been recommended to streamline expenses. It is an entire renovation project. NOTE: Every member will be receiving a copy of the proposed By-laws prior to Convention. The proposed By-laws will serve the purpose of streamlining the organization and bringing it into compliance with California Corporate Law. The Board of Directors has voted to recommend adoption to the membership. See article on page 4 regarding the new by-laws.

For all of you who were able to attend the inexpensive February branch meeting at Leisure World: Oh What A Gathering! Over 60 attended! Thank you for attending!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- February 24 Science Conference at Long Beach City College, PCC
- February 24 Last day to mail Tech Trek donations
- February 27 Scrapbooking Interest Group
- February 28 NCCJ Interfaith Breakfast: 6:30 a.m. (See February Vantage for more info)
- February 28 New Members Pot Luck at Deloris Mayuga's
- March 3 Branch meeting: Khoury's: 8:00 a.m.
- March 3 Last day to turn in Tech Trek donations
- April 27-29 AAUW California State Convention in Ontario
- June 2 LACIC Leadership Training/Installation
- JUNE 9** NEW DATE: Installation: Old Ranch Country Club

## PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGES OVERVIEW

One member, one vote.

New governance structure.

Sixteen (16) directors elected at large from throughout the State, without “portfolio.” Directors elect officers: President, Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and Secretary from among themselves. (These are the only officers required by California corporation statutes.) Committees of the Board (Executive, Finance, and Administrative), which have authority to make decisions on behalf of the Board/organization, must be comprised only of elected directors from the Board. Advisory Committees of the Board, which act only in an advisory capacity to the board, can be comprised of elected and non-elected directors or members of the corporation. Advisory committees fulfill the following functions: Bylaws, Communications, Educational Foundation, Legal Advocacy Fund, Membership, Program, Public Policy and to act as liaison to branches. These would be chaired by an elected director and be comprised of any number (as set by the Board) or other members.

By-laws will be phased in over 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 fiscal years.

AAUW CA will become a contemporary organization in compliance with California corporation law. This change will afford greater flexibility to the organization in governing the organization.

Ellen Mathis, Mentor Program

## Mentoring and Whale Watching

It was late Sunday morning a few weeks ago that the Mentoring group gathered at the “purple ticket booth,” near the Aquarium of the Pacific, to go on a two and a half hour Whale Watching trip. By lining up early, the Mentees got the hot tip that bleacher seats in the bow were the best viewing and that an earlier trip had seen whales, dolphins, seals, and more. It was cold but we were prepared. Our expectations were met and there was a nice narration about points of interest as we passed them and of course, about the wildlife we were seeing. Looking at the coastline from the water gives a different perspective on the port, coastline, and Long Beach. Everyone ate lightly before the trip to avoid getting seasick and it worked, but that and the cold made us hungry. SuperMex on First St. and Alamitos Ave. served up hearty food. We had time to discuss the rest of the Mentoring year and especially what would be good to do for our “year end” meeting in May. We will be guides as well as attendees (our 5<sup>th</sup> time) at the Branch sponsored 5<sup>th</sup> annual Math/Science Conference for Middle School Girls.

Pictured around the table (left to right) at lunch:  
Nicole Ramsdell, Adriana Ramirez, Tania Padilla Pat Sargeant, Kathy Jimenez, Vanessa Lopez, Michelle Zarzana, Sherrie Hammond, Jennie Samonn (hidden), Kimsoppa Chan and Linda Cabrera



## Meet More Long Beach EF Fellowship Recipients-Part 2

Research and Projects Grants include both Career Development Grants, which help women who seek to achieve upward mobility within their present careers or are trying to change careers, and Community Action Grants, which support individual, branch and state projects that further the mission of AAUW by promoting education and equity for women and girls in local communities and schools.

The Long Beach branch has three completed Research and Projects Grants that honor three members: Joyce E. Clark, completed in 1990, Connie Wright Innskeep, completed in 1995, and Ethel Black, completed in 2001. The 2006-2007 recipients of the Long Beach Research and Projects Grants are the following:

Thressa E. Green-Bradley, recipient of the Joyce E. Clark Grant, resides in Flint, Michigan. Her degree and field are in counseling. Thressa's goal is to help the youth and adults in her community break down barriers that prevent them from becoming productive citizens capable of dealing with issues of everyday life. She plans to become a personal consultant and motivate and empower young girls and women.

The recipient of the Connie Wright Innskeep Grant is KIPP San Francisco Bay Academy. The name of the project is Community Empowerment Leadership Awareness (CELA). This program, which targets nine to fifteen year old girls, is a two-year grant. The program seeks to instill community spirit, promote self-empowerment, develop leadership, and infuse awareness into the girls' lives so they can be catalysts of life-affirming change for themselves and those around them.

Suzanne M. Pegas, who resides in Berkeley, CA, is the recipient of the Ethel Black grant. Suzanne is studying for an M.A. in Environmental Education. She has always been an educator, teaching life skills to homeless people and people with disabilities, social studies to urban youth, and nature to national park visitors. After completing her degree, she plans to teach urban youth how to connect with the natural world.

Helen Sebring, International Relations

### INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Fellow Great Decision Readers: The books have been delivered to Helen Sebring, Betty Ann Rauch, and Emily Elgin for the three groups. The evening group will begin on February 14. The other facilitators will let their groups know their starting state.

We have booked the Acapulco at Marina Pacifica for the International Dinner with speaker Dr. Gonzalez speaking on migration on May 9 from 6 to 9. Be sure to put the date on your calendars now! It will be a very informative evening, great food, and almost a Cinco de Mayo celebration.

## Join the Scrapbooking Interest Group!

Share your memories and save your pictures in an artful and creative way. Beginners, intermediates, and experts are welcome. The Group meets the 4th Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 27, 2007. For more information, contact Darlene at 562/673-6909 or at darlene\_daclan@yahoo.com.

## Congressional Caucus on Women's Issues Sets Agenda

Betty Ann Rauch, Public Policy Director

On January 23, 2007, members of the Congressional Caucus on Women's Issues gathered on Capitol Hill to pass the gavel to their new leaders, Co-Chairs Representative Lois Capps (D-CA) and Representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA). Empowered in part with a woman --- and a member of the caucus --- now serving as Speaker of the House of Representatives, as well by sheer numbers --- a record 74 women were elected to the House in November, which could make the caucus one of the largest legislative groups on Capital Hill if all join. Members are set to advance an agenda that meets women's needs with an agenda that includes educational equity, sex trafficking, women in business, women in prison, and international domestic violence. Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) has been working with members of the women's Caucus to discuss their agenda, giving the group unprecedented access to the highest rungs of House leadership. AAUW also continues to work with the Caucus, and will be providing technical assistance as they develop their agenda.

**The next Public Policy meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 21 at 1:30 pm at the home of Barbara Gleason, 4556 Graywood Ave., Long Beach. Everyone is welcome. If you are able to attend, please call Barbara at (562) 421-2206 or Betty Ann at (562) 431-6679.**

Linda Silver, Tech Trek Chair

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

Those of you who attended the January Branch meeting had the opportunity to hear the thank you letter written by Kimsoppa Chan, a Long Beach Branch Tech Trek camper from last year. The following letter was written by another camper sent to last year's camp through our generous Branch donations:

*Dear AAUW Sponsor,*

*Thank you for giving me the chance to participate in AAUW. I would also like to thank you for giving me the chance to meet all the girls, including the ones in the dorm. They were all great. The experience was really fun and the classes were really fun.*

*Thank you not only for sending me there to meet other people, but also for making me excel in Math and Science. Living in the Dorm was great. It felt like it would if I was really in college. I learned how to do Mendi Math and learned how to make rockets out of paper. I also learned that opossums aren't angry, they are very gentle. I enjoyed swimming, dancing, learning, eating, and also talking to the girls in my dorm.*

*So with that I would like to say I had a great time and it's all because of you. Thank you so much for the experience that you gave me!!*

*Love Always,*

*The child you gave a chance to excel,*

*Love once more,*

*Paige Alysha Johnson*

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.

## IT'S ON THE WEB

If you use the Internet at home or at your local public library, check out these websites:

If you (or someone you know) are 50+, you may want to visit a new lifestyle website, exclusively for women 50 and over. A professional life coach, marriage and family counselor, image consultant, financial and career consultants, and garden, wine & food pros are all available to you at [www.50fabulous.com](http://www.50fabulous.com)

For the latest information about AAUW, visit [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) for Association information—such as the National Convention June 29 to July 2, 2007 in Phoenix, Arizona. Can't find your latest copy of the Vantage? [www.aauw-longbeach.org](http://www.aauw-longbeach.org) has the latest Vantage and a library of past issues.

Florida was hit again by a natural disaster. Are you prepared for a natural disaster or lengthy power outage at your home? Valuable information may be found at the California Emergency Preparedness Office website: [www.dhs.ca.gov/epo](http://www.dhs.ca.gov/epo).

### **AAUW BRANCH MEETING SATURDAY MARCH 3, 2007**

Khoury's Restaurant  
110 Marina Dr  
Long Beach, CA 90803  
(562) 598-6800

Social: 8:00 to 9:00 AM

**Breakfast: 9:00 to 9:30 AM**

Business Meeting: 9:30 TO 10:00 AM

Program: 10:00 TO 11:00 AM

Menu: Spinach and Cheese Omelette  
Queen Mary Potato, Fresh Fruit,  
Croissant  
Coffee, Tea, Orange Juice

Cost: \$16.00

Questions: Sunny Meylor (562) 594-5519

Deadline: February 23, 2007

### **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, February 23, 2007**

Member(s)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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.**

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## Interest Groups

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**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.

**The Great Books** group now has two openings. We use the Great Books Foundation anthologies to read and discuss classic and acclaimed novelists, themed short stories, poetry, philosophy, and more! Please call Linda Patten at (562) 402-6831 for more information.

### **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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