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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Daphne Ching-Jackson and Joan Gustafson, co-Presidents
 Written by: Joan Gustafson

The AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN CALIFORNIA developed a three year strategic plan in 1998, updated it in July 2002, and with an expiration of 2003. The mission statement is: AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, life-long learning, and positive societal change. This statement can be found on every one of our Vantages.

Another easy way to recognize the Long Beach Branch is by reading the California Vision portion of the plan:

- Increase branch visibility through community action.
- Optimize the use of technology to expand membership, strengthen organizational values, and ensure an effective organization.
- Develop and deliver quality programs, products and services that attract and promote diverse membership.
- Promote and mentor women as leaders.
- Communicate to the membership and the community regarding all aspects of the organization.
- Strengthen and advance the gains women have made over the last 30 years.

We will have an opportunity to learn more about the organization's plan for the future when our speaker at the April 5th meeting will be Jacqueline Woods, AAUW Executive Director from Washington, D.C. We will also be privileged to have the State AAUW President, Sue Cochran and Karen Manelis, Director of the California Region. There is more information in this issue of the Vantage regarding meeting location, etc. Plan to attend this meeting and find out what our vision is for the 21st Century.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
 MISSION STATEMENT

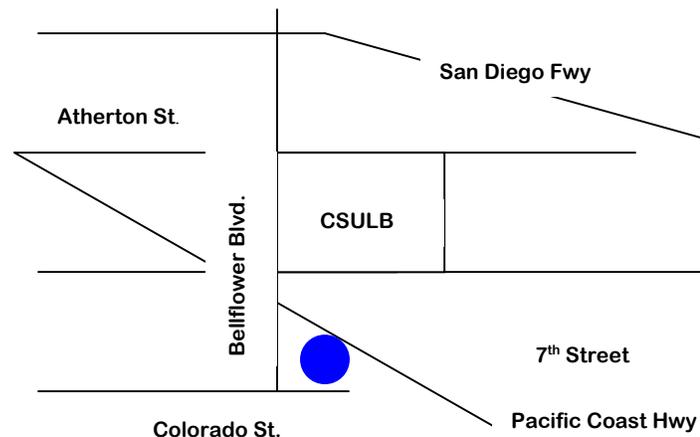
*AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls,
 Lifelong education and positive societal change.*

Attention! AAUW Executive Director, Jacqueline Woods is Coming to Town!



Attention AAUW members, you won't want to miss this opportunity to meet and hear AAUW Executive Director, Jacqueline Woods when she comes to the Long Beach Branch meeting Saturday, April 5, 2003! The meeting is sure to be a special and memorable one. The focus is to connect you, the local members, with the broader

organization and activities at the national level. Our California State President, Sue Cochran will also be present. Because this is such a wonderful and rare opportunity for our Branch members, we have also extended the invitation to the other Southern California Branches. Here is an opportunity to meet, greet, and connect at all levels of AAUW. The event will be held at the beautiful Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Long Beach. Please note that our Branch business meeting will take place the first hour from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Church in a side room. Time for networking is scheduled from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. with the program to follow at 11:00 a.m. Directions to the Church are shown below. You are welcome to bring a friend! New members, don't miss this opportunity!



BRANCH MEETING

April 5, 2003

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

April 14, 2003

Home of Joan Gustafson, 6:30 p.m.

BOARD BRIEFS

Kee DeBoer, Co-Secretary

The following motions were made at the February 17, 2003 meeting of the Board of Directors:

1. The Finance Committee recommends to the Board that \$48,000 of the \$50,000 Building Fund CD, maturing 23 February 2003, be placed in a one-year CD with Kaiser Federal Bank of Covina, California, and that the remaining \$2,000 be placed in an interest-bearing account to be used as needed to supplement Building Fund investment returns to pay for Branch Headquarters expenses for the period of March 2003-March 2004.

2. The Finance Committee recommends to the Board that the \$3,000 Irene Holmes Fund CD, maturing 7 March 2003, be placed in a Money Market Account at Ocean Crest until 19 May 2003, at which time it be combined with the \$25,000 Ethel Black Fund CD maturing on that date. This action would be for investment purposes only, the Irene Homes Fund otherwise retaining its separate identity.

Both motions passed unanimously.

COURTESY

Mary Orr, Courtesy Chair

We were saddened to learn of the death of Robert Nelson, husband of Winifred Nelson, one of our past presidents. A condolence card was sent on our behalf.

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Birthday greetings to all April honorees!

COMMUNITY

Lorna Menke, Community Chair 431-3762

We will have the box for donations at St. Lukes after March 15th. You may also continue to bring your donations to our meetings or you may call me and I will make arrangements for a pick-up at your home.

Bill Davis from School on Wheels will be picking up our donations in the near future. They can use school supplies, books and backpacks. Thank you for your help.

NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee submits the following slate of officers for the year 2003-2004:

Co-Presidents-Elect	Dianne Bradfield and Ellen Mathis
Program Co-VPs	Betty Ann Rauch and Norma Mayfield
Membership VP	Jane Sellers
EF VP	Sarah Smith*
Legal Advocacy VP	JoAnn Kuroda and Lou Es Greene
Co-Secretaries	Barbara Gleason and Julie Mills
Co-Presidents	Fay Denny and Lynn Rodriguez have already been elected.

*EF Co-VP to be named later

Nominating Committee: Kee DeBoer, Emily Elgin, Jean Friedrichs, Norma Grady, Lou Es Greene, Lois Malone, Lorna Menke

CONNIE INSKEEP LEADERSHIP AWARD

Connie Inskeep was an outstanding leader in our Branch who held various offices and was President or co-President of Branch three times. In addition, she held leadership positions in LACIC and the California State AAUW Board. Her energy and love of AAUW was always inspirational.

The Leadership Award was begun in the 1996/1997 year and is awarded to a branch member who exhibits qualities of leadership which meet the following criteria:

1. Demonstrated leadership in the Branch that is consistent with the mission of AAUW, i.e. promotes equity for women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change.
2. Demonstrated leadership at the Los Angeles Interbranch Council or LA District level.
3. Demonstrated leadership at the AAUW California or Association level.

Any of the criteria listed above solely or in combination is acceptable for a nomination. Please make your nomination and list the areas of leadership that make your nominee qualify for this award.

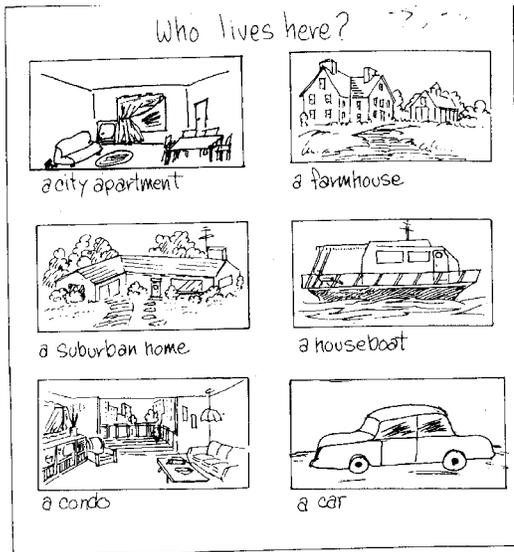
IMPORTANT: NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY APRIL 15, 2003.

Please call Fay Denny, Chair, 714-894-0416 or committee members Dorothy Anderson, 562-597-7645 or Lynn Rodriguez, 562-493-5740.

The previous recipients of this award are: JoAnn Kuroda, Joyce Clark, Jean Aldrich, Judith Kaho, and Fay Denny.

Diversity Thoughts

By Val Parker, Diversity Chair



Look at the pictures of different homes. Without thinking deeply, draw a picture in your head of who lives in each of the different dwellings. How many people are they? What do they do for a living? What is their background? Their heritage? How much money do they make? Don't take too much time on any one sketch—just become aware of the first pictures that come to mind.

Unconsciously, we do have an idea of the identities of individuals that would live in different types of homes. Maybe these are based on our own experiences (I live in suburban Huntington Beach for instance; my picture of who lives in a suburban home is shaped by this experience.) Maybe pictures are shaped by the media. Or simply by our fantasies. (Do you dream of living on a boat when you retire?) Or by stereotypes.

No matter how our ideas are formed, it is important to be aware of our gut-reactions to situations. Maybe our pictures are not always "politically correct," but our perceptions of who people are and how they live help determine how we react when we meet people.

Diversity awareness starts with being aware of the pictures in our heads. When we realize the pictures, we can move beyond--to seeing each situation individually, and avoid creating the stereotypes that become so easy to make.

International Relations

Helen Sebring, International Relations Chair

Every edition of the Global Perspective will focus on a person who exemplifies the vision of the Global Perspective. This month's feature is A Woman With A Mission: Maree Jones
By Dr. Darleana McHenry

Maree Jones is an Aussie with a mission and that mission is to help the people in Tibet. Maree was 10 years old in her native Australia when she completed a class project on India. Her mother is a devout Catholic and her father a Greek Orthodox but there was something about Buddhism that fascinated her. She began to collect Buddhas and read more about this new religion. When she became an adult she chose to join the Buddhist Faith.

Six years ago the Dalai Lamai came to Australia. Maree was impressed by his story and the story of Tibet, a place she thought of as Shangri-La. Maree was moved by the story of Shangri La as well as by the quiet dignity of its Spiritual Leader. Maree decided that she needed to see for herself and to do something about this situation. So she took her camera and bought a plane ticket and flew to Tibet.

Maree is not a professionally trained photographer. She has been taking photographs since she received a camera for her 11th birthday and she was chasing after grasshoppers that didn't appreciate having their essence captured. Tibet has

been under threat for 50 years. Maree and her camera were able to capture the destruction of temples as well as resiliency of the people there.

When Maree returned, she was more determined than ever to make a difference. She took \$25,000 of her savings as a full time teacher at the Technical and Further Education College in Sydney and had calendars made of photographers. She included Buddhist sayings as well as historical facts about Tibet.

Maree completed a world tour in 33 days to promote the calendar and inform people about the situation in Tibet. Unfortunately the calendars were released right after September 11 and sales did not go as planned. The timing was not right to launch a world project. She takes pride in the fact that she has been able to place the calendars in 3000 homes in 6 countries. She has been able to support a Tibetan orphanage as well as a school.

Maree named her company Emerald Creations and will have an exhibition of her photography in May. Maree feels that Tibet is Buddha's most urgent child. 47% of the world's population feeds from their water. She supports the environment and wants to make sure that industry does not pollute this paradise to the point where it is unrecognizable. She feels that we need to put trade on the back burner and look at the long term effects and the future of the planet.

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PUBLIC POLICY

By Betty Ann Rauch, Public Policy Chair

The following article was excerpted from AAUW's Action Alert, March 2003.

On Feb. 20, President Bush signed into law HJ Res. 2, the fiscal year 2003 (FY03) omnibus appropriations bill, which contains all of the remaining FY03 appropriations bills. FY03 began on Oct. 1, 2002, and Congress passed 12 continuing resolutions to keep the government running since then. This bill contained 553.1 billion for education programs, an increase of 6 %. No voucher proposals were contained in the omnibus bill.

On Feb 3, 17 days before signing the FY03 appropriations bill into law, the president released his FY04 budget. The president's budget contained \$53.14 billion for education programs, which is just \$40 million or .1 % more in funding for education programs. The President did include a \$1.9 billion increase for the Pell Grant Program, which provides federal grant aid for poor students to attend college, to make up the funding shortfall in the program. However, due to the deficit, this resulted in no actual increase for the grant award that students will receive. President Bush did propose to increase Title I, which funds disadvantaged schools by \$676 million, or 5.8 percent.

Unfortunately, the president's budget zeroed out the Women's Educational Equity Act (WEEA) altogether. This act was designed to ensure that all girls' future choices and successes are determined not by their gender but by their interests, aspirations, and abilities. AAUW will work with supporters in the House and the Senate to ensure this important program is funded in the final FY04 appropriations bill. Further, the president's education budget contained \$75 million for a "choice incentive fund" which would allow for the creation of federal voucher programs. The funding would include specific funds for voucher programs in the District of Columbia. AAUW opposes the use of school vouchers to divert public funds to private or religious or elementary and secondary schools. AAUW will work to defeat voucher initiatives in the House and Senate.

SAVE THE DATE***A VERY SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL DINNER
AND PROGRAM***

May 21st, 6 to 9 p.m. at the Fountains

Featuring:

Dr. Jacqueline Shazadi and Valorie Hafner
(Details to come in next issue.)

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

By Judith Kaho, Educational Foundation Vice President

The Educational; Foundation Balance for February-March 2003 is \$5,520.01. This includes the generous Bridge Marathon contribution of \$360.

Please consider a monthly contribution to the Educational Foundation. For example, \$10 per month for ten months would equal a Century Club membership. The money is deposited in the EF Account for the Branch until we send off our annual EF contributions.

We need your encouragement and financial support for our AAUW California Educational Foundation Eleanor Roosevelt Run-Walk at Convention, Sunday April 27. Our LB Branch participants need sponsors.

We will also be putting together an EF Silent Auction Basket (Theme for Long Beach: "She sells seashells by the seashore."). Suggestions and donations are appreciated. (Seashore: Long Beach Souvenirs; Seashells: candles, saltwater taffy, stationery, hand-towels, napkins.)

Finally, I encourage you to attend the AAUW Convention in Providence, Rhode Island, June 19-23 2003.

Thank you to Barbara Gleason for keeping our EF financial records and assisting me for two terms of office. A hearty thank you to Fay Denny for organizing the Eleanor Roosevelt Run-Walk event at Convention. Also, thank you to my super EF committee.

THE ETHEL BLACK AND IRENE HOLMES FUND

The interest that has accrued from the Ethel Black and Irene Holmes Fund needs to be allocated to a project or projects to support the AAUW Mission Statement. Please call, email or mail me your suggestions where you think the monies should be spent.

Suggestions can be made by individuals or by Interest Groups and should be sent to me before May 1. All ideas will be considered by the board at the May meeting. Board recommendations will then be considered and voted on by the membership at the June Branch Meeting.

JoAnn Kuroda
Budget Chair
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SojoinLB@aol.com (email)
5991 Belen Street
Long Beach, CA 90815

**LONG BEACH BRANCH PLANS
MATH/SCIENCE CAREER CONFERENCE**

By Daphne Ching-Jackson

For the past three months members of the Long Beach Branch have been meeting at the home of Jean Aldrich to design a conference for middle school girls interested in math and science careers. The date of the conference is Saturday, May 17 and Long Beach City College – Pacific Coast Campus, is the site of the conference to be held from 8:30-noon.

Committee members are Jean Aldrich, Barbara Cottrell, Fay Denny, Darlene Daclan, Lou Es Greene, Joan Gustafson, Geri Lyles-Miller, Val Parker, and Pat Sargeant, with Daphne Ching-Jackson as Convener. The committee has identified 24 individuals or professions in the math and science fields. The goal is to encourage middle school girls to consider higher education by providing them with wide exposure to career opportunities in the math and science fields. The goal is consistent with the AAUW mission of education and equity for women and girls and responds to the AAUW 21st Century-Vision Statement.

The conference is targeted for middle school girls interested in science and math who attend Long Beach Unified School District schools and non-profit organizations serving girls the ages of 11-13.

More details will be announced in the next issue of Vantage.

UPDATE ON MENTOR PROGRAM

Denise McCommins of Just Imagine Professional Image Service presented a workshop for the mentees. Since knowing that one looks her best contributes to one's self-confidence, Ms. McCommins talked about how to create a flattering appearance. She started with first impressions, including correct posture and how to shake hands. She helped the mentees determine their body shape and talked about clothing styles to accentuate different body shapes. She also did a color analysis for the girls and talked about choosing complimentary clothing colors. Finally, Ms. McCommins did a cosmetic makeover on one of the mentees and talked about how to use makeup to accentuate one's features. The group then had a chance to network with Ms. McCommins over a lunch supplied by Joan Calder. Our thanks to Elaine Babbush for arranging the speaker and to Emily Elgin for arranging the location.

TECH TREK UPDATE

By Frances Rozner

We're almost there! - thanks to 26 very generous members who opened their checkbooks and donated whole-heartedly to make sure that our eligible young ladies in the mentoring program have the opportunity to attend the Tech Trek Camp this coming summer. Special mention to our top donors: Alicia Aertgeerts, Jean Aldrich, Joan Gustafson, Daphne & George Jackson, Frances Rozner and Betty and Bill Thompson.

The sale of tickets to "Lucky O'Leary's" added \$300 through the contribution of the attendees. With money left from last year added to this year's contributions, we stand a few dollars shy of \$3100. Which means that we are only \$500 from sending the six students we hope to send? If you know of someone who would like to contribute please have them contact Frances Rozner at 562-438-0202. Thank you, everyone!

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Please email your articles for the May Vantage by April 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.

AAUW TRAINING AND CONVENTIONS

By Marion Smith, Los Angeles District Director

AAUW-CA Los Angeles District Leadership & Job-Alike Day

- Saturday, April 12, 2003, 8:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007

With a tentative schedule of nine workshops, the day will be packed with valuable information for branch leaders. Presenters include one and maybe two AAUW-CA Leaders-on-Loan. The other presenters are experienced leaders who have much insight to offer. If that weren't reason enough to come, Burger Continental will provide its delightful Greek luncheon at mid-day.

The focus of leadership and job-alike day is training to serve on an AAUW board, e.g., how to disperse membership dues to the Association, AAUW-CA, and AAUW EF. There will also be a workshop on how to be a president--how to delegate responsibility and how to stimulate excitement in the branch. Though there is a focus on working within AAUW, we learn general leadership skills that we can apply in all areas of our lives. For that reason, all branch members as well as the public are invited to this valuable training day.

AAUW-CA Convention

Later in the month, April 25-27, try to attend AAUW-CA's annual convention. This time it's local (Irvine). The convention offers dynamic speakers and workshops and a fantastic opportunity to pick up ideas about fund-raising, membership, and programs from other attendees. If you are a new branch leader, the convention serves as the second piece of your training boot camp. [See Leadership & Job-Alike Day, above.] The convention offers a perspective on AAUW--the organization (state, district, county, and branch), the corporations (Association, AAUW EF, and AAUW LAF), how we participate in public policy, and many other interesting topics—that we don't tend to get if we confine our activities to our branches. Since this is an odd-numbered year, we'll be voting on AAUW-CA's public policy principles for 2003-05 at the convention.

Association Convention

Did you know that we vote on a set of biennial national public policy principles at each Association convention? That's the third big event coming up in AAUW by the end of June. The Association will meet in Providence, RI, June 20-23.

California Candidate for AAUW Director-At-Large

At the last Association convention delegates voted to reconfigure the board of directors, reducing the size of the board from 21 to 12. The new board consists of the president, executive VP/Secretary, finance VP, three elected directors-at-large, two regional directors chosen by themselves among the 10, two appointed directors, and the EF and LAF presidents.

Of the five candidates running for the three at-large seats in the board, only one is from the west, California, and that candidate is **Krys Wulff**, the 1998-2000 Past President of AAUW-CA.

Now we have the opportunity to elect one of our own! Please contact Jo Harberson, her campaign manager, to see how you can be a key element in her campaign!

The Key to AAUW vitality in the 21st century is Leadership.

Krys is the Key

Visit the website: www.KrysWulff.com, email Kryswulff@aol.com or email Jo at jharber3@aol.com to become a part of the Committee to Elect Krys.

DAY GOURMET

When: Thursday, April 24, 2003
 Time: Noon to 2:30 p.m.
 Hostess: Miriam Garland
 Phn #434-2978
 Where: St. Luke's Church

Elizabeth Jackson, Chair

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

When: Thursday, April 10, 2003
 Time: Carpool around 10:00 a.m.
 Where: Old Towne, in the city of Orange. We will visit the antique stores that are in this area and also have lunch at 11:00 a.m.

Barbara Gleason, Chair
 421-2206

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 @ 525 East 7th Street, Long Beach 90813

AAUW BRANCH MEETING

Saturday, April 5, 2003

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church

5761 Colorado Street

Long Beach, CA 90815

PROGRAM:

10:30- 11:00	Social
11:00-12:30	Program
12:30- 2:00	Lunch

MENU:

Grilled Salmon Salad
 Fresh Spinach and Hearts of Palm
 Tossed with Artichokes and Red Onions
 Citrus Vinaigrette dressing
 Fresh Fruit and Berries
 Fresh Bread Display
 Cake
 Coffee/Iced Tea

PRICE: \$24.00

Mary Riddick 434-9826

Jo Ann Gatley 598-6704

Meeting Coordinators

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, March 28, 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.**

I would like a vegetarian meal. _____

APRIL 2003

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Golf 8:30 am Other Wed Bridge 12 – 4 p.m.	3 Wall Street Stocks Discussion 1 – 3 p.m.	4	5 BRANCH MEETING
6	7 Great Books 1 – 3 pm	8	9 Two Table Bridge 12 – 4 p.m.	10 Antiques & Collections 10 a.m.	11 Friday Bridge 9:30 – 12:30 p.m.	12 Saturday Bridge 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
13	14	15 Global Issues Discussion II 7 – 9 p.m.	16 Golf 8:30 am Other Wed Bridge 12 – 4 Public Policy 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	17 Liberal Arts Bridge 7 – 10 p.m.	18 Global Issues Discussion 1 – 3 p.m.	19
20	21	22	23 Two Table Bridge 12 – 4 p.m.	24 Day Gourmet 12 – 2:30 p.m.	25	26
27	28 Book Chat Plus 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	29	30 Golf 8:30 a.m.			

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