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Flo Pickett/Darci Fersch, Program VP

U.S. PRESIDENTS' WIVES, THE MOST INFLUENTIAL NON-ELECTED, NON-APPOINTED, NON-CONFIRMED PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dr. Virginia Baxter, known as Ginny Baxter to her friends and most of Long Beach, is the Dean of Development, Executive Director, LBCC Foundation President, will be our speaker at our next luncheon meeting. Her topic will be a most timely one: Presidents' Wives and their influence in Washington D.C.



Dr Baxter earned her B.A. in History in 1968 from Occidental College in Los Angeles and her M.A. in History in 1970 from Occidental. She continued her education at the University of La Verne and received her doctorate in education in 1988. Her dissertation title was "Role of Leadership in the Development of Successful Community College Foundations." She has lived her dissertation at LBCC.

Her successes at LBCC and her contributions to Long Beach as a whole has made her a most valued and respected member of the campus and the community. Many organizations boast of having her in their membership or on their Boards: NCCJ, AAUW, Cameo, Assistance League, Women's Council, LB Area Chamber of Commerce, United Way to name a few. Ginny is also a graduate of Leadership Long Beach and has certainly put to work everything she learned there.

AAUW is both happy and proud to have Ginny Baxter as a member of our local branch be our featured speaker at our February meeting.

Patricia Ferrer, Nominating Committee

NOMINATIONS STILL WELCOME

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. If you haven't done so, please nominate your self or another capable person for a position on the executive board.

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

The tragic loss of Benazir Bhutto, former Prime Minister of Pakistan, was a worldwide blow to womanhood.

Sadly, we learned that Gail Morrison's dear mother passed away in mid December. A condolence card was sent on our behalf.

Mary Orr, our Courtesy Chair, broke her leg in early January. A get well card, signed by those in attendance at our January Branch Meeting, was sent to her on our behalf.

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

"Every moment of the year has its own beauty.
Emerson"

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Planned Monthly Branch Meetings

- 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

PLEASE JOIN US

Prospective New Members
Welcome at Every Meeting

* All meetings on Saturday mornings, except 4/3, which is an evening meeting on Thursday

Ellen Mathis, Database Chair

YEARBOOK ADDITION

Please add the following information to your yearbook. New member Sandra was left off the last update. Sorry Sandra. Tessier, Sandra, 4825 Ironwood Dr., Seal Beach, 90740, home: 562/ 594-0423, cell: 562/ 234-3371, email: jstessier@msn.com, college: CSULB

Linda Silver, Co-Secretary

BOARD BRIEF

The Executive Committee of the AAUW Long Beach Branch met on December 17, 2007. Regular Board Business was conducted. The following motion was made by direction of the Executive committee: Linda Patten moved that a fundraiser for the 2008 Tech Trek camp be held at the February Branch meeting. Pat Ferrer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

All members should have received an "All Member Survey" from AAUW along with your Fall/Winter Outlook. Take a minute to voice your opinion about various AAUW issues by filling in the survey. Or, you can fill it in at the AAUW.org website and save 41 cents. The survey is due on January 25.

As we continue to look at the Long-Range Plan for Long Beach branch, the sixth goal is "AAUW-LB will provide an opportunity for members to develop leadership skills". It is timely goal as the Nominating Committee will be contacting members about taking positions on the Executive Committee. If you feel that you are not ready to assume an Executive leadership position, consider volunteering for an Appointed Officer or Administrative Chair on Linda Patten's team for 2008-2009 and develop your leadership skills.

Judith Kaho and Deloris Mayuga

Linda Patten, Chair 2007-2008

TECH TREK

The following is excerpted from an article by Marie Wolbach who founded AAUW of California's Tech Trek Science Camp for Girls, in the AAUW *Outlook* (Fall/Winter 2007)

Tech Trek ... a one-week residential summer scholarship camp for rising eighth graders ... (was) Founded in 1998 with start-up funds from an AAUW Educational Foundation Community Action Grant, the camp was designed to encourage young women to continue studying science and math in middle school. An AAUW Educational Foundation research report, *Shortchanging Girls, Shortchanging America*, indicated that young women tended to drop out of these courses during the middle school years...

Tech Trek's goals are:

1. to encourage young women of all backgrounds who are entering 8th grade to take math and science courses each year throughout high school
2. to motivate these students to attend college
3. to inspire young women to consider careers in science, technology, engineering or math

The website is <http://www.aauw-ca.org/program/techtrek.htm>.

Our branch has committed to send six girls to Whittier College on August 3, 2008 for Tech Trek camp. Next month the committee will begin the selection process. The girls, who would not otherwise have this experience, count on your support. The current fee for each girl has risen to \$800 from previous year's \$750! Attend the branch meeting in February to see photographs of the girls you sponsored in 2007, read their thank-you letters, and, if it can be arranged, hear them speak about their once-in-a-lifetime experience.

If you itemize your deductions and intend to deduct your donation, please have your check payee line read AAUW CA SPF (Special Projects Fund). You will have complied with the latest IRS ruling about charitable donations. Please send your donation, to me, by February 25 or bring it to the branch meeting. For copies of the IRS ruling, Wolbach's complete article (see page 4), a copy of the booklet *The Impact of the AAUW California Tech Trek Science Camp for Girls* detailing recent participants survey, or if you have questions please call me at 562/402-6831; or send an email to linda@lpatten.com.

Carol Smith, New Member

NEW MEMBERS GROUP PROJECT FOR 2008

The New Members Group would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year! We invite all of the AAUW Branch members to join us this year in providing the homeless children who attend Long Beach schools with individual Personal Care Kits. These kits contain items that we often take for granted, but without them it is very hard for these children to go to school clean and well groomed. We will use all of the items that you donate to create these kits, which will be distributed by the Bethune Center staff to homeless students enrolled in the Long Beach public schools.

A Personal Care Kit consist of the following: Toothbrush; Toothpaste; Soap Bar or Body Wash; Shampoo; Conditioner; Lotion; Mouthwash; Chapstick; Wash Cloth; Deodorant; Comb/Brush. Please donate travel sized or smaller sized products. Please feel free to donate any or all of the products to Betty Thompson or to any member of the New Members Group at any AAUW meeting during the year.

Thank you so much for your help in assisting these young people in need.

Carolyn Magnuson, LAF VP

CALIFORNIA AND LAF

Approximately 20 percent of all LAF supported lawsuits are California cases. Nearly all of those cases involve gender discrimination at a state college or university. The inescapable conclusion is that gender inequity must be rampant in California's institutions of higher learning. I can find no evidence that this situation has been acknowledged, or is being addressed, either at the campus level or at the governmental level. As taxpayers and as women, we have the right to expect that our public organizations will set an example by obeying the law and insisting on gender equity and that those public entities take immediate corrective action, should violations occur. Perhaps it's time to let the responsible officials know that we are aware of the problem and are dissatisfied with the lack of corrective action by those responsible.

And speaking of malfeasance in public education, please don't forget the LAF fundraising event on Sunday February 3, 2008 at the Kellogg West Conference Center, 3801 West Temple Ave., Pomona, CA beginning at 11 a.m. Michael Burch, a UC-Davis wrestling coach, is the featured speaker and will discuss his efforts to achieve equity for the women wrestlers at that school. The cost is \$30 per person. Reservations are due by January 23rd and can be made by contacting Rozanne Child at rchild44@msn.com.

Helen Sebring, International Relations

GREAT DECISIONS

Congratulations. Thirty three people will be reading and discussion the great issues of the day in three groups. The books have been ordered and will be delivered to the facilitators of the three groups. Monday morning: Adele Brown, Wednesday evening: Flo Pickett, and Friday afternoon, Emily Elgin and Joanne O'Neill. They will call the members of their groups and set a time for the first meeting in February, probably the third week. You will be able to get the book early from them to read the first selection. The list of topics can be downloaded from Google, Foreign Policy Association, Great Decisions, or call Helen Sebring for the list. Let's get going with the decision making in time to help the candidates make some good ones of their own.

2007-2008 RECIPIENTS OF LONG BEACH BRANCH INTERNATIONAL AND AMERICAN ENDOWMENT MONEY

There are 41 Fellows/Grant Recipients studying in California during the 2007-2008 year. It's great that all 5 recipients of Long Beach branch endowment money are in studying in California this year. Because the Educational Foundation awards the grants, recipients of branch grant money may be studying in any state. During the 2007-2008 academic year, the AAUW Educational Foundation provided a total of \$4.1 million to 253 recipients of fellowships, grants and special awards. This month you'll learn about the Long Beach Branch's American and International Fellowship recipients.

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. Eighty-eight American Fellowships were awarded for 2007-2008 to 1,036 applicants.

The Long Beach Branch established and completed the Louise Ruth Arbogast American Fellowship Endowment in 1986. Carrie A. Coe is the 2007-2008 recipient of money from this endowment. She is a Ph.D. candidate in Political Science at UCLA. Her dissertation is a study of how decentralization in natural resource management in developing countries affects implementation of national policy. She specifically studied the allocation of forest land use rights around Tam Dao National Park in northern Vietnam. She plans to become a tenured professor at a research university.

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. Sixty six International Fellowships were awarded for 2007-2008 with 957 applicants.

The Anna Stofflet Townsend International Endowment was established by the Long Beach Branch in 1953 and completed in 1968. The recipient of money from this endowment for 2007-2008 is Bronwyn A. Chambers from Canada. She is currently completing her MA in Clinical Psychology, with a particular focus on how the early mother-infant relationship shapes the developing mind of the infant, at Antioch University in Los Angeles. She plans to adapt her research into a clinical setting and offer an educational foundation from which to share her knowledge with the professional community and the community at large.

Next month the recipients of money from the Long Beach branch's three Research and Projects grants will be featured.

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Gail Morrison, Past President

THANK YOU

I thank everyone for their sympathy cards, thoughts and prayers over the loss of my mother, Lois Gail Hetzman Glendenning. She was 99 years old and lived a very long, eventful life. She was so proud of my work with AAUW and believe me, a pioneer in women's rights herself. A vignette from my mother's life: She marched over to the head cook, knocked on his door and said: "Look, I don't like vegetables and I don't want vegetable juice poured on my pureed meat." She said this in front of the kitchen staff and the chef turned and said, "Did everyone get that!" They remained friends from then on.

Thank you all for your support at this time.

Patricia Ferrer, Chair, Literary Ladies

LITERARY LADIES

The New Book Group selected an official name: Literary Ladies. The ladies will meet in January to discuss **Loving Frank**, by Nancy Horan. This best seller, and first novel by Nancy Horan, is a fictionalized account of the love story between Frank Lloyd Wright and Mamah Cheney. Each month the group will discuss a current best selling book. Our next meeting will be the second Monday in February (February 11) 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 February.

Betty Ann Rauch, Director of Public Policy

PUBLIC POLICY

AAUW's Action Network, in coalition with other like-minded organizations, made an impact on public policy issues throughout 2007. Some of the issues that were success advocated include:

- Enactment of the **College Cost Reduction and Access Act**, the largest investment in higher education since the G.I. Bill
- Ensured a pay increase for nearly 7 million women with the enactment of the first minimum wage increase in nearly 10 years.
- Improved opportunities for women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields and addressed the shortage of highly qualified STEM teachers with the enactment of the **America COMPETES Act**.
- Supported the Successful passage of the Higher Education Act reauthorization in the Senate and unanimous committee passage in the House (look for final passage early this year.)
- Increased awareness of the wage gap between men and women through promotion of AAUW's report, *Behind the Pay Gap*.
- Convinced the House to take the first critical step towards maintaining critical pay discrimination laws with the successful passage of **Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act**.
- Increase to 226 the number of House cosponsors of the **Paycheck Fairness Act**, a bill that includes needed updates to the Equal Pay Act, and continued the work towards passage of the legislation.
- Preserved Critical Federal Regulations on the **Family Medical Leave Act**.

The Public Policy committee will meet on Wednesday, January 30, 2008, at 1:30 PM at Betty Ann's home at 13040 Del Monte Drive 45C in Leisure World. We will be discussing the propositions on the February 5 ballot. (Please let me know if you are going to attend so I may inform the gate.)

Publicity

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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Flo Picket, Co-VP Program

CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE FOR EQUALITY AND JUSTICE BREAKFAST

California Conference for Equality and Justice is holding its 17th Annual Interfaith/Intercultural Breakfast on Thursday, February 14, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency Long Beach. The speaker is Craig Kielburger, Civil Rights Advocate, specifically child rights advocate. He is the founder of Free the Children, the world's largest network of children helping children through education. Breakfast is \$35. per person. Last year we had a table of ten. Please let Flo know if you can attend (562 421-5348)

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AAUW WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We are pleased to welcome Linda D. Hallman as AAUW's new executive director. Linda comes to AAUW with a long history of Washington, DC-area association and foundation executive-level leadership experience. She most recently served as vice president of policy and government strategy, external and member relations, in the Washington office of the National Alliance for Health Information Technology. Highlights of her extensive nonprofit experience include service as executive director of the American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) and AMWA Foundation, as well as president and chief executive officer of the American Horticultural Society. Further, she served in the United States Army and U.S. Army Band and Chorus at Fort Myer, Virginia, receiving an honorable discharge after 9 years of service. Hallman earned a master's degree in organizational management from George Washington University and bachelor's degree in music education from Indiana University. She has acquired extensive continuing professional development and is affiliated with relevant organizations for professionals in the field. In addition, she is an AAUW member.

DON'T FORGET THAT THIS MEETING IS THE TECH TREK FUND RAISER

AAUW BRANCH MEETING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2008

LEISURE WORLD SEAL BEACH

13533 Seal Beach Blvd.
Seal Beach, CA 90740
562-594-4754
Clubhouse 4, Room A

Social: 9:30-10:00am

Business Meeting: 10:00-11:00am

Program: 11:00-12:00Noon

Lunch: 12:00-1:00pm

Menu: Hot Deviled Chicken Salad
Vegetable
Fruit Salad
Rolls and Butter
Chocolate Éclairs
Tea and Coffee

Vegetarian meal on request

Cost: \$11.00

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

Deadline: January 30, 2008

Leisure World is on the West Side of Seal Beach
between the 405-22 Freeways and Westminster
Avenue (2nd St. in Long Beach).

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, Jan 20, 2008

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**

Guests always welcome!

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INTEREST GROUPS

Public Policy will meet Wednesday, January 30, 2008 at Betty Ann Rauch's. Please contact Betty Ann if you plan to attend (562) 431-6679.

New Members will meet on Monday, February 4, 2008 at 6:00 PM for dinner and a meeting at the Marie Callendar's Restaurant, 12489 Seal Beach Blvd., Seal Beach, CA. Please RSVP to Betty Thompson at (562) 430-8438 or Carol Smith at (562) 404-4291. If you are a recent member of this AAUW branch, please join us!

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

Literary Ladies, second Monday of the month. Please contact Pat Ferrer, (562) 597 4781.

Great Books meets the 1st 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 st & 3 rd Wednesday	Noon – 4:00 p.m.	Emily Elgin	(562) 498-0646
Friday Bridge	2 nd Friday	9:30 a.m. – noon	Cathy Cunningham	(562) 424-3166

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, disability, or class.

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