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Flo Pickett, Program VP

Women, Education, and Power: A Personal Perspective

City of Long Beach, Second District Councilmember, Dr. Suja Lowenthal will jump-start AAUW's 2007-08 year at our Saturday, September 8, 2007 luncheon on the topic of Women, Education, and Power: a personal perspective. Councilmember Lowenthal will speak to us from a personal perspective on how she came to be where she is today-the role of education, personal perseverance, and politics. Lowenthal was elected to the Long Beach City Council in June, 2006. Prior to that, she had served on the Long Beach Board of Education.



Councilmember Lowenthal was born in Madras, India, and came to this country when she was five. She grew up in Los Angeles County and earned a BA from UCLA in Economics, an MBA from CSULA, and a Doctorate in Policy, Planning and Development from USC. She worked for the City of Los Angeles Department of Aging, City Attorney's Office in the Domestic Violence, and, in 1988, she joined the Central Basin Municipal Water District. She currently works as the Chief of Strategic Planning for the Water Replenishment District of Southern California.

Councilmember Lowenthal is active in local community organizations including the Long Beach Affordable Housing Commission, YMCA of Long Beach, Long Beach Area Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Council, Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council, Aquarium of the Pacific, National Council of Community and Justice. She lives in the Rose Park Historic District of LB with her husband and son Avi.

Please join us at the Lakewood Country Club on Saturday, September 8, 2007, to attend our general meeting and hear this fascinating woman speak.

Garden Party Update

Why no garden party? The Long Beach Branch had traditionally held a garden party to recruit new members in September. This year, the board decided to kick off the new year with an impressive woman speaker from Long Beach. A garden party is still planned. See Page 2 for this year's calendar.

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

Congratulations to Joan Gustafson who was recently installed as President of the Long Beach Auxiliary of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, one of 17 organizations of the Los Angeles Symphony.

Sadly we report of the death of long time members: Helen D. Cure, Janet Krueger and Ione Weinard (a past president). Condolence cards were sent to their families on our behalf.

"To accomplish great things we must not only act but also dream, not only plan but also believe." Anatole France.

Birthday greetings to all August and September honorees.

LACIC meetings are the 4th Monday of alternating months
Presidents/Kick-off meeting is Saturday August 25

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Planned Monthly Branch Meetings

- 9/8 Breakfast at Lakewood Country Club
Speaker: Suja Lowenthal
- 10/6 Coffee, Los Altos Methodist Church
Beverly O'Neill, Speaker
Open to the Public
- 11/3 EF Self-catered Lunch
Location: TBA
Speaker: Tracy Sachtjen, EF Fellow
- 12/1 Wassail, Location: TBA
- 1/6 Lunch, Location: TBA
- 2/2 Lunch, Leisure World
- 3/1 Lunch, Long Beach Yacht Club
- 4/3* Dinner, Assistance League Headquarters
- 5/3 Afternoon Membership Garden Party
Location: TBA
- 6/7 Lunch, Old Ranch Country Club
Installation of New Officers

All meetings except 4/3 are on the first Saturday of the month

*4/3—Thursday evening meeting

PLEASE JOIN US

Prospective New Members
Welcome at Every Meeting

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

All are held on a Monday and start at 6:30 PM. All are being held at St. Luke's in the Guild Room
Dates: 10/15, 1/21, 3/17 (wear green, its St. Patrick's Day), 5/19

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All are held on a Monday and start at 6:30 PM. Meetings will rotate between Judith Kaho's (J) home and Deloris Mayuga's (D)
Dates: 9/17 (D); 11/19 (J); 12/17 (D); 2/18 (J); 4/21 (D)

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

Co-Presidents' Message

Share Our Story—"Spread the Word about Equity" is our theme for the 2007 – 2008 year as co-presidents of AAUW Long Beach.

Want to get more involved with AAUW? The Board of Directors needs a few good people. Still needed are an audit committee chair, a co-chair for International Relations to work with Helen Sebring, and a co-chair for Webmaster to learn how to maintain our website (George Jackson has offered on-the-job training). Contact us for more details.

KEEP YOUR 2006-2007 YEARBOOK. The Board and Branch approved printing the Yearbook biennially. That means you will not get a new yearbook in 2007-2008 but will get a Yearbook Addendum with any new information to be inserted in the center of your current Yearbook. The following year we will again print a yearbook. The funds normally allocated for the yearbook this year has been allocated to program, membership, and publicity, with the goal of attracting new members.

Attending the 2007 AAUW National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona in late June was the beginning of our term. Fay Denny served as the Delegate Chair. We celebrated 125 years of AAUW Leadership and we made serious efforts to bring AAUW into the 21st Century by adopting the proposed Bylaw changes to create a new kind of governance. Be sure to read about it on the AAUW website or in the Fall Outlook.

We attended many workshops and enjoyed networking with long-time friends and making new ones at the LAF and Educ. Foundation dinners. There were outstanding panels and even a movie night, featuring "North Country". Author Greg Mortenson shared his story about building schools for girls in Pakistan and Afghanistan and why is so important to build PEACE through education for women and girls. We were inspired to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of Title IX and to continue to support the research and financial support of the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, LAF and the Educational Foundation.

We hope you will join us in sharing the work of our Long Beach Branch in our community and to bring in new members.

AAUW FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

One of the world's largest sources of funding exclusively for graduate women, the AAUW Educational Foundation supports aspiring scholars around the globe, teachers and activists in local communities, women at critical stages of their careers, and those pursuing professions where women are underrepresented.

Applications for AAUW Fellowships and Grants are available on-line starting August 15, 2007. Go to http://www.aauw.org/fga/fellowships_grants/index.cfm for more information.

Public Policy Report

On Tuesday, July 31 the House passed the **Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act (H.R. 2831)** by a vote of 225-199. Introduced in response to the Supreme Court decision in the Ledbetter v. Goodyear case, this bill clarifies that each discriminatory paycheck is in fact another act of discrimination. In doing so, H.R. 2831 restores the law to how it was previously applied, and ensures that victims of pay discrimination can have their day in court. On Friday, July 27, the White House threatened to veto the bill.

While the passage of this bill is a positive step for those who experience wage discrimination, it will merely ensure that the Title VII statute of limitations is enforced but it does not move it forward on the path to pay equity. AAUW strongly supports the **Paycheck Fairness ACT (H.R. 1338/S. 766)**, which would expand upon the original scope of the Equal Pay Act of 1963 by closing loop holes and improving the law's effectiveness. While this bill is cosponsored by a majority of the representatives in the House (224) and has been the subject of two House committee hearings, it is currently stalled in the House Education and Labor Committee and is not yet scheduled for a mark up. This is a critical step in moving the bill forward to a vote on the floor.

Linda Silver and Betty Shaw, Co-Secretaries

Board Briefs

The Board of Directors of the AAUW Long Beach Branch met on July 28, 2007. Regular Board Business was conducted. The following motions were passed:

- To pay the rent increase at St Lukes Church of \$10.35 per month.
- That LAF be approved to ask for LAF donations from the membership at the October general Branch meeting.
- That the Aramark funds be distributed as suggested by those working on this fundraiser as follows: \$700 to EF, \$350 to Mentors, \$350 to Math/Science Conference, and \$70 to LAF.
- That the following fundraisers proposed by the EF committee be approved for the 2007-2008 Branch year:
 1. Catered luncheon
 2. Pin, coin purse and Tee Shirt sales
 3. Silent Auction and gently used book sales
 4. Theater evening
 5. Bunco Party
 6. Non-event fund raiser
 7. Bus trip
 8. Envelopes at November Branch meeting

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We'd like to welcome the members who have joined us since the beginning of 2007: Dee Abrahamse, Christine Andersen, Sharlene Bergart, Dixie Bowles, Sarah Carty, Del Clark, Nancy Kneuer, Helen McAllice, Betty Shaw, Carol Smith, Mary Patricia Sabol, and Sandra Tessier. You will find out more about who they are in the upcoming Yearbook Supplement (October), and in upcoming *Vantages*. They have much to contribute to our Branch.

CONNIE INSKEEP LEADERSHIP AWARD

I sincerely thank those members who nominated me for the Connie Inskeep Leadership Award. I am humbled by this honor and greatly appreciate being the recipient of the award. Connie was an inspiring leader and a good friend to everyone. She made all of us feel like we were her "best friend." She was to be admired for her courage as she fought for her life. We knew she was racked with pain yet she still did her job, whatever it was, cheerfully. I am able to take flowers and visit her gravesite as my Mother is buried near her in Westminster Memorial Park.

AAUW has been an important part of my life for the past 47 years, both for the lifelong friendships and the intellectual stimulation.

Once again, thank you very much.

Barbara Gleason

Helen Sebring, International Relations

DISTRIBUTION OF INTERNATIONAL DINNER PROCEEDS

Thanks to the attendance at our International Dinner and generous contributions, we are able to support three organizations that help those in need internationally.

- Mosquito Netting for Life, Zing Hospital, Nigeria. .
- Joint Commission Hope Packs, www.gbqm-umc.org/jointcommission
- Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund, www.vgif.org

Details regarding these organizations will be in future issues of the *Vantage*.

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Many of you may not know that the suggested donation amount to the Educational Foundation (EF) is \$25 per member; this figure is set at the Association, and while branches are not penalized if they do not meet the goal, members do strive to meet or exceed the expectation. There is always a friendly rivalry to see which branches can be tops in giving. Last year, the Long Beach branch was number 10 in the state. Wouldn't it be great to be number one this year?

The EF committee is planning a variety of fundraisers and we hope you'll enjoy them. There will be a Bunco night at Barbara Cottrell's on Thursday, October 18th, a theater evening at the Long Beach Playhouse on Friday, November 2nd, and, of course, the ever-popular silent auction, and gently used book sale at the December Wassail. Our November branch meeting will be the EF meeting and will feature a self-catered luncheon. Tracy Sachtjen, 2006-2007 recipient of the Louise Ruth Arbogast American Fellowship Endowment, will be the speaker. Louise was a member of the Long Beach branch and the endowment was set up by the branch in her honor.

We're exploring the idea of a bus trip in the spring as well as another non-event where you can stay home, put your feet up, and relax. All of you enjoyed the Evening with a Famous Author non-event as proven by your donations of \$1,295.

There are varieties of ways to support EF. One easy way is to mail your tax-deductible donation, made out to AAUW-EF, to:

Sharon Westafer, EF V.P.
6222 E Marina View Drive
Long Beach 90803

The following categories are recognized by AAUW at the Association level:

Equity Circle- \$500.00	Chocolate Club- \$300.00
2 nd Century Club- \$200.00	Century Club- \$100.00

Any donation is greatly appreciated.

A donation to EF is a great way to make a memorial contribution in honor of a loved one or to recognize someone's birthday or other notable event. This summer, Linda Patten and Ellen Mathis made contributions in memory of Janet Krueger and the past-presidents of the branch made a contribution in memory of Ione Weinard. Daphne Ching-Jackson and George Jackson made a contribution in honor of Betty Ann Rauch's birthday.

Because of your generous donations last year, the Long Beach (CA) Branch Research and Projects Grant is now at \$27,425. The Grant will be completed at \$75,000.

Thank you very much for your continued support of the Educational Foundation.

Sharon Westafer, EF Vice President

INTEREST GROUPS

Book Chat plans to meet at member's homes this year. The September date will be Monday, the 24th at 1:30 PM at the home of Jean Friedrichs, 2912 Walker Lee Drive in Los Alamitos. Call Jean at 562-598-9218 for more information and instructions on how to get to her home. We will discuss our summer reading and trips we have taken. All new and returning members are invited to attend this informal group. Tea and cookies will be served.

Antiques and Collectables will meet at 1:30 PM on Thursday, October 18, 2007, at Barbara Gleason's home. Recently, I bought a book at an estate sale entitled – "Susan B. Anthony Slept Here—A Guide to American Women's Landmarks." The books gives the accomplishments of women in all of the 50 states. From this book, I will review histories for each member of our group, according to their birthplace. Barbara Gleason, Chair, 562-421-2206

Other interest group information or points of contact may be found on page 8. Please call the point of contact before attending any meeting to ascertain the most current location, date, and time

**AAUW BRANCH MEETING
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2007**

Fireside Room at Lakewood Country Club
3101 East Carson Street, Lakewood, CA
562-421-0550

Social: 8:30am-9:00am
Breakfast: 9:00am-10:00am
Business Meeting: 10:00am-11:00am
Program: 11:00am-12:00am

Menu: Orange Juice
Scrambled eggs
Ham

Breakfast potatoes
Fresh seasonal fruit
Assorted breakfast breads
Coffee/Decaf and tea
(Vegetarian Meal Available)

Cost: \$18.00
Questions: JoAnn Kuroda (562-429-6923)
or Fay Denny (714-894-0416)

Deadline for reservations: Saturday

RESERVATION RETURN

Send your registration and check payable to AAUW Long Beach Branch. Please mail to Sunny Meylor, 13560 Cedar Crest Lane #109L, Seal Beach, CA 90740.

Deadline for Reservations, Sept 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.**

__ **Vegetarian Meal Requested**

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Public Policy, please contact Betty Ann Rauch 562-431-6679 for information.

Book Chat Plus please contact Jean Friedrichs, 562-598-9218.

Great Books please contact Vi Dwyer.

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.

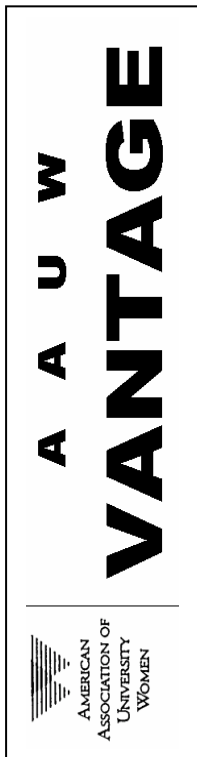
Bridge Groups. Please call first to verify, day, time, and place:

Other Wednesday Bridge	1 st & 3 rd Wednesday	Noon – 4:00 p.m.	Emily Elgin	(562) 498-0646
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Friday Bridge	2 nd Friday	9:30 a.m. – noon	Cathy Cunningham	(562) 424-3166
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Both groups meet at the Petroleum Club, 3636 Linden Avenue, Long Beach, 90807

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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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