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March Speaker - Andrea Riggs

WRITING WOMEN BACK INTO HISTORY



Andrea Riggs is an author, speaker, and workshop facilitator. With a background in law and social justice, her mission is to empower women to their full potential by honoring their spirit and wholeness.

Andrea's academic credentials include a Bachelor of Business Administration and a law degree (JD) from the University of Missouri. She was the Ewing Scholarship recipient for study abroad in International Business and Finance as part of her undergraduate studies. In law school Andrea was a staff member on Law Review, The Moot Court Board and the International Law Society.






Andrea's career path took her to the west coast. She now resides in Orange County, California, where she began further research and investigation into her observations about gender issues. Many studies and reports confirmed that detrimental statistics and trends for young women are on the rise. Puzzled by the dilemma that American women enjoy more freedoms than women anywhere in the world, yet have sky-rocketing at-risk tendencies, Andrea decided to explore this dichotomy.

Her extensive research and personal interviews on the subject of women's issues led her to several conclusions. The research revealed that most of the skewed attitudes, false ideas and misperceptions about women are caused by the constant pressure and reinforcement of the media and by women's own environment, culture and childhood. She also realized that because of the pervasiveness of the media in our society, many women are not aware of the limiting beliefs they have internalized.

AAUW's Mission Statement: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

AAUW's Value Promise: By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

Branch News


<p>Mary Orr <u>Courtesy</u> </p> <hr/> <p>Welcome to March! <i>"Begorra"</i> It's the month for St. Patrick's Day and we all become Irish for that fun day!</p> <p>Wear something green or get pinched! </p> <p>Daylight savings time begins on the 11th. The first day of Spring is the 20th. Long Beach Nursery is celebrating its 100 years.</p> <p><i>"You cannot escape the responsibility by evading it today." Abraham Lincoln.</i></p>	<p>CALENDAR EVENTS & NOTICES</p> <p>March 10th Andrea Riggs</p> <p> Birthday greetings to all March honorees!</p> <p>AAUW-LONG BEACH WEBSITE: http://www.aauw-longbeach.org AAUW email Address: AAUWLongBeach@gmail.com</p> <p>We're on Facebook!  http://www.aauw-ca.org/blog/index.cfm/2010/8/5/Were-on-Facebook</p> <p>Follow AAUW on </p>
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All will be held on the third Monday of the month, social time at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 6:45 p.m. All meetings will be at the Unitarian Universalist Church at Atherton and Bellflower Blvd. Room 2. **Meeting dates: 4/16/12.**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

All will be held on the third Monday of the month, social time 6:30 p.m., and meeting at 7:00 p.m. All meetings will be at the Unitarian Universalist church, Room 2. Meeting dates: **3/19/12, & 5/21/12**

 **2012 Great Decisions Groups Starting Now!**

In AAUW's Great Decisions groups which happen once a year in weekly discussion groups, we take a stab at self education and do it in a comfortable and non-challenging setting (with refreshments, of course) Some of the 2012 topics are Democracy Promotion, Middle East Realignment, Exit from Afghanistan & Iraq, State of the Oceans, Energy Geopolitics, Mexico, and more. The discussions are interesting, informative, and we have a good time! There are openings in the day-time groups –Tues and Friday if you are interested. Call 562 421-5348.

Join us, if not this year, next year in learning about the world and our relationship to it. Speak to any member who participates and they will encourage you. Great Decisions is a great vehicle for learning with friends in a supportive and social setting.

One of Our Own Being Honored!



Daphne Ching-Jackson was selected as Soroptimist International of Long Beach's (SILB) 2012 Woman of Distinction Honoree in the area of Education. This is the 31st year of SILB's honoring women of Long Beach at the annual "Women Who Make a Difference" (WWMD) luncheon. AAUW Long Beach was honored in 1999 at the WWMD SILB luncheon in the category of Business or Organization Advancing the Status of Women.

Anyone who would like to receive an invitation to the SILB April 14th, @ The Grand, 4101 E. Willow, Long Beach luncheon where Daphne will be honored, should contact Lynn M. Shrum@ 562-799-2210 or lynn.m.shrum@mssb.com.

Connie Inskeep Leadership Award

It's time for you to consider our many members who have worked hard for the branch and its mission. Our leadership award is in memory of Connie Inskeep, who was an outstanding leader in our branch, a Past President and holder of many other offices. She held offices in LACIC and in AAUW California. Her energy and love of AAUW were always an inspiration. Each year an award is given to a branch member who exhibits her qualities of leadership. The criterion for selection is as follows:

1. Leadership in the branch that is consistent with the mission of AAUW, i.e. promoting equity for women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change.
2. Leadership at the LA County InterBranch or at LA District level.
3. Leadership at the AAUW California or National level.
4. Any of the criteria listed above either solely, or in combination, is acceptable for a nomination.

Please make your nomination and list the areas of leadership that your nominee qualifies in. Previous recipients of this award, in order received, are: JoAnn Kuroda, Joyce Clark, Jean Aldrich, Judith Kaho, Fay Denny, Deloris Mayuga, Daphne Ching-Jackson, Betty Ann Rauch, Joan Gustafson, Barbara Gleason, Ellen Mathis, Elaine Babbush, Julie Mills, and Norma Grady. Nomination forms will be on the table at the March and April branch meetings, as well as published in the April *Vantage*. **Nominations must be submitted by April 15.** Questions? Call Norma Grady, Committee Chair, 596-2819, or email: nsgrady1@verizon.net

Judith Kaho



The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund

Be sure to celebrate Women’s History Month.
The theme this year is “Women’s Education/Women’s Empowerment”.

The National Women’s History Project (partners with AAUW, AAUW CA, and AAUW Santa Rosa) is honoring six women in 2012. Emma Hart Willard, Pioneer for Women in Higher Education Charlotte Forten Grimke, Freedman Bureau Educator Annie Sullivan, Disability Education Architect Gracia Molina Enriquez de Pick, Feminist Educational Reformer Okolo Rashid, Community Development Activist and Historical Preservation Advocate Brenda Flyswithhawks, American Indian Advocate and Educator Biographies of these honorees are available on the NWHP web site (www.nwhp.org.) This information came from the “Women’s History Gazette”. LAF news: AAUW is celebrating a decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit that overturned a dismissal of an Indiana H.S. Basketball Suit. The case concerned the inequity of the scheduling of the girls’ games, which were on school nights rather than on the Friday. The details are on the AAUW website (Press Release). Thank you for your continued support of the LAF issues.

Darlene Daclan

Sharon Westafer for Director

Sharon Westafer, our Branch member and immediate past president, is running for one of four Director positions on the AAUW-California Board. Sharon has been involved in, has been a leader with the AAUW Fund- Educational Opportunities at both the state and branch level, and has been dedicated to our Branch STEM Conference for many years. It would be great to have Sharon's involvement, dedication, and leadership at State and you can help her be elected! This year AAUW-CA has implemented "One Member, One Vote" so that all AAUW-CA members have an opportunity to vote in the state election. Branch delegates to carry your vote at the state convention are no longer required. Ballots will be prepared following the close of the convention on April 15. Approximately two weeks later, every member will receive an email message or a postcard with a voting access code. The online ballot can be reached through a link in the email or on the AAUW-CA website. Voting will be open until June 1, 2012. While members may request a paper ballot and are responsible to make sure the paper ballot is delivered by the June 1 voting deadline, online voting is being encouraged, as it is immediate and efficient. For those members who need or want assistance with online voting, Ellen Mathis has volunteered her expertise. Please contact her for more information. Make your vote count and elect Sharon Westafer as a Director on the AAUW-CA Board!

Saron Westafer & Daphne Ching-Jackson

Educational Opportunities Research and Projects Grant Recipients

Each year the endowments established by California branches in honor of state presidents, branches or branch members fund women scholars who are seeking upward mobility within their present careers or are trying to change careers, or community action projects which support individual, branch or 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 four completed Research and Projects Grants that honor three members as well as the branch: Joyce E. Clark completed in 1990, Connie Wright Inskip, completed in 1995, Ethel Black, completed in 2001, and the Long Beach Branch, Inc. endowment completed in 2008. The 2011-2012 recipients of funds from the Long Beach Research and Projects Grants are the following:

- **Michelle Perry**, recipient of interest money from the Joyce E. Clark grant, is pursuing a master's degree in business and administration with an emphasis in global business from Pepperdine University. In 2010, she sold her first company and is now focusing her academic efforts on obtaining a deeper understanding of global business practices. Her long-term vision is to build a consulting business that specializes in inspiring women-owned business to enter emerging global markets.
- **Katie Epting**, is studying for her B.S.N. in Nursing at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. Since graduating with degrees in environmental science and sociology, Katie has been working in the field of global health. She served as a Peace Corps volunteer in West Africa and has worked at several international NGOs focusing on women's health in low-resource settings. She is pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing and ultimately plans to become a nurse-midwife to promote maternal health in underserved communities.
- **Kyoko Aoki**, who resides in Los Angeles, is the recipient of interest money from the Ethel Black grant. Kyoko holds a bachelor's degree in studio art and art history and has worked in the legal field conducting investigation and case management for men and women facing the death penalty in California. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in library and information science with a specialization in archival studies.
- **Danna Lomax** appreciates the assistance she is receiving from interest from the Long Beach Branch, Inc. grant. Danna, a Fulbright recipient, bilingual educator, and teacher, is pursuing a master's degree in curriculum and teaching with an emphasis in peace studies at Fresno Pacific University in Fresno, California. She intends to create and share integrated, project-based pre-K-12 curricula that will encourage students to build healthful, sustainable, and equitable relationships with people, the environment, and social, political, and economic systems.

Congratulations to the Long Beach branch for establishing these endowments, which fund such enthusiastic, inspiring young women!

Fay Denny, Parliamentarian & Darlene Daclan

Board Briefs

The following motion was passed by the Board of Directors as a recommendation to the Branch: Our policy requires that the membership at a Branch meeting must vote on any changes made to the Endowment Fund Administrative Procedures. Action will be taken on the following motion at the March Branch meeting. You will find the policy and subsections on Page A-17 in your 2011-2012 Yearbook.

Motion was made by Fay Denny that, Subsection "J" of current Section #10, AAUW Long Beach Branch Endowment Fund Administrative Procedures of Policies and Procedures be deleted as it is a duplicate of Subsection "E"; and that the subsequent subsections be re-lettered to "J" and "K".

Other motions made:

Motion was made by Kay Hudnall that, by the direction of the Finance Committee, the Building Fund #2 CD held at One West Bank with a 12/31/2011 balance of \$50,288.93 maturing 1/25/2012 is renewed at One West Bank for one year at the interest rate of .946%. The motion passed.

Motion was made by Fay Denny that, the Co-Presidents be directed to call the Finance Committee together to study the feasibility of establishing a Scholarship named the AAUW Long Beach Francis Magarian Scholarship Fund; to recommend the best type of investment of the monies to generate interest money for the scholarship fund; to recommend the method of choosing Branch members to serve on the Scholarship Committee; and to recommend the amount of the scholarship to be given. An initial report of the committee to be given at the May Joint Board meeting. Motion was seconded by Jere Millington. The motion passed.

Motion was made by Fay Denny that, these sections in Policies and Procedures be rearranged and renumbered: current Section #8, Finance shall be renumbered to be Section #7; current Section #10, AAUW Long Beach Branch Endowment Fund Administrative Procedures shall be renumbered to be Section #8; current Section #9, Building Fund shall remain Section #9; and current #7, Long Beach Branch Investment Policy shall be renumbered to be Section #10. The motion was seconded by Sharon Westafer. The motion passed.

Motion was made by Daphne Ching-Jackson that, by the direction of the Budget Committee, the revised 2011-2012 Operating Budget be adopted by the Board. The motion passed.

Motion was made by Darleen Daclan that, by direction of the Strategic Planning Committee, the Board adopt the Strategic Goals for July 1, 2011-June 30, 2014 and goals for 2011 -2012. The motion passed.



INTERNATIONAL CUISINE DINNER

Please join us for a delicious Greek Dinner at George's Greek Cafe on Wednesday, March 21. To review what the restaurant selections are go to www.georgesgreekcafe.com.

- Place: George's Greek Café, 135 Pine Avenue Downtown Long Beach
- Date: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 Time: 6:00p.m.,
- RSVP: Kay Hudnall at 562-494-7060 or email: kayhudnall@verizon.net

Flo Picket

AAUW Public Policy-Health Care

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) believes that everyone is entitled to health care that is high-quality, affordable, and easily accessible. Health care security is intrinsically tied to economic security, and this relationship is particularly true for women, who earn less than men on average and are therefore less able to afford insurance or care. **“Our three main health care priorities—an end to gender rating, protection of women's reproductive health services, and ensuring coverage of preventive care—were directly addressed in the final legislation, each with varying degrees of success and setbacks.”** *(The above is excerpted from AAUW.org. Public Policy and easily accessible to all who wish to know more about AAUW's public policy goals.)*

**AAUW BRANCH MEETING
Saturday, March 10, 2012**

Social: 9:30a-10:00a
Meeting: 10:00a-11:00a
Program: 11:00a-12:00p
Lunch: 12:00p-1:00p

Place: The Center at Sycamore Plaza
5000 N. Clark
Lakewood, (562) 804-4434



Menu: Luncheon Catered by TGIS
Green Salad
¼ broiled Chicken
Carrots
Rolls & Butter
Strawberry Sundae

Price: \$30:00

RSVP by March 1, 2012 (Required)

Questions: Jean Aldrich, (562) 430-8688

Those making a meal reservation have made a financial commitment and refunds shall not be made.

RESERVATION RETURN

Send your registration and check payable to AAUW Long Beach.

Please mail to Deloris Mayuga, 6571 El Roble Street,
Long Beach, CA 90815, 562-596-8902 or
dmayuga@verizon.net .

RSVP by March 1, 2012

Member(s) _____

Phone (Day) _____ Evening _____

Guest(s) _____

Address: _____

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:** This group meets the 3rd Thursday of the month. Please contact Flo Pickett 562-421-5348.
- Bridge Group:**  Friday Bridge, 2nd Friday of the month 9:30-12N (contact) Cathy Cunningham 562-424-3166
- Book Chat Plus:**  Book Chat Plus will meet at the home of Helen Sebring. The date is TBA. The group meets to discuss your current reading, a great movie you have just seen, or an exciting trip you have taken. If interested call Helen for more information at 562-596-0810.
- Golf:**  Contact Pat Ferrer, 562 597 4781, panderoh@aol.com to set up a day/time for 9 holes of golf.
- Gourmet Group:**  Join this congenial group to share delightful meals at a member's home. Everyone shares in cooking part of the meal. We meet the fourth Thursday at 12:30 p.m. Call Mary Orr at 562-595-0059 or email her at mlo3320@yahoo.com for more information.
- Literary Ladies:**  This group meets the second Monday of the month at Jean Aldrich's home at 1 p.m. Please consult your yearbook for Jean's telephone number. The March book selection is *An Invisible Thread* by Laura Schroff.
- International Cuisine:**  For information call JoAnn Kuroda @ 562-429-6923 or email her @ sojoinlb@aol.com to make reservations.
- Antiques and Collectibles:**  Meetings tba.
- Residential Rentals Discussion Group:** This monthly 3rd Wednesday 10 am to 11:30 am gathering is a discussion group on topics relating to residential rentals – things of interest/importance/concern. We most often meet at the dining room table at one of our homes. Ellen: epmathis@verizon.net. Might you inherit a rental property soon? Do you have that one rental property someone else is managing? Have you thought about investing in a rental? Do you want to see how your property owner thinks? Come join us!