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Flo Pickett, Program VP

## *Honor Our Past and Look at the Future*

LONG BEACH QUINTESSENTIAL consisting of a flute, oboe, clarinet, french horn, and bassoon and players of those instruments will provide the musical entertainment for our final luncheon of the year, our June 9 Installation of Officers for the 2007-08 AAUW year.

Our theme is "AAUW at 125 years: We Honor our Past While Taking a Close Look at What the Future Holds for Women and Girls." The program will be held at the Old Ranch Country Club, Seal Beach, California.

The installation is more entertainment than a program. Please invite your daughters, granddaughters, nieces, and friends to join you for lunch and entertainment at 11AM. (Note: business meeting starts at 9:30 AM, social hour 9:00 to 9:30 AM.) We promise a good time!

Quote of the month, "You can't turn back the clock, but you can wind it up again."  
Bonnie Pruden, a leading American rock climber in the 1940s and 1950's

Helen Sebring, International Relations

### **More Information on Eunice Iliya**

Eunice Iliya, from Gbadan, Nigeria, spoke at the April AAUW meeting of the dreams she has for her country and the problems it faces. Nigeria has only been a democracy since 1996. The first president was a former general and warlord. The country just had its first turn-over elections with many problems. At this point, it is undecided if the opposition votes will count or win. Eunice can only hope for peace and justice. But, she pointed out, corruption is just one of the legacies of colonialism. Public education, health care, infrastructure, and development also lag far behind. Nigeria is rich in natural resources, especially oil, but the ordinary people do not receive their benefits. HIV/AIDS is a huge problem also. Eunice wants to return to Nigeria with her education, including a doctorate in counseling, and try to make a difference. She has dreams of making the public high school in her community stronger and has a trust set up to help children attend school when parents cannot afford higher education. Educated youth can find jobs. Youth without training are easily led into violence and drugs. If anyone would like to help her, she can be reached at (909) 624-0443 or cell (909) 282-8847, her address is 1325 N. College Ave, Claremont, CA 91711.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN MISSION STATEMENT

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

# Branch News

Mary Orr, Courtesy Chair

## Courtesy

Just learned that Jere Millington had hip surgery but is now on the mend. A speedy get well card was sent on our behalf.

Birthday greetings to all June honorees--any June brides?

Remember to honor your Dads on Father's Day

"I am the poet of the woman the same as the man

And I say it is as great to be a woman as to be a man

And I say there is nothing greater than the mother of man."

Walt Whitman "Leaves of Grass"

## Board Brief

### American Association of University Women Long Beach Branch

April 16, 2007

The Executive 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 6:38 p.m. on April 16, 2007. Regular Branch business was transacted. It was moved by Deloris Mayuga, seconded by Darlene Daclan that we change the Standing Rules "Branch Records and Archives", #2f, to strike the word "annually" and add words "biennially or as needed". Motion passed. The motion will be presented to the branch at the branch meeting June, 2007.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Fay Denny, Co-Recording Secretary

## BOARD MEMBERS

FINAL Board meeting of the year:  
May 21, 2007, Youth Room, St. Luke's

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

You should have your membership renewal by now. Please renew promptly. If you did NOT receive your membership renewal, please contact Darlene Daclan, VP Membership at (562) 597-1287.

## Ring Out the Old, Ring In the New

This is the last Vantage for our 2006/2007 year. Your next issue, the August/September Vantage, will kick off our 2007/2008 year. If there is anything you would like to see in next year's Vantage, please let me or Janet Seiter, (562) 437-2004, know. Patricia Ferrer, Co-Editor, (562) 597 4781, or panderoh@aol.com

## New Officers

The following new officers will be installed at our June 2007 program meeting.

Co-Presidents

Program Co-Vice Presidents:

Membership Co-Vice Presidents:

Education Foundation Vice President:

Legal Advocacy Fund Vice President:

Co-Secretary:

President-Elect:

Judith Kaho and Deloris Mayuga

Flo Pickett and Darci Fersch

Darlene Daclan and Linda Westman

Sharon Westafer

Carolyn Magnuson

Linda Silver and Betty Shaw

Linda Patten

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT: Gail Morrison

### Board and Branch Notes:

Six of us from Long Beach Branch of AAUW attended the State Convention in Ontario April 27-29: Deloris Mayuga, Judith Kaho, Fay Denny, JoAnn Kuroda, Sharon Westafer, and myself. It was inspiring to help celebrate AAUW's Legacy of 125 years (1881 - 2006). Highlight was that Long Beach Branch took Tenth Place in both EF and LAF Total Branch Contributions in the State of California. According to Judith, this is rare to achieve both of these in one year! Our hats go off to Sharon Westafer, EF VP and Jean Aldrich, LAF VP for all their hard work and to all those who contributed to make this happen. Thank You!

After a very lengthy business session, the proposed Bylaw changes were passed. Please review your current Spring/Summer 2007 Outlook for a complete copy of these proposals. Also, you will find the Proposed Public Policy Program.

I attended the workshop entitled: Branch Marketing by Amber Chiang. Ms. Chiang is Director of Marketing and Public Relations for Bakersfield College. Her workshop was entitled: Guerilla Tactics: Getting Your Branch the Attention It Deserves. In this age of on-the-spot news and cell phones, public relations has gone guerilla. She helped us to lead our branch through the jungle. Under "Reaching Younger Members": Ms. Chiang talked about *geocaching*, and referred us to the website: [geocaching.com](http://geocaching.com). Putting in your zip code allows access to information for our area. I haven't tried this yet, but it sounds interesting. Hot tips: don't spend a lot of money, don't expect something for nothing, and to mobilize our membership. In other words: market yourself! Ms. Chiang closed by offering to write a press release free of charge to any of our branches. She can be reached at: 661-395-4256; cell: 661-203-6837 and [amchiang@bakersfieldcollege.edu](mailto:amchiang@bakersfieldcollege.edu) and [chiangcreations@yahoo.com](mailto:chiangcreations@yahoo.com).

Sharon Westafer and I had the opportunity to chat with Nora Perry, President of the Redding Branch and a Past State President. We took the opportunity to thank her branch for contributing \$5,000 to our Research and Grants Fund and giving her a lovely Certificate. She said, "I like Long Beach. I worked with many from Long Beach when I was State President. You'll be getting more money from us!"

Sharon Schuster, Past AAUW CA President, performed the Installation of new officers. She was asked what we could do to increase our membership to which she eloquently replied: "Do what you need to do..."

This is my last message to you as your President. I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity of a lifetime and one I will never forget. I have been extremely fortunate to have such a capable Board of Directors and members to help our branch...."do what we need to do!" It was an honor to serve as President. Thank you!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- June 2 - LACIC Leadership Training/Installation, Arcadia
- June 9 - Branch Installation: Old Ranch Country Club, 9:30 AM Cost \$22.50.
- June 29 to July 2 - National/Association Convention in Phoenix, AZ
- June 30 - Dues are due: \$89--mail to Darlene Daclan, check to AAUW Long Beach

Sharon Westafer, EF VP

## THANK YOU FROM EF

Thank you so much for your generous support of EF throughout the year. We hope that our efforts to volunteer time for ARAMARK at Angel Stadium will mean fewer fundraisers next year.

In 2006, \$8400 was contributed to the Educational Foundation (designated for the Long Beach Branch, Inc. Research and Projects Grant) and the Redding Branch designated \$5000 toward the grant as well.

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Special thanks to the EF committee, Fay Denny, Norma Grady, Joan Gustafson, Judith Kaho, Deloris Mayuga, Sunny Meylor, Jere Millington, Gail Morrison, and Betty Thompson for your time, valuable advice and support.

Betty Ann Rauch, Public Policy

## Pay Equity

Do you feel as though we've been on this road forever? AAUW released a new study, *Behind the Pay Gap*, on April 23, 2007 that shows that just one year out of college, women working full time already earn less than their male colleagues, 80%, even when they work in the same field. Ten years after graduation, the pay gap widens with women earning only 69% of what men earn. Even after controlling for hours, occupation, parenthood and other factors known to effect earnings, the research indicates that one-quarter of the pay gap remains unexplained and is likely due to sex discrimination. Over time, the unexplained portion of the pay gap grows.

The research shows that ten years after graduation, college-educated men working full time have more authority in the workplace than do their female counterparts. Men are more likely to be involved in hiring and firing, supervising others, and setting pay.

The AAUW research also shows that this pay gap exists despite the fact that women outperform men in school – earning slightly higher GPAs than men in every college major, including science and mathematics.

There are currently two Pay Equity bills in Congress: HR1338 sponsored by Rep De Lauro (CT) and co-sponsored by 105 others including Rep Linda Sanchez and S766 Sponsored by Clinton (NY) and co-sponsored by Sen. Boxer among 21 others. Please consider contacting Senator Dianne Feinstein and your Representative to ask them to support these bills. Aren't you getting tired of this inequity – I am!

Helen Sebring, International Relations

## INTERNATIONAL DINNER

On May 9, 2007, we had an outstanding dinner at the Acapulco Restaurant in Long Beach. Everyone kept coming back to the buffet line for more food. We made over \$500 to donate to the Virginia Gildersleeve International Support fund.

The guest speaker was Dr. Gilbert G. Gonzalez author of numerous scholarly tomes including "Guest workers or colonized labor?: Mexican labor migration to the United States (2006)," "Culture of empire : American writers, Mexico, and Mexican immigrants, 1880-1930 (2004)," "A Century of Chicano history: empire, nations, and migration (with Prof. Raul Fernandez, 2003) and "Labor and community: Mexican citrus worker villages in a Southern California county, 1900-1950." He teaches in the Chicano/Latino Studies program at UCI's School of Social Sciences. Dr. Gonzalez's excellent presentation on the former Bracero Program and its contemporary counterparts was thought provoking . The program ended with an excellent question and answer period.

Flo Pickett, Program VP

## One Shared World

Recently, those of us with an email address registered with AAUW, received an email postal card celebrating *International Women's Day* and providing information about One Shared World. One Shared World is a campaign to raise awareness of global poverty and make it a vital part of the American dialog — especially among working women. Why women? Whether we realize it or not, women in America are not so different from women in cities, towns and villages in every corner of the globe. We share similar struggles, joys and hopes. And we all want to build a better future for ourselves, our families and our communities. Expanding on the 25-year legacy of the Biden-Pell Amendment, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and its partners have created *One Shared World* to show how supporting progress in one area pays off in others. Educating girls, for example, helps foster more resilient families, prevent diseases like HIV/AIDS, open up better jobs that pay higher wages — making communities, societies and our world healthier, safer and richer.

*One Shared World* opens a door for America's women to learn more, connect more and do more to make our one shared world a better one. Our focus: health, education and economic progress. For more information go to [www.onesharedworld.org](http://www.onesharedworld.org).

## eMail from AAUW

Do you have an email address but didn't receive the email postal card from AAUW on One Shared World? It probably isn't in our records. Please review your membership registration form and ensure that your CORRECT email address is entered.

The Branch, State, and Association want to use eMail more frequently to communicate with our members to provide more timely and less costly communications to our members.

## Extraordinary Changes

Riane Eisler said, "*What's Good for Women is Good for the World.*" I love this quote because it's true. The following are just two examples of women around the world who are working to make changes in their countries and in turn change the world.

### Japan – Gender Bias Divorce Law Under Review (IPS News)

The birth of her baby four years ago was supposed to be a happy occasion for Masae Ito, 41 of Tokyo, Japan. But she and her second husband were in for a surprise at the registry office. "I was told flatly by ward officials that the baby (legally) belonged to the husband I had divorced almost a year earlier. I could only gasp in disbelief," said Ito, a plucky woman who now manages a small non-profit organization geared to support mothers in similar situations. Ito is currently working hard to have changes made to the archaic Civil Code law that prevents women from remarrying for six months after divorce and also prohibits babies born within 300 days of the divorce from being recorded under the family register of their biological fathers. One consequence of the contentious code is that unregistered children cannot apply for national benefits nor have a passport issued. However, within the last month, the government announced that it has decided to issue passports to children not registered due to the provisions of the code relating to recently divorced mothers. The gesture is a sign that the resistance by mothers is paying off. Ito's own case is regarded as a landmark in the fight for equality. Rather than plead her case in court, she lobbied for help from politicians. To read more see [www.ipsnews.net](http://www.ipsnews.net).

### Iran – Nahid Keshavarz Writes from Prison (Change for Equality)

Women's Rights Activists, Nahid Keshavarz and Mahboubeh Hossein Zadeh, have been in prison since April 2, 2007 for collecting signatures in support of the "One Million Signatures Campaign" demanding changes to discriminatory laws against women. While in prison they have begun to record their experiences among female inmates. Here is what Nahid Keshavarz has to say. I realize, more than ever before, that judges have the power to keep us in prison endless periods of time. They have the power to claim that our demands as contradictory to the foundations of the Islamic Republic, proclaim that polygamy is a main tenant of Islam and the State, and to accuse us of crimes, to equate our efforts within the "One Million Signatures Campaign" to "actions against national security, through the spread of propaganda against the Islamic Republic of Iran." But, I wonder, how will these judges, who work so hard at upholding these patriarchal traditions and laws, counter the growing awareness among female prisoners? What do judges do with the women who cite these very restrictive laws as justification for their unlawful actions? Women like Behjat, who is accused of murdering her husband. A woman who in her own defense explained to the prosecutor that "when your laws work unjustly against me and other women, and place us in an extreme disadvantage, when I spend four fruitless years in pursuit of a divorce, all the while forced to take refuge in the homes of relatives and strangers, uprooting my children time and again, am I not forced to take matters into my own hands and to ensure justice on my own?" To read more see [www.payvand.com](http://www.payvand.com).

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Patricia Sargeant, Education Representative

## THE MENTORING PROGRAM NEEDS YOU!

We are having our year end party at the Ice Skating Rink in Long Beach on Carson at Paramount on Sunday May 20th. We only have 6 mentees now. After Robin Hollowell graduates from Poly on June 13<sup>th</sup>, we'll only have 5 mentees. **WE NEED MENTORS FOR US TO HAVE MORE MENTEES!!** Many of us feel that our mentoring program is one of the most important activities of our branch. **PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING US TO KEEP OUR MENTOR PROGRAM ALIVE!!!** To be a mentor you need to be a caring person who wants to help a teenager who has potential but doesn't have much support for college from her family. In most cases she will be the first one in her family to go to college. Planting the ideas of college is one of the main goals of most of our activities and meetings. You need to be able to attend our monthly activities with the girls and plan to have one additional day you can spend some time with your mentee each month. We try to keep additional meetings to a minimum. Joan Calder does an excellent job bringing our refreshments to us! That makes us better able to concentrate our efforts on the girls. We HOPE you will consider joining us!!

To learn more about our mentoring program **PLEASE COME TO OUR PLANNING MEETING AT PAT SARGEANT'S** on TUESDAY JULY 31st at 7:30 pm. PLEASE CALL PAT at 562-431-3435 and let her know you are interested! This can be one of the best experiences you have ever had and it will mean one more girl can enjoy our terrific program.

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### AAUW BRANCH MEETING SATURDAY JUNE 9, 2007

Old Ranch Country Club  
3901 Lampson Avenue, Seal Beach CA 90740  
Terrace Room (562) 596-4425

Directions: 405 Fwy to Seal Beach Blvd North., right on  
Lampson, left on Basswood into Country Club Driveway

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

#### Menu

Old Ranch Cobb Salad (not tossed)/Blue Cheese and  
Ranch Dressing on side  
Rolls, Butter, Coffee, Ice Tea  
Chocolate Homemade Brownie with French Vanilla Ice  
Cream and Chocolate Sauce

\$22.50

Questions: Sunny Meylor (562) 594-5519 until 5/27  
After 5/27, contact Barbara Cottrell (562) 431-2445

Deadline for Reservations: Friday, June 1, 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, June 1, 2007

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.**

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## Interest Groups

**Public Policy**, please contact Betty Ann Rauch (562) 431-6679 for information regarding the June meeting.

**Book Chat Plus** will meet on Monday, June 25th, 1:30-3:00 PM at Headquarters, St. Lukes. Jean Friedrichs, 562-598-9218.

**Great Books** meets first Monday of the month at Vi Dwyer's.

**Equity Players** meet "as needed." New members always welcome. Please contact Lou Es Greene at (562) 434-6477.

**Antiques and Collectibles** please contact Barbara Gleason, (562) 421-2206, for information regarding the June meeting.

### **Bridge Groups:**

Other Wednesday Bridge	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	Noon – 4:00 p.m.	Emily Elgin	(562) 498-0646
Friday Bridge	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday	9:30 a.m. – noon	Cathy Cunningham	(562) 424-3166

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



In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.

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