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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Daphne Ching-Jackson and Joan Gustafson, co-Presidents

Written by: Daphne-Ching Jackson

Congratulations go to Long Beach Branch members of AAUW! For the second year running, Long Beach Branch has been awarded the Platinum Award in the 21st Century Recognition Program sponsored by Association.

Following on the heels of Immediate Past Presidents Linda Silver and Lynn Shrum, we are pleased that all the hard work attributed to "a small group of women" working for change resulted in this prized award for Long Beach Branch. Our thanks go to all board members who planned and organized activities.

The program requires a description of one or two projects for the year and also requires that we demonstrate how every aspect of our Branch activities are interwoven with the project to successfully support the AAUW mission. The Mentor Project was once again used as "the project". The application demonstrated our success through the following activities:

-Support for the AAUW mission to promote education and equity for women and girls. This is the heart of our mentor project.

-Membership development strategies that brought new members to the Branch and resulted in developing new relationships and successful recruitment of new members. Barbara Cottrell and Jeri Millington's recruitment resulted in not losing a member this year.

-Outreach to diverse people or groups is another activity that allow us to successfully conduct a community relations program that involved outreach to groups that might not otherwise be reached.

-Visibility efforts, thanks to Linda Silver and Deloris Mayuga, were described through their participation at the first ever Governor's Virtual Mentoring Training Conference at Cal Poly Pomona last year.

-Our efforts to develop leaders and tap into the talents within the Branch and within the group of mentors and

mentees were also cited as a part of the Mentor Project's success.

-Technology with George Jackson bringing our website to a new level of communication, enhancing the great work of Janet Krueger, was especially noted as an important component in delivering services in the 21st century.

-Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund support were also included in the application. Last year Vantage articles were written to educate our members on a regular basis by Vice-Presidents Judith Kaho and Lou Es Greene. The Branch achieved a Number 8 ranking out of 10 Branches in financial support for LAF statewide. Lou Es' spirited songfests and readings of litigants' cases resulted in a \$2.46 per member contribution. Judith's committee raised funds throughout the year for EF and had a successful luncheon and silent auction last fall. Thanks to both Judith and Lou Es and their committees for making us shine!

JUNE PROGRAM

Lynn Rodriguez and Jean Aldrich, Co-Program Chairs

Installation of Officers ♪ *Music to the Ears* ♪ ♪



AAUW members and guests, please join us at the next Branch meeting on Saturday, June 7, 2003 for the Installation of New Officers for the 2003-2004 year. The meeting will be held at

the Long Beach Airport Marriott Hotel, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It will be a meeting of *promise, hope, and good news!*

We also have a delightful program prepared for this occasion. Come listen to the enchanting sounds of traditional Celtic and Americana music as **Bea Romano** plays the hammered dulcimer accompanied by Jim Romano on guitar and Irish drum, and Mike Catlett on mandolin, banjo, and guitar. Her CD's will also be available for purchase at the meeting (\$15 each). Please make your reservation early. This will be the last Branch meeting of the year.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
MISSION STATEMENT

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

BRANCH MEETING

Saturday, June 7, 2003

BOARD BRIEFS

Kee DeBoer, Co-Secretary

At the April 21, 2003 meeting of the Board of Directors, the following motions made by Norma Grady were seconded and passed:

- I move that Lynn Rodriguez, Fay Denny and Judith Kaho be approved as voting delegates to the AAUW Association Convention taking place June 19-23, 2003 in Providence, Rhode Island.
- I move that the registration fee of \$335 be paid from the Convention Fund for each of the three delegates representing the Long Beach Branch at Association Convention in June 2003.

**ASSOCIATION CONVENTION IN PROVIDENCE, RI
JUNE 19 - 23, 2003**

By: Fay Denny

Recently we had the privilege of attending our California State Convention as delegates representing the Long Beach Branch. There we took action to increase the California State dues by \$6 beginning July 1, 2004. The voting delegates felt it was very important to maintain our state headquarters, our lobbyist, and the services provided to the members by the state staff.

Now Judith Kaho and I will be representing the Long Beach Branch at Association Convention in June. We urge you to read the Winter/Spring 2003 AAUW In Action magazine as there are two proposed bylaws changes that will directly affect you as members of AAUW. We will be discussing these issues at the May and June Branch meetings so that we can get a sense of your thoughts about the issues.

The first issue has to do with opening the membership of AAUW to anyone who "supports the mission and goals of AAUW". If this proposal fails, then a second proposal to open membership to holders of Associate Degrees will be presented.

The second issue is about raising the dues for Association. Again, there are two proposals: one to adopt changes that would allow the dues to increase by a fixed amount annually (the Association is recommending \$2 annually); or one to adopt a fixed amount of a \$4 increase, effective 2004-2005.

Both of these issues have an impact on the future of AAUW and on the direction our AAUW membership may take. Judith and I would like to know your thoughts about the proposals.

COMMUNITY

Lorna Menke, Community Chair 431-3762

We are continuing our support of WomenShelter, Mary Bethune Transitional Center and School on Wheels. The eighty children's books plus a set of reading materials for grades K – 8 were delivered this month to School on Wheels. We received a very appreciative letter of thanks.

Our support of Mary Bethune Transitional Center needs to be improved. The center continues to operate in the summer. Miss Angel, lead teacher at Bethune, says that they always need backpacks and white socks (any size). She also suggested donating gift certificates from Payless Shoes. A child then can pick out a pair of shoes that fit.

Donations can be left at St. Luke's or call me and I can pick them up. You can also bring your donations to our next meeting. Thanks for your help.

COURTESY

Mary Orr, Courtesy Chair

Gwen Long cannot attend AAUW for a while as she has broken toes again! Hope it will not be too long before she can join us. Some cheering up would be nice. A get well card was sent from us.

We were saddened to learn of the death of Christine, the daughter of Sally Geiger. A condolence card was on our behalf.

Birthday greetings for all June honorees.

Our much – published member, Dr. Sherry I. Meinberg, has just seen her latest book, The Bogeyman And Its Aftermath, written from deep personal experience, roll off the press. It is due for official launch this summer.

As a stalking survivor, Sherry's book is based on her actual experiences. She writes so compellingly that she draws the reader in immediately to an amazing and so incredible – seeming world that one would think it was a screenplay for a Hollywood movie. Yet, it is one that Dr. Meinberg is still living.

Sherry's book brings to light a little – known, dark world, one that until now was a hidden nightmare for far too many people, much as in the past traumatized rape and child abuse victims were quietly suffering through life until their experiences were validated by researchers who began to speak out, and to publish, on these horrors.

Let us all congratulate Sherry on taking another big step forward for all that AAUW holds dear!

Update on Mentor Program

By Kathy Keene

On Saturday April 12, nineteen mentors and mentees met at 10:00 a.m. at the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History for a trip planned by mentor Kathy Keane. We were admitted with a group discount rate and proceeded upstairs to the Bird Hall, where we learned about some of the most interesting birds in the world, such as the Arctic Tern, with the longest migration flight of any bird, about 22,000 miles per year. We were met soon after by Kimball Garrett, bird collections manager for the museum. Kathy had arranged a special behind-the-scenes tour with Kimball beforehand, and she'd suggested a half-hour show-and-tell about the museum's collection. But both the mentors and mentees were fascinated by the very tiny hummingbirds and very large toucans, among other fascinating birds Kimball showed us, and Kimball is a great story-teller, so he kept us enthralled for over an hour!

After our bird tour, we proceeded to the museum's special exhibit on Chocolate! (Sorry, fellow AAUW ladies, it ended May 11!) We learned about cocoa beans and how they're processed and the many types of chocolate and how it's used. Some of us proceeded to the gift shop at the end of the exhibit where we purchased some delicious samples.

Fortified with our chocolate, we proceeded to the North American Mammals exhibit and toured the true-to-nature dioramas of mountain lions, moose, coyote, caribou, and walrus. There's much more of the museum to explore, but we saved it for another day and enjoyed lunch at a nearby Grinder Restaurant, where they'd reserved us a banquet room.

Our next event is the Math-Science Conference for girls, Saturday May 17, where our mentees and several other middle-school girls will learn first-hand about careers as a stockbroker, accountant, physician, physical therapist, wildlife biologist, and civil engineer, among others. This experience will help motivate our mentees to stay on-track toward a college education, possibly even for a career in math or science!

International Relations

Helen Sebring, International Relations Chair

A Hopeful Article from Global Perspective.

Peace Efforts Persist, in the Midst of War.

By Linda Bly Ph.D.

Last summer at Initiatives of Change conference in Caux, Switzerland, Israeli Merri Minuskin and two Palestinian women established meaningful conversation with each other. They have stayed in touch since the conference. Merri, through her work with the International Institute in Israel has been able to organize weekly discussion groups of Palestinian and Israeli women. These meetings have continued in spite of the terrible Passover bombings that killed a family member of one of the Israeli participants and the Israel invasion of the West Bank, where the Palestinian women live. A Palestinian woman came to the shivha, or wake, of a bomb victim. Merri was able to arrange for the delivery of two truckloads of badly needed medical supplies.

Breakthroughs, May – June 2002

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PUBLIC POLICY

By Betty Ann Rauch, Public Policy Chair

A further explanation of SB921 (Kuehl) Single Payer Health Care. AAUW-CA supports the comprehensive nature of universal, single payer health care coverage. This support does not obviate concern with implementation issues and the view that this bill is a work in progress.

Some seven million Californians are uninsured and costs for all forms of medical care are rising. Fewer employers can afford health care insurance while others are forced to raise employees' co-pays and deductibles. Emergency wards are unwillingly being turned into primary care facilities.

SB921 would:

- establish the California Health Care System to be administered by the newly created Health Care Agency under the control of an elected Health Care Commissioner.
- make **all** California residents eligible for health care benefits under the system, which, would, on a single-payer basis, negotiate for or set fees for health care services provided and pay claims for those services
- include all basic medical, surgical, preventative, and nursing care as well as medical supplies, drug coverage, dental, vision, etc.
- pay for such a system by imposing taxes on unearned income, tobacco, alcohol, employers and employees (through a small payroll tax)
- create boards and offices composed of health care practitioners charged with establishing policies regarding medical issues and enforcing them
- allow private insurance companies to offer supplemental coverage for nonessential services.

Outstanding issues include:

- the makeup of the Healthcare Policy Board
- the role of the Commissioner, whether elected or appointed
- questions of portability
- coverage of California retirees who move out of state or who are otherwise covered by health insurance
- coverage of alternate therapies
- effects on Medicare, ensuring continuance of federal matching funds
- promotion of continuing participation and economic viability of current healthcare providers and insurers.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

By Ellen Mathis, Membership Treasurer

Membership Renewal Time

Dues are due for the July 1, 2003 - June 30, 2004!

If you have not sent them in please do it now. Your renewal reminder was a POSTCARD which also asked you to verify the information we have on the branch database. Thank you. Checks payable: AAUW Long Beach.

Questions? Call!

Ellen Mathis, Membership Treasurer
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Add the following to your Branch Yearbook.

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Slippery Rock State U

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Member-At-Large to Branch Member

Renewal to add to yearbook:

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Attleboro, MA 02703
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Ellen Mathis, Membership Treasurer
433-6509

EDUCATION FOUNDATION

By Judith Kaho, Educational Foundation Vice President

Please consider participating in our Bakeless Bake Sale. Send checks to Barbara Gleason or Judith Kaho. No shopping, no baking, just help out the Educational Foundation and make my final fund-raiser a success.

Convention Updates:

We raised \$1735 at Convention in Irvine. A special thank you to Fay and Roger Denny for this event. Also, thank you to all of our Branch Members who participated or sponsored a walker. Our LB Branch will receive credit for half of the amount raised (for being the co-sponsors of this event with Arcadia).

Our Total Branch Contribution was \$7845.00/\$44.32 per capita. Our LB Branch had 2 Equity Donors, 2 Chocolate Clubs, 7 Second Century Clubs, 7 First Century Club Members and numerous individual \$ gifts. Total California Contributions \$848,852.01.

“New Directions in EF Giving and Research” was the title of the EF workshop. Technology, Research, Literacy and Support for People with Disabilities will be the future focus areas.

There will be a new report from EF out on May 5: “Women at Work”. A new Fellows Network is being developed to connect the 8,000 Fellows and to establish a speakers’ bureau. The EF is providing Home Country Project Grants for the International Fellows. For more details be sure to ask me about “Women Creating Change”.

Our final fund-raising event is explained by the following little poem Barbara Gleason found while sorting our AAUW LB Branch historical documents. (September 1967)

BAKELESS BAKE SALE

A lot of news I have today!

A **Bakeless Bake Sales** is on the way.

In these busy days, now who would bake?

Pies, or cookies, or even a cake?

You’d be surprised if you counted the cost.

Of materials, heat, and time you have lost.

Cooking for sale is extra work,

Yet nobody really wishes to shrink.

So we’ve thought of a plan that’s really grand,

And feel quite sure you will understand.

In a small envelope, please put the price

Of a pie, or cake, or something nice.

Without fuss, or bother, you’ve done your part,

I’m sure you’ll give with a willing heart.

This is the end of my little tale,

Wishing success for our

Bakeless Bake Sale!**DID YOU KNOW?**

While I was sorting out our archives, I found what I thought were some interesting items and I would like to share them with you.

In 1914-1915, we had 24 members and dues were \$1.25 per year. The program theme of the year was “Reforms” – Political Reform; Dress Reform; Reform in House (Home) Economics; Reform in Education; Reform in Juvenile Court; and, Prison Reform.

In 1941, a program on the “The Effect” of Motion Pictures on Children.

1957 – “Are you Dead Timber With A College Degree?”

1960 – “American Attitudes Toward Foreign Languages”

1964 – “Legal and Moral Responsibilities Concerning Integration”

1966- “The Welfare Picture In California Today”

1970 – “Our Precious Air”

And Lastly – 1974 – “Keeping Peace in Middle East”

Thank you for Being Such a Fine AAUW-CA District!

By Marion Smith, AAUW-CA Los Angeles District Director

I must let you in on a little secret: I've discovered that being district director is the best job there is in AAUW. I've enjoyed meeting so many of you and seeing our diverse branches in operation. If I didn't visit your branch this year, I will next.

The L.A. District Leadership/Job-Alike Day on April 12 was very well received by attendees. I know that the trainers enjoyed themselves, too, since most indicated they'd be happy to present again next year.

I hope you attended the stimulating AAUW-CA convention at the end of April. While there I received wonderful suggestions for next year's L.A. District Leadership/Job-Alike Day. There will be something for everyone at the next one, so save the date:

Saturday, May 29, 2004

The consensus at the district caucus was that we like Arcadia Community Center and Burger Continental, so we went ahead and set this date for training day, and I've reserved the center. No excuses!

I'll see you long before then at the L.A. District Presidents' & Friends meeting. That will be Saturday morning, September 13, 2003, at the Carson Community Center. I'll send details later. You don't have to be a branch officer to attend.

In the meantime, I hope to see you at the Los Angeles Women's Appointment Collaboration's Get Appointed Workshop on Saturday, May 31. You'll find details at the LAWAC Web site: <http://www.lawomencollaborate.org/>. Or you can contact Ginny Hatfield, (818) 985-1579, or me, (310) 832-3000. By the way, Ginny (San Fernando Valley Branch) was elected LAWAC president-elect at a recent board meeting. LAWAC is lucky to have her!

**A VERY SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL DINNER
AND PROGRAM**

When: Wednesday, May 21, 2003

Time: 6p.m. to 9 p.m.

Where: The Fountains

What: Dr. Jacqueline Shazadi and Valorie Hafner bring us insights, knowledge, pictures and memories from their recent trip to South Africa with People to People, IFUW. There will be a very special African dinner created by our AAUW Gourmet Cooks.

Tickets: \$20.00

All monies raised will go to the IFUW Virginia Gildersleeve Fund to help women and children in underdeveloped countries.

Please call Helen Sebring at #562-596-0180 to make a reservation. Please come!

LOST AND FOUND

A bracelet was found in the apartment just prior to vacating the apartment. A pair of eyeglasses with small oval lenses was found after the meeting at the Greek Church on Saturday, April 5. Please contact Joan Gustafson (562) 439-3130 for more information on either of these items.

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

When: Thursday, September 11, 2003

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Where: St. Luke's

What: Discuss possible programs for the coming year.

I will be out of town on June 12, so we will not meet that month.

Barbara Gleason, Chair
421-2206

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND REPORT

By Lou Es Greene, LAF Vice President

CONGRATULATIONS !!!!!!!!!!!

The Long Beach Branch membership is to be congratulated upon their receipt, at the state convention, of an award for their total contributions to the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund.

P.S. I am so proud of all of you....BUT start saving your money as I am going to ask you to be generous again next November.

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, June 7, 2003

Marriott Hotel

4700 Airport Plaza Drive

Long Beach, CA

PROGRAM:

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Social
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Program
12:00p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch

MENU:

Rustic Italian Soup
 Squaw Bread with Roasted Turkey Breast, Swiss Cheese
 Fresh Fruit
 Texas Red Potato Salad
 Lemon Mousse
 Coffee/Iced Tea

PRICE: \$23.00

Jo Ann Gatley 598-6704
 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: Saturday, May 31, 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. _____

JUNE 2003

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

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