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Flo Pickett, Program VP

**CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR WITH AAUW  
LAURA DOUD, LONG BEACH CITY AUDITOR  
Saturday, January 5, 2008**



January 5, 2008 is our first program of the new year. The year 2008 marks the 100th anniversary of the Long Beach City Auditor's office. Laura Doud, newly elected and second woman to hold this post, will be our speaker and will give us some history of the office; e.g., the first woman auditor was Myrtle Gunzel who was LB City Auditor from 1919 to 1951, a total of 32 years! Ms Doud will tell us what the position of city auditor is and what she hopes to make it, and, also, how she came to run for this office.

This should be an interesting and informative meeting. It is open to the public. Please bring your friends and neighbors for lunch and the meeting, especially women who would like to join AAUW. Looking forward to a good turn-out Saturday, January 5, 2008, 9:30 AM - 1 PM at the Grand on Willow in Long Beach.

Have your friends meet you for the speaker at 11AM and lunch at Noon.

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Patricia Ferrer, Nominating Committee

**INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR OFFICE?**

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Patricia Ferrer (Chair), Dianne Bradfield, Ellen Mathis, Barbara Gleason, Linda Silver, Joyce Blasnek, and Frances Rozner, will be assembling the 2008-2009 Board of Directors. Serving on the Board of Directors is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about AAUW. The different board of directors positions require different skills and abilities. Are you a great fundraiser? Perhaps you would be interested in being the Legal Assistance Foundation or Educational Foundation Vice President. Like working with numbers and have a basic knowledge of bookkeeping?—then the Treasurer job is for you. Perhaps you would like to share a position with a friend or be mentored by a more experienced member. Please let one of the Committee members know you would be interested in taking that position. AAUW will be stronger because you volunteered your service.

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN MISSION STATEMENT

*AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research*

# Branch News

Mary Orr, Courtesy Chair

## COURTESY

Norma Grady had successful knee surgery and is well on the mend now. A get well card was sent on our behalf.

Birthday greetings to all January honorees.

A HEALTHY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

Ellen Mathis, Yearbook Chair

## YEARBOOK ADDENDUM

Enclosed with your VANTAGE you will find an update page for the 2007-2008 Yearbook Addendum. It can easily be stapled/taped to page 36 in the Addendum. Page 29 is also a blank page that can be used. If you did not get your initial 8-page Addendum let me know. They were distributed at the October and November Branch meetings. Welcome to our new members! And check out email changes for three other members.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### Planned Monthly Branch Meetings

- 1/5 Lunch, Location: The Grand
- 2/2 Lunch, Location: Leisure World
- 3/1 Lunch, Location: 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

Linda Silver, Co-Secretary

## BOARD BRIEF

The Executive Committee of the AAUW Long Beach Branch met on November 19, 2007. Regular Board Business was conducted. The following motion was made by Pat Ferrer, seconded by Sharon Westafer and unanimously passed by the Executive Committee: I move that we close the two accounts at Ocean Crest Credit Union and move the funds to the operating fund held at Bank of America. These two funds will be accounted for separately by the treasurer.

## 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: 1/21, 3/17 (wear green, it's 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: 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](mailto:gl_jackson@hotmail.com)

## **CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE**

Members who attended the Wassail enjoyed a wonderful event. The morning featured delicious foods provided by our members, and Wassail, coffee and tea poured by past Presidents. A special thanks to JoAnn Kuroda and Fay Denny who organized the volunteers, Barbara Gleason who provided all the wassail and Flo Pickett coordinated the past presidents. The Equity Players provided entertainment. Sharon Westafer and her committee organized a book sale and auction for EF. The mentee/mentor pairs sold cookies that they had baked.

The Nominating Committee will be assembling the 2008-2009 Board of Directors. Is there a position you would be able to handle? Or are you willing to be paired with someone to take one of our board positions? Let one of the Committee members (names on page 1) know you would be interested in taking that position. AAUW will be stronger because you volunteered your service. In addition, serving on the board is a wonderful way to get to know some terrific people.

If you like learning new things, this is an opportunity for you. We are looking for a member or two who are willing to be our Webmaster. George Jackson is willing to train you to maintain our current website. If you are curious about what would be involved, call George.

Finally, we have been looking at our three-year Long-Range Plan goal by goal. Our fifth goal is "AAUW-LB will carry our Mission Statement into the community." Have we been reaching out to the community? I think the answer is a resounding yes. We are in the 10<sup>th</sup> year of our mentoring program, are planning our 6<sup>th</sup> Math/Science Career conference, and have sent girls to Tech Trek for ten years. All these projects advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

Judith Kaho and Deloris Mayuga

Sharon Westafer, EF VP

## **ARAMARK Fundraising Update**

The Aramark fundraising endeavor was a big success this year, netting \$4,260 for the branch. In April and May, twelve members of the branch were trained at Anaheim stadium in order to qualify to serve beer at the Angel's baseball games. Funds from this fundraiser were distributed as follows: \$2270 to the Educational Foundation, \$1030 to the mentor program, \$710 to the math-science conference and \$250 to the Legal Advocacy Fund. Discussion took place at the November board meeting regarding whether to continue this endeavor. Because the requirements for participation will change next year to a minimum of five people per group per game working at least ten games, the Executive and Aramark committees agreed that it would not be feasible to provide that many workers for ten or more games. One or more of us worked a total of eighteen games this year. Many thanks to Dixie Bowles, Barry Bradfield, Dianne Bradfield, Fay Denny, Pat Ferrer, Ellen Mathis, Deloris Mayuga, Julie Mills, Linda Patten, Flo Pickett, and Carol Smith for so graciously participating in this fundraiser and helping to make it so successful.

## **New Members Group Meeting**

Our New Members Group is a delightful gathering of energetic, active and involved women. During our November 14 meeting, the new members met together for a wonderful pot luck dinner of homemade soups, salads and other goodies at the home of AAUW member, Lamis Hashem. Lamis volunteered to host the new members at her home, saying that she felt that she had received so much from AAUW that she wished to give something back in return. We want to express our appreciation to Lamis, who hosted us with generosity and warmth. Her vivaciousness and friendly outreach added so much to our gathering.

We were joined at our dinner and meeting by Sharon Westafer, Pat Ferrer, and Adele Brown. It was a great time for the new members to come together and deepen relationships. After the dinner, Sharon Westafer explained to us about the Educational Foundation, the Math Science Conference and the Wassail. Pat Ferrer also spoke with the group about the Vantage, and the branch Mentoring Program.

During the past few months, the new members have been collecting items needed by the homeless students of the Mary Bethune Center in Long Beach. With the advice of Lou Es Greene regarding the needs of the students, we brought these items to the November meeting and found that we had collected 19 Target Store gift cards totaling \$320, 4 Payless Shoe Store gift cards totaling \$85, 34 pairs of socks and 36 knitted caps. We would like to express our deep appreciation to the Target Store in Signal Hill, which donated \$100 in gift cards and the Target Store at the Lakewood Mall which donated \$25 in gift cards for these children in need.

The next dinner and meeting of the New Members Group will be on Monday, February 4, 2008 at 6:00 PM at the Marie Callendar's Restaurant at 12489 Seal Beach Blvd. in Seal Beach. We encourage any newer members of our AAUW branch to join us in February. It's a great opportunity to meet other interesting and involved women in a casual and friendly setting. For additional information and to RSVP for the February dinner, please contact Betty Thompson at (562) 430-8438 (e-mail: [bettythom@aol.com](mailto:bettythom@aol.com)) or Carol Smith at (562) 404-4291 (e-mail: [carolj1212@aol.com](mailto:carolj1212@aol.com)).

Thank You to Our AAUW Branch Members: After our November 14 meeting, the New Members Group sent an e-mail requesting donations for the Bethune Center from the members of the AAUW Long Beach branch, and we were delighted with the generous donations which were brought to us at the December Wassail. AAUW branch members contributed Target and Payless Shoe Store gift cards totaling \$145, cash donations of \$50, 20 beautiful handmade fleece caps, books, socks, clothing, travel sized personal care items and a lovely quilt for Bethune's homeless students.

We wish to express our deep appreciation for the generous donations that we received from the AAUW members, the new members and the Target Stores of Signal Hill and Lakewood. Utilizing the donated personal care items (and some of the donated money to purchase additional personal care items), we created individual personal care kits for the children. The remainder of the donated money was used to purchase additional Target Store gift cards for the children.

In December, we took all of the items that were donated and the personal care kits that we had created to the Mary Bethune Center. The children and the teachers there were so happy to receive them--especially at the holiday season when the weather is so cold and the warmth of giving and community support is so important. The generosity of our AAUW members brightened the lives and the hopes of these smallest members of our society. Thank you for remembering what small gifts of kindness can mean in the lives of others.

## EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The generosity of our branch members overwhelms me and a thank you seems inadequate to express appreciation for everything you do to contribute to the success of our EF fundraising efforts. Members help raise fund by participating in events such as the Griffith Observatory trip in the spring, donations to the non-event Evening with an Author, donations in the name of a member to celebrate her birthday, thank her for a special favor or to honor her when she passes away, working at the concession stands at the Angel baseball games, offering your homes for meetings, cooking and/or serving at the self-catered luncheon and donating books and auction items for the Wassail are just some of the ways members support EF. Since the last Vantage was published, several more members sent donations to the Century Club: Judith Kaho, Emily Elgin, Kee DeBoer, JoAnn Kuroda, Lou Es Greene, Gail Morrison, Linda Patten and Florence Wilson, and to the Chocolate Club: Barbara Gleason and Ann Voitovich. Helen and Fred Sebring once again offered their lovely mountain cabin as a silent auction item and special thanks goes to them.

The Wassail was wonderful as we enjoyed great food, good friends and a rousing Christmas entertainment presented by the Equity Players under the direction of Lou Es Greene. Thank you to Fay Denny and JoAnn Kuroda, and their committee for a wonderful morning. And thanks to all who donated silent auction items and books. If you're interested in the lovely artwork, Sarah Carty has more at her home.

Because of the generosity of branch members this year, we were able to send \$10,175.00 to the Association to be applied to the Long Beach Branch Research and Projects Grant. This figure includes checks, made out to EF in amounts of \$100 or more sent, directly to the state. Below is a breakdown of the money generated from our fundraising events:

Chocolate Club, Century Club, other donations	\$3914.00
Aramark	\$2270.00
Evening with Author-non-event	\$ 995.00
Griffith Observatory trip	\$ 725.00
Silent Auction-Wassail	\$ 684.00
Self -catered luncheon	\$ 666.00
Barnes and Noble (from Nov. of 06)	\$ 234.50
Theater Good Night Mrs. Puffin	\$ 200.00
Gently Used Book Sale-Wassail	\$ 196.00
Bunco	\$ 175.00
Pin and Coin purse sales	\$ 127.50

Thank you again for your generous support!

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Helen Sebring, International Relations

## GREAT DECISIONS

Please contact me right away to order your book or sign up for a Great Decisions group. The cost of the book continues to be \$15.00 this year. Checks should be made payable to AAUW-Long Beach with Great Decisions placed in the memo portion of the check. Please give the check to me, Helen Sebring, or mail to me at 1705 Bolsa, Seal Beach, 90740. You can indicate if you are interested in a morning, afternoon, or evening group. A group of 5 or 6 makes a great discussion cluster.

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Patricia Ferrer, Chair, New Book Group

## NEW BOOK GROUP

The New Book Group met in December to discuss **The Seduction of Water**, by Carol Goodman. This book defied categorization as a single genre—it was a gothic mystery/romance/fairy tale. Each month the group will discuss a current best selling book. Our next meeting will be the second Monday in January (January 14) at 1 PM. All meetings will be held at the home of Jean Aldrich. If you wish to join us, please call Pat Ferrer (562 597 4781) to find out the book selection for January.

Betty Ann Rauch, Director of Public Policy

## PUBLIC POLICY

This is a continuation of a survey of the bills that AAUW CA chose to follow this coming legislative session. . All bills are supported EXCEPT where OPPOSE is noted in the description.

### **Legislation that addresses current inequalities in compensation and benefits for all working women**

AB 435 (Brownley) Wage Discrimination – Requires employers to maintain the wage and job classification records of its employees for 10 years. Increases the statute of limitations for an employee to bring a civil action against an employer to recover wages.

AB1498 (DeVore) State-Funded Programs – Relates to existing law prohibiting the state, the State University, a local agency, state contractor, or a state grantee from denying any person full and equal benefits of any state funded program or activity. Provides that these provisions shall not be construed to apply to any activities including the internal organization or membership composition of an organization, including a religious or faith-based organization, that do not directly pertain in the program or activity. OPPOSE

SB 549 (CORBETT) Employees Right to Bereavement Leave – Adds the right to take time off for bereavement to the provisions of existing law that provides employees with the right to take time off work without discharge or discrimination.

### **Medically accurate health curriculum, including comprehensive sex education.**

AB 629 (Brownley) Sex Education Program – Enacts the Sexual Health Education Accountability Act, which would require any program that provides education to prevent adolescent or unintended pregnancy or to prevent sexually transmitted infections to met specified requirements.

AB 708 (Huff) Reproductive Health: Abstinence Education – Requires the Department of Public Health to develop and implement a program of abstinence education that would maximize federal financial participation, and would specify the purpose of the program and subjects to be included in the program. Permits the department to receive cash or in-kind donations in connection to this program. OPPOSE.

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## NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Please send me any articles about AAUW that you find in local papers such as: Beachcomber, Daily Breeze, Downey Patriot, Gazette Newspapers, News Enterprise, Signal Tribune, The Sun, The Press Telegram, Lakewood Community News, Los Cerritos News etc.

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562 431 1232

## NEWS AT [WWW.AAUW.ORG](http://WWW.AAUW.ORG)

Find out more about the following items at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) home page.

- Learn about the new Campus Action Project for 2007-2008: Behind the Pay Gap
- The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund awarded \$5,000 to the Women in Transition Program
- Read the latest issue of EdEqChange, the bi-weekly memo to member leaders
- Forward an election day e-card to a friend and encourage them to register to vote
- AAUW responds to a GAO report on the DC School Voucher Program

### AAUW BRANCH MEETING Saturday, January 5, 2008

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

Place: The Grand Long Beach Event Center  
4101 E. Willow Street  
Long Beach, CA 90815  
Free parking in the Parking Garage

Menu:  
Chicken Piccata\* (Boneless grilled breast of  
chicken in a white wine, lemon butter and caper  
sauce)  
California Field Greens Salad  
Chef's Seasonal Vegetables  
Wild Mushroom and Fresh Herb Rice Pilaf  
Apple Cobbler  
Coffee, Decaf Coffee, Iced Tea. and Water

Price: \$26.00 per person

RSVP by Wednesday, December 26, 2007

Questions: Fay Denny - 714-894-0416  
JoAnn Kuroda - 562-429-6923

\* Vegetarian Meal Available

### 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, Dec 26, 2007

Member(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Address(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

No. of Reservations \_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_ **Vegetarian Meal Requested**

Guests always welcome!

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## INTEREST GROUPS

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

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

**Great Books** meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month. Please contact Linda Patten, 562-402-6831 for more information.

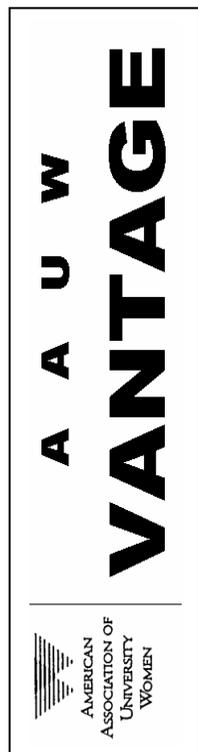
**Equity Players** meet "as needed." New members always welcome. Please contact Lou Es Greene at 562-434-6477.

**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 <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

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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, disability, or class.

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