

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Lynn Rodriguez and Jean Aldrich, Program Co-Chairs

“Exotic Stories from an Exotic Culture”

In the spirit of International Relations the theme for February’s meeting, we invite you to come listen to the marvelous stories of Frances Khirallah Noble. Frances K. Noble will tell of her Arabic roots through stories shared with her by her beloved Syrian grandmother. She will talk about what it was like for her family to be immigrants torn between two cultures, the temptations of capitalist success versus the cost of assimilation. Scholastically, Ms. Noble majored in English at USC, earned a teaching credential, and then went on to study law at her alma mater. For several years she was a litigation lawyer and has written several books. Currently, she enjoys creative writing and sharing her family’s stories with others. Please come sit and enjoy this month’s program and luncheon at the next Branch meeting.



PRESIDENTS’ MESSAGE

Daphne Ching-Jackson and Joan Gustafson, co-Presidents

Written by: Joan Gustafson

It is just the beginning of the New Year, and our branch is on its way to several important events.

Daphne made a contact at the 2002 California State Convention with AAUW Executive Director, Jacqueline Woods. When Daphne met her she was impressed with this enthusiastic, dynamic and energetic leader. Those of us who heard Jacqueline speak at the convention in Austin in 2001 can vouch for this. Jacqueline agreed to come to Long Beach in April, 2003 to speak to our branch and several neighboring branches have been invited. That led to our contacting Sue Cochran, the state president of AAUW. Sue was very excited about traveling to L.B. to be a part of our meeting. The name I have given this event is “mini conference”, or, is it so “mini”? We feel very fortunate. We hope to see many of our branch members at this meeting at the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, Long Beach on April 5th.

This has been mentioned before, but please mark your calendars for the state convention in our own backyard. It is being held April 25 to 27 in Irvine. I have already said Long Beach would help with volunteer positions so don’t be surprised when I call you.

Here at home, the plans are coming together for a Math/Science Conference for Middle School Girls. Also, Cultural Capers have made plans for some excursions. You will be hearing more about this.

We look forward to seeing you at all of the events.

BRANCH NEWS

BRANCH MEETING

February 1, 2003

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

February 17, 2003

At the apartment, 6:30 p.m.

PUBLIC POLICY

February 19, 2003

Place TBA, 1:30 p.m.

Please call Betty Ann Rauch 562-431-6679

BOARD BRIEFS

Kee DeBoer, Co-Secretary

At the regular December 16, 2002 meeting of the Executive Committee, the following motions were passed:

1. Judith Kaho moved that \$302.00 be paid to Jean Friedrichs for her purchase of 30 tickets to the Community Playhouse performance on February 21, 2003 as a fund raiser for Tech Trek.
2. The Finance Committee moved that the Executive Committee recommend that the building fund monies only be invested in an FDIC insured account.

REMINDER

Be sure to get your tickets for the Tech Trek Fund Raiser at the Community Playhouse on Anaheim Street on February 21, 2003 at 8 p.m. The play is "Lucky O'Leary's", an Irish comedy and will be followed by an Irish coffee reception. Tickets are \$20.00. Please call Joan Gustafson (562) 439-3130 to make your reservation.

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

By Jean Friedrichs, Publicity Chair

Darlene B. Daclan works with Fay Denny at CSULB where she is a trainer on the new computer system for students. She was originally a History Major but got her MBA from Keller Graduate School of Management. She likes to travel, and enjoys shopping and reading.

Carolyn R Breihan graduated from Chapman University with a degree in History and Teaching. She received her Teaching Credential from CSULB and taught middle school students in Fountain Valley and Orange. Just last year she received her Master of Arts in Religious Education from the Claremont School of Theology. She is currently the Associate Minister of Education at Los Altos United Methodist Church in Long Beach. Her husband John is Vice President for Students Affairs at Coastline College. Her three adult children have finished college. Carolyn enjoys bridge, listening to all kinds of music and reading.

Danielle S. VanDivort graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a degree in International Relations and Environmental Studies. She obtained her Teaching Credential from Cal State Hayward and is a 6th Grade Science teacher at Hughes Middle School. She reports that she is married and has a new Newfoundland dog and two cats. She currently is enrolled at CSULB working on her Masters in Education and an Administrative Credential. She is starting an Earth Club at Hughes where the students will raise their own veggies and flowers. They have already held a tree planting day. For fun she reads, paints furniture and abstract pictures with lots of color.

COMMUNITY

Lorna Menke, Community Chair 431-3762

Thank you to all who have given so generously to Women's Shelter, Mary Bethune Transitional Center and School on Wheels. I wish each of you could hear the gratitude expressed when your donations are delivered. Keep up the good work! Happy New Year!

THANK YOU

Remember December? I do, especially the 14th when we had our annual wassail. As near as I can count 65 women were involved in some way to make a special party. You can see why I am not sending separate thank yous for much appreciated help.

However the Barbara Gleason Little Red Wagon Transport Service was really a big help.

Lynn and I thank you for your cooperation.
Happy New Year!

Jean Aldrich, Program Co-Chair

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Please email your articles for the March Vantage by February 1, 2003 to Shirley Williams at matilda@fea.net or mail to 13391 Danbury Lane Apt. #131-F, Seal Beach CA 90740. Shirley will be editing the next Vantage. Thank you.

Public Policy

By Betty Ann Rauch, Public Policy Chair

The new 108th Congress will undoubtedly be legislating on matters that are of great concern to AAUW. Below are some of the areas that will be closely watched and that will be reported on during the year.

There are two post-secondary acts that will on the agenda during this two-year session. Both the Higher Education Act and the Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act will be reauthorized. AAUW will focus on access to higher education for nontraditional students, retention, increased financial aid, and defending our priorities in gender equity in the Higher Education Act. Congress will likely consider affirmative action during reauthorization and Title IX may also be an issue as well.

AAUW's priorities in the Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act will focus on ensuring women have access to education and training for high-skill/high-wage jobs, adequate support services, responsible and unbiased career counseling, and professional development for those providing such services to students.

Threats to public education and access to education overall will likely continue. Vouchers for private schools, attempts to expand savings accounts and tax credits (thus diverting public funds from public schools), and the funding for the No Child Left Behind Act will also be closely monitored.

In addition, AAUW will remain concerned about nominees to the federal courts. AAUW believes that individual nominees whose views and records are outside of the mainstream of legal thought should not be appointed to the courts, especially the federal circuit courts of appeal.

AAUW will also be watching proposed laws covering hate crimes, charitable choice, threats to reproductive rights, and welfare reauthorization.

Most of these issues are still be assigned to committees but you'll be kept informed as they move forward.

Public Policy Meeting: The next Public Policy meeting will be held at 1:30 on Wednesday, February 19. The place will be announced at the February Branch meeting or you may call Betty Ann at 562/431-6679

International Relations

By Helen Sebring, International Relations Chair

Life is a hard battle anyway, and if we laugh and sing a little as we fight the good fight of freedom, it makes it all go a little easier. I will not allow my life's light to be determined by the darkness around me.

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Sojourner Truth-

Promoting education, peace and friendship in the 21st Century

By Dr. Darleana Mc Henry

Welcome to the Global Perspective. 2002 has been a challenging year for all of us around the world as we grapple with a changing reality and threat of war. I am proud of the role that the Global Perspective plays in promoting education in third world countries, nurturing peace and friendship and our global collaborations through research. We have finished a project in Costa Rica with the Costa Rican Association of University Women. We are embarking on a journey with El Salvador Association of University Women as well as the Cuban Federation of Women. S we live in exciting times.

It will not be through armed maneuvers that sustainable peace is accomplished. It will be through the association and interaction of educated women. It is through economic and social empowerment of women that we may experience a different world. Women have always understood the value of life perhaps because they are fortunate enough to give birth. In the translated words of our Latin sisters giving birth is referred to as "giving the light." The Global Perspective is giving the light and we thank you for being a part of this journey.

It is important that we keep an open mind and listen to those whose experiences differ from ours. It is important to show respect to those whose cultural beliefs may conflict with some of ours. There are Universal Principals, which apply to all people. In this time of crisis it is important that we hold on to these principles and allow them to steer us out of chaos and into calm. If there is one thing that you can do in order to bring us closer to peace and freedom, it is to reject the call to do nothing. This is the time reach out, to learn from one another and to understand what it truly means to be a global society. I thank you for the opportunity of allowing us into your lives and the opportunity to share our mission.

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EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2003

By Judith Kaho, Educational Foundation Vice President

The Educational Foundation is the heart of AAUW. Keep our EF activities in your heart by becoming an early Century Club Member. Also, the EF committee would like to put on a musical theatrical program with the Equity Players plus others and invite the public to enjoy our very talented members. We could have dessert afterwards and make this a combined fundraiser for EF and LAF. If you would like to help plan and work on such an event, please give me a call at 562-429-2790.

I would like to extend another thank you to all the members and friends who supported the grand finale year-end EF sale at our Wassail. We sold most of the remaining auction items, Branch cookbooks and AAUW T-shirts. We collected \$156.00. This amount will be part of the 2003 EF contributions.

I have recently received all of the latest brochures about all of the fellowships and other financial awards programs from the AAUW Educational Foundation. I will have them available at our February Branch Meeting. Also, I have the 2001 Annual Report, "Shaping the Future for Women and Girls", which anyone may borrow. I will share highlights at our next meeting. Remember to keep the Educational Foundation in your heart and financial plans.

UPDATE ON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION REPORT FOR JANUARY 2003

By Barbara Gleason, Educational Foundation Treasurer

I would like to make some corrections to last month's report:

Century Club for 2002 (\$100 donation)

Add Helen Sebring

Chocolate Club for 2002 (\$300 donation)

Fay Denny, Helen Gillis, Helen Sebring
(instead of the Second Century Club)

Total yearly "Club" donations were \$4600 instead of my report last month of \$3300.

As I was calculating my receipts for this past year, I realized that Helen Sebring's generous donation to EF each year of auctioning three weekends at her Big Bear cabin has not been credited to her for membership on the "Clubs." \$900 was collected for this year so she qualifies for the Century and Chocolate Clubs plus \$500 for the Marion Talbot fund.

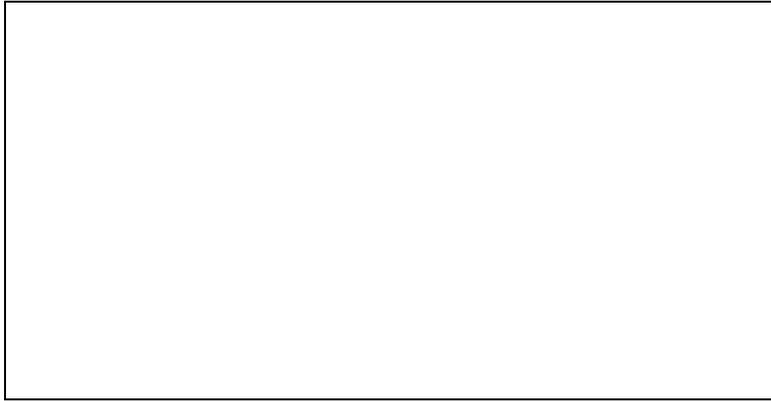
THANK YOU HELEN.

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

By Barbara Gleason, EF Treasurer

I am trying to find a copy of a red-colored brochure that gives detailed descriptions of each of the four homes that were on the Holiday Home Tour, December, 1993. JoAn Kuroda was president and Frances Magarian made the historian's scrapbook for 1993-1994. This book and the 1992-1993 scrapbooks are both missing from the apartment. Does anyone either have a brochure or know the whereabouts of these books? Please call Barbara Gleason at 562-421-2206.

Holiday Wassail



UPDATE ON MENTOR PROGRAM

By Lynn Shrum

Thank you AAUW Long Beach Branch members for such wonderful support of our Mentees first Fundraising effort. We are pleased to announce that we raised \$342.00 from the sales. The girls learned about developing and implementing a business plan as well how to produce and market a product at the November Mentor program. Elpha Yocom lead the girls at the meeting where the bath salts and snowman soup were assembled-materials donated by Lynn Shrum.

Wearing Santa hats, the Mentees seemed to be everywhere at the Wassail marketing their products to our Branch members and guests. Lou Es Greene was one of our first buyers. We sold out of everything!

Thank you for your support of our Mentees.



TECH TREK CAMP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

By Joan Gustafson

Tech Trek Science Camp is possible because thousands of volunteer hours are given to the program by members of AAUW California. There is a need for counselors, nurses, data base record keepers, packet preparers and registration assistants. Counselors and nurses reside at camp for the week. Other volunteers often do pre-camp projects and/or spend the first day helping at a specific camp.

The Fall, 2002 issue of the PERSPECTIVE has detailed information on Tech Trek, including a volunteer form with all five camp dates. The aauw-ca.org website has updated reports on each camp and a lot of general information for anyone who may be interested in becoming involved in 2003.

If anyone wishes more details before they volunteer they can contact the State Tech Trek Volunteer Coordinator, Marygrace Colby at mgcolby1@aol.com. The deadline is February 15, 2003.

The Tech Trek Camp held at Whittier College is July 13-19.

NEWS FROM SAN FRANCISCO AAUW

The San Francisco AAUW will offer two scholarships of \$2,000 each to help upper division and graduate women to complete their final year of study in a college or university. Candidates must live or be attending a university or college within a 100 mile distance of San Francisco. There is no restriction on the use of the funds. Completed applications will be due by March 31, 2003.

If you are interested or have friends or relatives who may benefit from this scholarship, please check the Silver Jubilee information on the AAUW San Francisco Web Site at www.aauwsf.org. or write for the brochure at the following address:

Connie Armitage
1952 16th Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94116
(415) 681-2110
<conniesci@earthlink.net>

COURTESY

We sadly learned of the passing of Leonard Atwood, husband of our member, Mary Atwood. Also we just learned that Conrad Gaiser, husband of long time member, Audrey Gaiser, passed away in Tahoe. Condolence cards were sent to the families on behalf of AAUW.

On a happier note, birthday greetings to all January and February honorees.

Mary Orr, Chair

GREAT DECISION GROUP READY TO BEGIN

The three Great Decision groups will begin in February. The first Tuesday morning on February 4 at 9:30 a.m., the first Wednesday evening on February 5 at 7 p.m. and the first Friday afternoon on February 7 at 1:30 p.m. They will all meet initially at the apartment unless you hear of a change of time, date or place. After the first meeting groups may decide to meet at a member's home. The usual plan is that the groups meet every week but some members may decide in their group to meet every other week. You are welcome to attend another group any time if you have a conflict on your regular day. If these sessions don't work for you might find that group could move the day of time or you could recruit others.

Topics for 2003 include: Multiculturalism vs. Unilateralism, Afghanistan, U.S./Saudi Relations, Nigeria, World Trade and Food Policy, China, European Integration, and Women's Rights. As always they are a pertinent and important collection of topics. The study books help every participant have a common base to begin the discussions. Outside material is always welcome and helpful too. If you haven't ordered your study book please send \$15.00 by check to Helen Sebring, made out to her. She will order the books.

Members signed up; now to begin are: Norma Grady, Mary Lou Cook, Barbara Bostwick, Kee DeBoer, Carolyn Breihan, Betty Thompson, Alicia Aertgeerts, Valorie Hafner, Jere Millington, Linda Silver, Emily Elgin, Joanne O'Neill, Deloris Mayuga, Geri Miller, Jan Roebuck, Sally Geiger, Norma Mayfield, Cynthia Clark, Caroline Towner, Frances Rozner, Betty Ann Rauch, Sarah Smith, Barbara Rathbun, Louise Sperr, Jean and Bill Friedrichs and Helen and Fred Sebring. Men are welcome and add a different perspective at times. We have 30 books so that other people can join. If you would like to join, call Helen at 562-596-0180.

DAY GOURMET

When: Thursday, February 27
Time: Noon to 2:30 p.m.
Hostess: Kee DeBoer, phn #430-8389
Where: The Apartment

Elizabeth Jackson, Chair

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

When: Thursday, February 13, 2003
Time: To be determined
Where: Old Towne, in the city of Orange. We will visit the antique stores that are in this area and also have lunch.

Antiques and Collections	2 nd Thursday	1:30 p.m.	Barbara Gleason	421-2206
Book Chat Plus*	4 th Monday	1:30 – 3:30	Jean Friedrichs	598-9218
Day Gourmet	4 th Thursday	12 – 2:30 p.m.	Elizabeth Jackson	494-0979
Film Fans	see details		Marilyn Fortier	421-5838
Golf at Bixby	1 st , 3 rd , 5 th Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Doris Doughty	(310) 832-1819
Great Books*	1 st Monday	1 – 3 p.m.	Mary Anagnostis	493-5988
Friday Bridge*	2 nd Friday	9:30 – 12:30	Jean Friedrichs	598-9218
Liberal Arts Bridge*	4 th Thursday	7 – 10 p.m.	Gwen Long	421-4844
Other Wednesday Bridge*	1 st , 3 rd Wednesday	12 – 4 p.m.	Emily Elgin	498-4646
			Marlys Pfrimmer	598-4161
Saturday Bridge*	3 rd Saturday	12:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Louise Sperr	425-6231
Two Table Bridge*	2 nd , 4 th Wednesday	12 – 4 p.m.	Jane Seller	429-4357
			Elaine Babbush	431-1232
Wall Street Stocks				
Discussion Group*	1 st Thursday	1 - 3 p.m.	Dorothy Anderson	597-7645
Global Issues				
Discussion Group*	3 rd Friday	1 – 3 p.m.	Sally Geiger	498-3204
Global Issues				
Discussion Group II*	3 rd Tuesday	7 – 9 p.m.	Sally Geiger	498-3204
			Helen Sebring	598-0180

- Meets at Branch Headquarters @ 5480 Atherton St. #5, Long Beach 90815

AAUW BRANCH MEETING

Saturday, February 1, 2003
A Modo Mio Restaurant
6521 E. Pacific Coast Highway
In the Market Place
Long Beach, CA 90803
562-795-6740

PROGRAM:

9:30- 10:00	Social
10:00-11:00	Business
11:00- 12:00	Program
11:00-12:00	Lunch

MENU:

Tossed Salad
 Garlic Bread

Choice of one:

Spinach Lasagna or Eggplant Parmesan

Ice Cream Scoop
 Coffee or Tea

PRICE: \$15.65

Mary Riddick 434-9826
 Meeting Coordinator

RESERVATION RETURN:

Send your registration and check payable to AAUW, Long Beach Branch. Please mail to: **Lois Malone, 6114 Oakbrook St., Long Beach 90815. DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: Friday, January 24, 2003.**

Member(s) _____

Phone (Day) _____ Evening _____

Guest(s) _____

Address(s) _____

_____ Phone _____

No. of Reservations _____ Amount Enclosed _____

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

Please circle one choice. I would like to have
 Spinach Lasagna
 or
 Eggplant Parmesan.

FEBRUARY 2003

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 BRANCH MEETING
2	3 Great Books 1 – 3 pm	4	5 Golf 8:30 am Other Wed Bridge 12 – 4 p.m.	6 Wall Street Stocks Discussion 1 – 3 p.m.	7	8
9	10	11	12 Two Table Bridge 12 – 4 p.m.	13 Antiques & Collections 1:30 p.m.	14 Friday Bridge 9:30 – 12:30 p.m.	15 Saturday Bridge 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
16	17	18 Global Issues Discussion II 7 – 9 p.m.	19 Golf 8:30 am Other Wed Bridge 12 – 4 Public Policy 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	20	21 Global Issues Discussion 1 – 3 p.m.	22
23	24 Book Chat Plus 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	25	26 Two Table Bridge 12 – 4 p.m.	27 Day Gourmet 12 – 2:30 p.m. Liberal Arts Bridge 7 – 10 p.m.	28	

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