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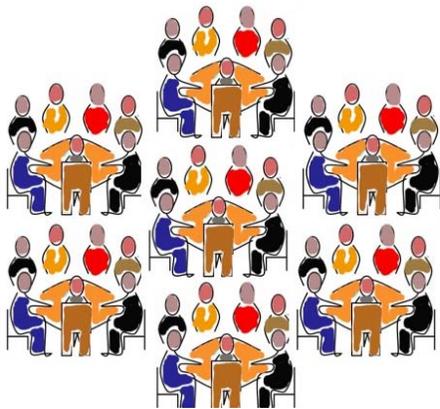
Saturday June 6, 2015



Raquel Sanchez and Jeane Caveness
Co-Program Vice-Presidents

The June program marks the end of our branch year. It also brings us to a summer of planning as we start a new year of fabulous AAUW programs.

All members and their guests are invited to join us on Saturday, June 6th as Pat Ferrer leads the **Installation of Officers** program for the 2015-2016 elected officers. During the past year we focused on diversity. This year's theme, *Unity*, will build on those elements that make us different as we work to unite in our mission.



We will be returning to the Old Ranch Country Club for a delicious luncheon overlooking the picturesque golf course. The Old Ranch Country Club is located at 3901 Lampson Avenue, Seal Beach, CA 90740.

There will be entertainment that will start at 11am, after the business meeting and installation program.

Please make sure to send in your RSVP on time and join us for the final program of the year!

See you then!!

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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 and girls have a fair chance.*

Courtesy
Best wishes to JUNE
birthdays!



Our condolences to Cathy Cunningham.
Her husband, Charles passed away on April 22nd.

Dear Friends,
Just to let you know, at 11:30 last night my mom, **Lois Schilling**, peacefully passed away. Memorial services probably won't be happening for a few weeks as we are waiting for Baby Kaitlin to come any day now and our upcoming trip in May. Heartfelt thanks to all of you for your thoughts, prayers and support.
Warmly, **LuRae and John MacArthur**

Always do your best. What you plant now,
you will harvest later.
~ **Og Mandino**

CALENDAR EVENTS & NOTICES

Public Policy Meeting, May 21st

Board Retreat to take place at the
Rossmoor Library, Saturday morning, **July 25**

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SAVE THE DATE for our 7th Annual Authors Luncheon to be held
on **Saturday, October 24, 2015** at Old Ranch Country Club.

Mark your calendars now!

Attention interest groups: Please consider putting
together Silent Auction baskets for the Authors Luncheon.

Our committee will be contacting you. Thank you.

Fay Denny, Chair Authors Luncheon

INCOMING / OUTGOING FULL BOARD MEETING

All current year and next year Board Members, Appointed Officers and Administrative Chairs are expected to attend the meeting on Monday May 18. Mark your calendar for this important meeting. Review the **Sample Turnover Discussion Document** and your updated position description prior to the meeting!



Has any of your contact information changed? Phone? Email? Address? Help us to keep you informed in a timely manner. Send your changes to Database Coordinator George Jackson, at georgeljackson@gmail.com or call 562-377-1670.

Send any Branch news or Courtesy items to Editor: Rebecca Low rflow1@hotmail.com



A Thank You Letter ... to a wonderful Board of intelligent, and thoughtful women. Thank you all for working together to make this a successful and fun year. I have enjoyed it all! I am honored to have been your 2014-15 Branch President. It was an eye opener and a privilege. And yes, it's been a very good year because the women (and men) who make up this organization—Board members, Appointed Officers and Administrative Chairs—old and new members have participated so wholeheartedly in so many activities. We've had a good time doing good!

The Elected officers take on a full responsibility each year. They keep the Branch running in an orderly fashion. They pass the torch. Thanks to co-program chairs Raquel Sanchez and Jeanne Caveness who always came through with good programs and “difficult to get equipment”, for putting together a great Wassail at Linda Patten's home, and for making programs happen each month! A special thank you to Raquel for giving 100% for two terms. You have earned your stripes! Thank you to Fay and JoAnn for spending hours securing good meeting places and working with the venues. The team that arranges the programs and the locations does a lot more than meets the eye.

Co-AAUW Funds VP-our fundraisers and educators...Cacilia Kim has enlightened us all regarding the law and women. She was also chosen by Soroptimists as one of 8 women of distinction at their annual women's recognition brunch in 2015. Elsa Karen has planned two outstanding Fundraising events for the summer raising money for both LAF and Educational Opportunities. Be sure to come to *Abigail /1702* at the ICT on Sunday afternoon May 17 and watch for the Musical Theatre West event in July!

Darci Fersch, our so responsible Treasurer, has kept up with the sometimes complicated incoming and outgoing monies and is ever so patient and responsive. We appreciate her untiring work. Darlene Daclan, as administrative assistant, cannot be replaced. She keeps the agendas, meetings, and outgoing messages up to date, this year also serving as Secretary. These are time-consuming behind-the-scenes positions that we all appreciate.

The Appointed Officers are invaluable people. Thank you to Sunny and Norma who served as Financial Secretary and Membership Treasurer respectively; Communications Director Gail Morrison is a wonder and has given us more publicity than ever...she has a way with the news media. And thanks to Shelley for chairing Public Policy committee with her enthusiasm and good ideas.

The Administrative Chairs, we could not do without. The quiet ones: Deloris Mayuga-Investment, Linda Silver-Audit, Pat Ferrer - Budget, LuRae MacArthur-Mailing, Co-Doors-Noel Bacchetti and Joyce Blasnek, Hospitality-Margie Arthur, Julie Toboada, (Linda Silver and Melanie Werts graciously helped out) Historian and Courtesy-Dianne Bradfield, Data chair-George Jackson, Great Decisions-Adele Brown, Reservations-Judith Kaho. Yearbook Coordinator-Ellen Mathis takes on the Herculean task of putting together our information and keeps up with the changes producing a Yearbook/Directory each year. She is also coordinator of Interest Groups and helps involve new members in activities. Co-STEM conference-Francis Rozner and Sharon Westafer, Co-Tech [Trek](#) -Pat Ferrer and Anne Supple, Mary Anne Takemoto-University College Relations, and one of our most necessary and hardworking Admin chairs who needs more recognition for her job is Becky Low-Vantage Editor for pulling it altogether once a month, rain or shine, patiently awaiting our news and making sense of it when it finally comes. Give Becky a special thanks when you see her! All of the above members go beyond the call of duty to keep the wheels turning in our LB Branch -AAUW. We are a good group!



So many valuable women giving their time and effort and being committed to the cause of women, education and empowerment. Big or little positions, everyone is needed and we appreciate you all. You make the wheels go around.

Thanks for making my job look easy by doing the work behind the scenes.

Membership Summary for FY 2014-15: We are happy to report that 25 new members have joined our AAUW branch so far this fiscal year (as of May 2, 2015), and the fiscal year isn't over yet! Each year our membership has grown in number and has become increasingly diverse in gender, ethnicity, and age. Lamis and I would like to thank our dedicated AAUW branch members for your consistent referrals of friends, colleagues and neighbors for membership. Our members are the major source of new members for AAUW and our AAUW branch. Your Membership Team greatly appreciates your support and your outreach to others on behalf of AAUW and our AAUW branch.

New Members: We welcome four new members who have joined us in the past month. Please look for them at our meetings and at our interest groups and reach out to invite them to become involved in our many programs and activities. Here is contact information for them:

Indrani Chatterjee: (310) 327-7427 (H); (310) 941-4857 (C); ichat905@gmail.com.

Indrani is a member of the AAUW, Torrance branch. She's joining us as a dual member and is looking forward to becoming involved in our branch programs.

Jessica Kober: (503) 459-3639 (C); jkober@windes.com. Jessica joined us at the Garden Party. She is an Audit Manager (CPA) at Windes, Inc.

Pamela Lewis: (562) 572-7794 (C); pamela.lewis@csulb.edu. Pamela joined us at the Garden Party. She is the Operations Manager for ASI University Student Union at CSULB.

Nancy Press: (562) 597-0603 (H); (562) 394-8383 (C); npotr1955@gmail.com. Nancy joined us at the Garden Party. Thank you to our new member, Sherri Sobel, for recruiting her. Nancy is an Occupational Therapist in private practice.

Garden Party: Our May 2 Garden Party was a lovely event with nearly 50 people in attendance. The food was delicious, the socialization was lively and the day was beautiful. Thank you to everyone who contributed refreshments or money to purchase them, and to Lamis Hashem for offering her lovely home and hosting the gathering. Our annual Garden Party is always a wonderful time to connect with other active women and to browse exhibits showing our branch programs and interest group activities.

Frances Rozner forwarded this information about **Brianna Pagan**, who was our STEM workshop speaker and a new member of AAUW.

Thank you so much! I had such an amazing time at the event, and thank you for giving me the opportunity to reach out to those young ladies. Also, thank you and your team for organizing an incredible evening! Please let me know if I can help out with any similar events in the future!

I wanted to share that I was admitted to UCLA's Hydrology and Water Resources Ph.D. program in the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department. I will sadly be leaving my job at LBWD in the fall to go to school full time. Along the lines of encouraging minority women, I received the Cota-Robles fellowship at UCLA which is a diversity based fellowship. This will cover my tuition and living expenses for four years while I pursue my Ph.D.



Membership Dues for 2015-2016

It's that time of year again. Dues notices have been sent to you by email or letter. The amount has changed because AAUW-CA has raised its dues this year. We, the local branch, **did not**. Dues are now \$95 for regular members, \$46 for life members, \$26 for dual members, and \$41.81 for grad-student members. Honorary Life members pay nothing.

I encourage you to pay by credit card--definitely the more efficient way, as National will send you an immediate acknowledgement. And really good news this year if you do it this way: The renewal invoice you will receive now has a personalized link in it so that you can just click and renew online with your credit card. You will NOT need to log in with Member ID number and password and no need to find the Membership payment program.

If you pay by check, please make the check out to AAUW (**not** to AAUW-Long Beach) as I must send the check to National in Washington. I will need your check by June 15 in order to have them in Washington by June 30, the end of our fiscal year. Please send it to Norma Grady, 3591 Claremore Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90808-3104. If you have any questions, I'm at (562) 596-2819.



PLEASE JOIN US AT AN AAUW FUNDS FUNDRAISER! SPEND AN AFTERNOON AT THE WEST COAST PREMIERE OF **ABIGAIL / 1702**

AT THE LONG BEACH INTERNATIONAL CITY THEATRE
SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2015 AT 2:00 PM
COST: \$48.00 PER TICKET

Deadline: May 14, 2015

Please send check with info to: Elsa-Karen Braden, 11368 Harkers Court, Cypress, CA 90630

Make checks payable to AAUW Funds (Proceeds to AAUW Fellowships & Grants).

Tax Donation = \$10.00. Questions: Contact ekbraden@ca.rr.com or 714-897-3443

Shelley Arnold and Flo Pickett
Chairs—Public Policy

Public Policy

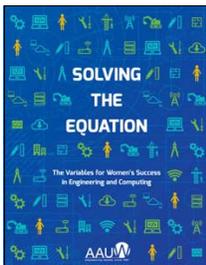


An issue that will be discussed at the AAUW National Convention June 18-21 is Proposal #1.

Eliminate the Degree Requirement for Membership. The rationale is that the purpose of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. Restricting membership is thought to be inherently inequitable and also limits AAUW's influence in the community. The other side of this argument is that if we have always been a membership for women (and in 1987 men) with college degrees and now we don't require one, are we still the same group? An identity crises you might say! Who are we? **DID YOU VOTE?**

All AAUW members who have paid their full national dues by May 19, 2015, are eligible to vote. Online voting is fast, easy, and secure. To vote online, enter your member ID and voter PIN and click on Start to Vote, below. You can click on the links beside each candidate and item on the ballot for more information.

Online voting began April 15 and ends June 19, 2015, at 9 p.m. PDT. No paper ballot requests will be accepted after May 8. Paper ballots must be postmarked by May 26, 2015. Call 800.326.2289 if you need more information.



Join us on **May 21st (4:30—6:30)** as we screen the release of the new National American Association of University Women research report, ***Solving the equation: The Variables for Women's Success in Engineering and Computing.***

The taped panel discussion of experts in tech-industry and academia give new insight into why so few women enter and stay in STEM careers.

Open to the public and all AAUW members & friends.

Contact **Shelley Arnold** email shelleyarnold1@aol.com
4211 Marber Ave, Lakewood, 90713.



Regular Board business was conducted at the April Executive Committee meeting. The following motions were made and approved:

- By direction of the Finance Committee, Deloris Mayuga moved that the Executive Committee recommend to the Board of Directors that the Policies and Procedures be amended as follows:
Policy 10.b.ii - delete sentence referencing Appendix "A"; Policy 10.d.ii - delete sentence referencing Appendix "A"; Policy 10.e.ii - change percentages to 1. Equities (30-50%) 2. Fixed Income (50-70%); Policy 10.i - delete Appendix A; and Policy 10.j - change number to 10.i.
- Frances Rozner moved that the Executive Committee approve the following 2015-2016 Appointed Officers: Administrative Assistant, Darlene Daclan; Communications Co-Director, Gail Morrison; Communications Co-Director, Brittani Santini-Bolanos; Financial Secretary (2 year), Susan Ramage; Meetings Co-Coordinator, Pam Rayburn; Meetings Co-Coordinator, Lindsay San Miguel; Membership Treasurer (2 year), Denise Montoya; Parliamentarian, Leah Sakacs; Public Policy Director, Flo Pickett. The motion was seconded by Elsa Karen Braden.
- Frances Rozner moved that the Executive Committee recommend to the Branch that Budget (b) in Policies and Procedures be amended, as in the italics, to read: The Convention Fund may pay for travel, registration, lodging and food stipend, for the President-Elect when attending state and national conventions. The same may be paid for the current President when attending the state convention. *In odd-numbered years, for as long as the AAUW National Convention is biennial, the Convention Fund may also pay for travel, registration, lodging and a food stipend, for the incoming President-Elect.* The motion was seconded by Raquel Sanchez.

At the February Executive Committee meeting, a motion to add the Budget Committee to the standing committees in the Policies and Procedures was passed. The following was presented at the April Executive Committee meeting as a follow up to the motion and are to be included in the Policies and Procedures: 16. h. Budget Committee shall be responsible for preparing an initial budget for review at the May Board of Directors meeting and final adoption at the June Branch meeting. Members of the Budget Committee shall be composed of the President, Vice President (President-Elect), Membership Vice President, Program Vice President, Communications Director, and Treasurer. The adopted budget shall be monitored by the Budget Chair throughout the year in consultation with the Treasurer.

Changes, if any, should be presented to the Board of Directors at the January Board of Directors meeting

More Interest Groups for our Branch

There have been several inquiries to Flo Pickett, President and Carol Smith, Co-Vice-President Membership about the possibility of forming new

Interest Groups for Bridge and Books.

For this reason, as Interest Group Chair, I am holding a "organize and make decisions gathering" for anyone who wants to come and learn more. There is no obligation to commit to join either group. The gathering will be at my home: 63 St Joseph Ave LB (1-way street, enter off Ocean Blvd in Belmont Shore)

Phone or email an RSVP please. epmathis@verizon.net or 562-433-6509.

The schedule is below.

Bridge: Tuesday, May 19th @ 1 pm – organize & decide,
i.e. need min of 4 people; substitute list & place

Book: Tuesday, May 19th @ 3 pm – organize & decide,
i.e. type of books; how often & place



BRANCH INTEREST GROUPS

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Joining an interest group (or many) is a great way to get to know other members on a more personal level. Make friends while participating in fun, informative and educational activities. To start a new interest group, submit a description to the President and it will be passed to Ellen Mathis, Interest Group Coordinator for help with implementation.

Antiques and Collectibles, led by **Judith Kaho**, meets several times a year to share their love and appreciation of beautiful/interesting antiques, historical family items and collectables. Light refreshments are served by the hostess, sharing and conversation ensues; held at various homes or at a local retailer. Contact **Judith** at 562-429-2790.



Book Chat Plus Group members present the most interesting book they have recently read, film they have seen or the most exciting travel experience they have had. If time allows, all three! Light refreshments are served along with the intriguing conversation. We meet the 1st Tuesday at 10 a.m. Contact **Betty Thompson**, 562 - 430 - 8438 or bettythom@aol.com



Bridge Group plays at the Petroleum Club in Long Beach on the second Friday from 9:30 - noon. To inquire about a seat at the group meeting, contact **Cathy Cunningham** at 562-424-3166; catherine_j_cunningham@yahoo.com.



Cultural Adventures Group plans trips to museums and other points of interest. It is usually a mid-week tour & lunch scheduled several times a year. Join a group that enjoys checking out museums and cultural interests. Contact **JoAnn Kuroda** at 562-429-6923 or email at sojoinlb@aol.com. Ideas welcome.



Great Books Group reads from an anthology published by the Great Books Foundation. It includes philosophy, poetry and fictional writing of prize winning and world renowned authors. Contact **Linda Patten** at 562-402-6831



Great Decisions Groups meetings are held in February and March. Members prepare by reading one chapter of the *Great Decisions* book; published by the Foreign Policy Association, about a situation of world importance. The self-moderated group meets to discuss the pros, cons, and issues of important topics. Each participant is encouraged to bring other sources of information. Everyone gets a turn/or pass, no one is "wrong" and all opinions are respected. One of the groups meets year round to discuss foreign policy. Each person pays for a copy of the book.



Contact **Adele Brown** at 562-594-6443 or email at abrown511@verizon.net.

International Cuisine Group meets and dines at restaurants of different ethnicity in the local area. It is usually scheduled every few months on a Wednesday within an easy drive of LB. Car pooling is an option. Come join a group who enjoys unique flavors of the world. Contact **Joan Gustafson** at 562-439-3130. The next adventure is being planned.



Literary Ladies Group meets to discuss and compare thoughts on a selected novel, fiction or non-fiction.



Each member takes a turn recommending and leading the group on a recently published book. The ladies come together to hear the thoughts and insights of others in the group. They meet on the 2nd Tuesday at 1:00 pm. There is a maximum of 12, and a waiting list. Contact **Sharon Westafer** at 562-493-4749 if needed, about the meeting location and June book, *All the Light We Cannot See* by Doerr

Public Policy meetings, explore, discuss and support the active legislative issues of AAUW, which underscore our mission of promoting equity and education for all women and girls. The group passes on knowledge and information to all branch members and encourage them to become involved with AAUW issues.



This month's meeting will be **June 18 (the 3rd Thursday)**

Contact **Shelley Arnold** email shelleyarnold1@aol.com 4211 Marber Ave, Lakewood, 90713.

Residential Rentals Discussion Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of odd months year round, from 10:00–11:30 am. The 2015 dates are: May 20, July 15, Sept 16, and Nov 18. Anyone with an interest in residential rentals is welcome. We often have a topic/issue, share recent landlord experiences and work to keep current in the housing industry, in an informal setting.



An email or call to **Joan Gustafson** or **Ellen Mathis** lets us expect you.

Any new ideas? Submit a plan to the President or to Ellen Mathis.

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Send this registration and check payable to AAUW L B to **Judith Kaho**, 2790 Vuelta Grande, LB, CA 90815 562-429-2790

Member Name (s) _____

Phone _____

Guest / Note _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Yes— I'd like a Vegetarian option _____

_____ reservation for the meeting and program only
(NO MEAL)

RSVP by Friday, May 29th

A meal reservation is a financial commitment and refunds shall not be made.

AAUW BRANCH MEETING Saturday, June 2, 2015

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

Place: Old Ranch Country Club
3901 Lampson Avenue
Seal Beach, CA 90740

Meal: Nicoise Salad with Chicken
Balsamic dijon vinaigrette on side
Fresh Peach Cobbler
Vanilla ice cream
Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea

Vegetarian request available.

Price: \$30.00 per person

Questions about the location ?

Contact JoAnn Kuroda email sojoinlb@aol.com or
Fay Denny email faydenny@yahoo.com

