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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Fay Denny and Lynn Rodriguez, Co-Presidents
Written by: Fay Denny

Welcome to another wonderful year for the Long Beach branch. There are many interesting, exciting programs planned for you this year and Lynn and I hope to see you at many of them. The first event will be our New Membership Garden Party at the lovely garden of Jane Sellers. Please invite friends, relatives, acquaintances, to come and hear about AAUW and the Long Beach branch. We know there are many talented women that you know with Bachelor's degrees that would be wonderful members in the Branch. Please invite them.



Recently Lynn and I had the pleasure of being interviewed for a Long Beach Cable television show called, "Stop and Smell the Roses." It is produced and hosted by Marie-Jo Machefert, who is interested in getting the word out about community organizations in the Long Beach area. Thank you to JoAnn Kuroda for setting up this opportunity for our Branch. During the interview we plugged the work of Mentoring, Tech Trek, School on Wheels, the Mary Bethune Transitional Center, the Women's Shelter, the reading tutoring at Constellation Middle School, and of course, LAF and EF. The twenty-five minute interview was over too soon: we had more to tell! Watch for the show, **August 13, 2003 at 3:00 p.m.** on the Long Beach Cable community station. If you miss the first showing, Marie assures us that it will air again, several times. She will also give our branch a copy of the edited tape for our archives.

It is my pleasure to tell you that your Branch is represented at the Los Angeles County and State levels: JoAnn Kuroda is serving on the Los Angeles County Interbranch Council; Betty Ann Rauch has been appointed to the California State committee for Public Policy; and I have been appointed to the California State committee for the Educational Foundation. Please congratulate these members for representing our branch "at a higher level".

Math/Science Career Conference Committee Starts Planning

Daphne Ching-Jackson

On the heels of the 1st annual AAUW-Long Beach Math/Science Career Conference held in May, committee members met in July to begin planning for the 2nd annual event.

Committee members met to review the evaluation summary of comments provided by the attendees. The committee used this information to modify the conference for next year to make it a bigger and better event in 2004. Although a date has not been set, the committee pinpointed March 2004 as the potential month for the next conference.

The conference in 2003 had 21 professional women speak to 60 young ladies from Long Beach middle schools. The comments from the middle school students were positive and asked for more speakers and topics in 2004. Students found the most popular sessions were the ones that focused on forensic science, medicine, banking, marine biology, aviation and chemistry.

Participating in the July meeting were: Jean Aldrich, Fay Denny, Lou Es Greene, Joan Gustafson, Lynn Rodriguez, Frances Rozner, and Daphne Ching-Jackson, committee chair. Unable to attend but serving on the committee are: Barbara Cottrell, Pat Sargeant, Kathy Keane, Geri Lyles Miller, Val Parker and Danielle Van Divort

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MISSION STATEMENT

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

BRANCH NEWS

BRANCH MEETING

Saturday, September 6, 2003

Membership Garden Party

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Monday, September 15, 2003

At 6:30 in the AAUW Headquarters

LACIC MEETING

Monday September 22, 2003

At 6:45 p.m. in Alhambra

Call Betty Ann Rauch (562) 431-6679 or

Fay Denny (714) 894-0416 for carpooling

BOARD BRIEFS

Betty Thompson, Co-Secretary

At the May 19, 2003 meeting of the Joint Board of Directors, the following motions were offered and passed:

- Lynn Rodriguez – I move to ratify the Board of Appointed and Administrative Officers for the Long Beach Branch for the year 2003-2004
- JoAnn Kuroda – The Budget Committee recommends to the Board and Branch membership that the interest from the Ethel Black/Irene Holmes Funds be distributed in the following amounts: \$900 Mentoring, \$450 Career Conference, \$450 Convention Fund
- JoAnn Kuroda – The Budget Committee recommends to the Board and Branch membership that the 2003-2004 budget be approved as presented with modifications.

Kee DeBoer, Acting Secretary

At the June 17, 2003 meeting of the Board of Directors of AAUW, Long Beach Branch, the following motions were passed:

- That AAUW, Long Beach Branch participate in the Long Beach Marathon supporting the Educational Foundation
- That we purchase 50 pins from Lucinda.com to sell at the Governor's Conference for Women with the proceeds going to EF and LAF.

MEMBERSHIP

Jane Sellers (562) 429-4357

The first meeting of the year will be a Membership Garden Party at my home, 4315 Tulane Avenue, Long Beach. It will be a time to visit with the present members and meet new ones. Please call if you would like a friend to receive an invitation. We look forward to our time together enjoying conversation in the garden. See page 3 for your invitation.

COURTESY

Mary Orr, Courtesy Chair

We were saddened to learn of the untimely death (by accident) of Kimberly, son of Gwen Long. A condolence card was sent.

Rosalie Winston is slowly recovering from a serious surgery. Nola Irwin was ill but is now greatly improved. Get well cards were sent and telephone follow-ups were made to cheer them up!

Happy News: Birthday Greetings to all July, August, and September honorees.

COMMUNITY

Lorna Menke, Community Chair (562) 431-3762

The beginning of another school year will soon be here. The children at Mary Bethune Transitional Center for Homeless Children will need school uniforms, shoes, socks, backpacks, and school supplies. Your donations of one or more of these items will help a needy child.

We will continue our support of the Women's Shelter and School on Wheels. Both organizations would like backpacks and school supplies. The Women's Shelter also requests women's and children's clothing. Travel toiletries are also appreciated.

Donations may be brought to our meetings or to our facility at St. Luke's. Please call me if you have questions, need more information, or if you would like me to pick up your donation at your home.

AAUW-LONG BEACH WEBSITE:

<http://www.aauw-longbeach.org>

The American Association of University Women Long Beach Branch

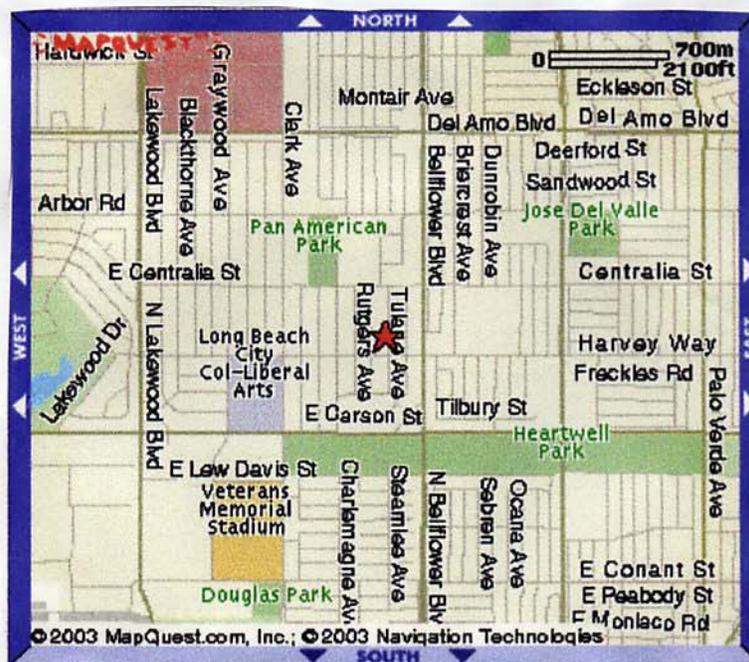
Invites you to attend a
Membership Garden Party

Saturday, September 6, 2003
3:00 to 5:00 PM

4315 Tulane Avenue
Long Beach 90808

RSVP by August 29
Membership VP Jane Sellers, 562-429-4357
E- Mail: Janeyb48@aol.com

- ❖ Enjoy light refreshments
- ❖ Visit with prospective and current AAUW members
- ❖ Learn about L.B. Branch events and programs
- ❖ Bring eligible friends



Educational Foundation

Kee DeBoer, EF Vice President

It is time to gear up again for supporting the Educational Foundation, a vital part of the AAUW's mission. I think we all agree that education is a good way to deal with our world's problems. Short-term aid is, of course needed as well, but for the long-term, education at all levels is absolutely essential. This is our chance to help shape the future. Our donations can make a difference, not only in the lives of the women we support, but also in the lives of all that they touch through their research, their teaching and their publications.

EF has several methods for supporting education. Most of us are familiar with the fellowships awarded to graduate and postgraduate students in the U.S. and throughout the world. AAUW provides support in the following areas:

- **American Fellowships Program** supports doctoral candidates in the U.S. who are working on dissertations and postdoctoral research
- **Career Development Grants** assist women with bachelor's degrees to advance or change careers
- **Community Action Awards** provide seed money to AAUW groups and other organizations for innovative programs that promote education and equity
- **Eleanor Roosevelt Teacher Fellowships** provide professional development opportunities for women public school teachers
- **International Fellowships** support graduate and postgraduate study or research for women who are not U.S. citizens
- **Selected Professional Fellowships** aid women in degree programs in professions that are traditionally male-dominated
- **University Scholars in Residence** support women scholars who undertake or disseminate research on gender equity for women and girls

Locally, our Branch must send in our EF contributions by early December, so we are planning a fast start fund-raising. We have several events planned for the next few months.

Your first opportunity for supporting EF will be one that you will enjoy. At the Membership Garden Party in September, EF and LAF (Legal Advocacy Fund) will jointly sell "Woman Pins". Some of you may have seen examples – several Branch members bought them at the State Convention in June. They are unique! Lou Es likes them so well that she plans to buy eleven pins for Christmas presents! A great idea. Follow her lead – bring your checkbooks and start Christmas shopping early.

The focus of our October meeting will be the Eleanor Roosevelt Fellowship program, with a past fellow as a speaker. The reports are that she is very interesting! Our luncheon that day will be a fund-raiser for EF with the EF Committee and others catering it. We think it would be fun to celebrate Eleanor Roosevelt's October birthday by featuring favorite foods from the 1940s. Come and enjoy a little nostalgia while you are supporting EF!

At the time of the Long Beach Marathon (in October) we plan to sponsor a walk/run benefiting the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, so be thinking about participating in that event also.

We plan to give you a variety of ways to support EF. We all want to do what we can for the future of education and this is our way of doing it.

Out of South Africa Nets \$1000 For Virginia Gildersleeve

Helen Sebring, International Relations

Thanks to the hard work of many people and an outstanding response of 59 people, members and guests, to the invitation to attend the International Dinner on May 21, \$1000 was raised to help with special projects in health care or education for women and girls in a third world country. Fifteen gourmet cooks prepared South African recipes with Malay flavor. The food was so tasty that many people asked for a book of recipes. It will be available by fall. Dr. Jacqueline Shazadi, board member of Virginia Gildersleeve, and Valorie Hafner, our branch member, presented a Powerpoint program of photos of the many aspects of their People to People trip South Africa and their own personal experiences and others from two other trip participants who attended the affair.

The International Relations committee and the Gourmet Lunch Bunch planned the evening. Special mention and thanks must be given to Elizabeth Jackson, who found the recipe books of African specialties, to Lietta Wagner, who attended wearing a Nigerian woman's outfit acquired on her recent trip to Nigeria, to Emily Elgin and Joanne O'Neill, whose help was invaluable in making the clubhouse at The Fountains an attractive setting for the festive affair, and to Fred Sebring, without whose strong arms to lift, carry, set up, unfold, pour and a myriad of other tasks, we would have been exhausted. Also, we need to thank past president, Joan Gustafson, who, when publicity failed to appear in the Vantage, helped to spread the word so that we had such a wonderful attendance. Space doesn't allow listing the 15 names of food presenters but they are a wonderful group of women ready and eager to pitch in to help a good cause. Thanks to everyone who helped and who attended and for donating to assist needy people in our world.

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WOMEN IN CHARGE

Bold, Innovative, Collaborative
The Theme of Association Convention
June 19 – 23, 2003

Fay Denny and Judith Kaho, Your delegates

Wednesday, June 18th, Judith Kaho and I took off from John Wayne airport to head toward Providence, Rhode Island to Association Convention. We made one stop in Chicago, which was enjoying thunderstorms at the time, but continued on our way after a three hour delay to arrive in Providence at 9:00 p.m. Eastern time. Arriving at the beautifully refurbished Providence Biltmore Hotel at 10:00 p.m., we discovered that most restaurants closed at 10:00 p.m. Luckily for us, the Union Square Pub, just across the park from the hotel, was still open and serving food. We went to bed, tired but happy.

Thursday, we were up bright and early to catch our tour to Newport, R.I. Newport is a quaint town that has been in existence since the late 1600's and many of the historical buildings are dated in the 1700's. We toured Marblehead, the ostentatious summer home of the Vanderbilt's. It reminded us of a mini-Hearst Castle with all of the European antiques, Greco-Roman statues, and Italian marble. The Vanderbilt's used the home for three summers before they divorced; but Mrs. Vanderbilt, soon to be Mrs. Belmont, used the home for many years as a meeting place for Suffragettes. Ask Judith for details about Mrs. Vanderbilt as she is reading her biography.

Convention began on Friday afternoon with Association President Nancy Rustad sounding the gavel. We were greeted by the Mayor of Providence; our Executive Director, Jackie Woods, and special guest speakers, Julianne Malveaux and Deborah Perry. The latter two are political commentators who are usually presenting opposite viewpoints on issues. You may wish to read their book: *Unfinished Business: A Democrat and a Republican Take on the 10 Most Important Issues Women Face.*

Saturday's Business Session was lively and passionate with the debate about proposed bylaws changes. The proposal to open membership to women seeking a bachelor's degree was defeated. However, on Sunday, the convention voted to reconsider the amendment but once again, it was defeated. For now, membership in AAUW will require a Bachelor's degree. The amendment failed 1,069 to 369.

The other bylaws proposal to raise dues by \$2 each year was approved. After hearing a history of the dues raised throughout the past 20 – 30 years, it was apparent that the average was \$2 a year and that this bylaws proposal was not out of line. The body voted to bring back the proposal in 2009 for reconsideration at that time.

The main focus of the convention was Membership. Branches across the country are feeling the same decline and we are all struggling with bringing in younger members to perpetuate the name of AAUW. Many branches are trying student affiliate groups with their local community colleges and universities; and many are trying to bring women together in chat rooms on the web. Younger members at the convention were thrilled by the programs and workshops but they were afraid that when they went back to their respective branches, that the branches would not be so active or interested in them. They mentioned that branches were not willing to change or to listen to the needs of the younger women. We need to be soliciting their membership and to listen to their suggestions and needs.

Gloria Steinem received the 2003 AAUW Achievement Award for her work about women's equality and issues. In her acceptance speech, she reminded us that our work is not done. We must be watchful about the gains we have made as there are current groups who would "turn back the clock" and take away many of the rights that the younger generation takes for granted. She also commended AAUW for pushing women to get their Bachelor's degree and to continue lifelong learning. She mentioned that the first time she spoke to AAUW was in 1975 in Minneapolis, MN when we were working to have the Equal Rights Amendment passed; and how we marched around the convention floor singing and promoting the passage. (What memories that brought back to me as I was there as your President in 1975-76.)

Both the LAF and EF gala dinners were highlights of the convention. Hearing the recipients of LAF defense funds and EF Fellows is always an emotional event. The women are so grateful that AAUW is willing to fund their court case or their research; and they are always surprised to learn that it is the individual members working at the grass-roots level to raise the funds. You should be very proud of yourselves.

Monday, Judith and I took the tour of Boston, MA; only 90 miles from Providence. We saw some of the historical area, M.I.T. and Harvard Universities; and the JFK Memorial Library. What memories the Library brought back for Judith and me; and we were struck by the quotations from JFK and how they are still true today. One wonders what the world would be like today if JFK had not been assassinated.

Judith and I thank you very much for allowing us to be your delegates to convention. We have many wonderful memories, too many to put into a short article such as this one. We can only say – please join us at the next Association convention in 2005 in Washington, D.C.

DAY GOURMET

Elizabeth Jackson, Chair
 When: Thursday, September 25, 2003
 Where: 1 Palermo Walk
 Long Beach, Ca
 Time: 12 noon
 The meeting will take place at the home of Evelyn Flam.
 Should you have questions, you can contact Evelyn at (562) 433-0941.

2nd FRIDAY BRIDGE GROUP

When: Friday, September 12, 2003
 Where: Petroleum Club
 Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 Please contact Cathy Cunningham at (562) 424-3166 for more information. We will play party bridge monthly followed by an optional lunch at the Club.

BOOK CHAT PLUS

When: Monday September 22, 2003
 Where: AAUW Headquarters, St. Luke's
 Time: 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 This friendly group discusses books, travel, movies, events, etc. Come and participate or just listen. We welcome new members, serve tea, and cookies, and reservations are not necessary. Call Jean Friedrichs at (562) 598-9218 for more information.

GREAT DECISIONS

Helen Sebring, Chair, International Relations
 You will be hearing about Great Decisions sign ups in October. Don't miss the opportunity to join these discussion groups discussing some of the most important issues of our times.

Upcoming events include a speaker in April who will discuss Korea, the two Koreas, and the issues. Additionally, the International Committee plan to sponsor a gala Korean affair in May.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
 Saturday, October 25, 2003
 A Library Forum
 At Cerritos Library
 More details to come!

RIDDLE ME THIS

Question: What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers all have in common?

Answer: All were invented by women!

Not only is there a good woman behind every good man, there is probably a better idea!

**ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS,
 OLD AND NEW!**

Equity Players are gearing up for action with three performances this year.

We welcome those who like to sing and enjoy entertaining. We also get serious about fundraising for LAF (Legal Advocacy Fund).

We have no regular meeting dates but get together when preparing to perform. Operatic voices are not required but we are not biased and would welcome them too!

**Like to know more and like to have fun?
 Call Lou Es Greene at (562) 434 – 6477 or
 email mither@charter.net**

**LONG BEACH MARATHON
 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2003**

As you know, several of your Branch members participated in the Eleanor Roosevelt Walk/Run at State convention in April, 2003. We raised over \$280 for the ER fund for our Branch. Now we have an opportunity to participate in the Long Beach Marathon on Sunday, October 12, 2003. No, we do not have to walk/run the whole 26 miles of the race. The Marathon allows non-profit groups to participate as part of the race. The registration fee is \$35 to enter the race but any sponsorships that each participant can raise will be donated to the Branch. For instance, I register for the race and then have 10 friends "sponsor" me at \$10 each for a total of \$100. That \$100 would be our Branch's money for the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund which is part of the Educational Foundation.

Our Branch is thinking of having a "one-mile" marker so that participants could stop after walking one mile. Others of us may want to continue on and do the 5K route which is equivalent to 3.3 miles. The length of the walk you wish to do is up to you. Please consider participating in this event. Signups for the race will be available at the Membership Garden Party and the October Branch meeting. For more information, please contact Linda Reabe at 562-433-1114 or Miriam Garland at 562-434-2978.

Antiques and Collections	2 nd Thursday	1:30 p.m.	Barbara Gleason	421-2206
Book Chat Plus*	4 th Monday	1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	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 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Cathy Cunningham	424-3166
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
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

**Meets at the Petroleum Club

AAUW BRANCH MEETING

Membership Garden Party
Saturday, September 6, 2003
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

4315 Tulane Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90808

- ◆ Light Refreshments to be served
- ◆ Learn about Long Beach Branch events and programs

Please RSVP to
Jane Sellers, Membership Vice President
(562) 429-4357 or
email Janeyb48@aol.com

NEW LOOK FOR VANTAGE!

We hope that you like the new look of the Vantage. The beautiful teal blue masthead and return address that we have had for many years became too expensive for our branch to continue. It cost approximately \$300 per year for the masthead and in these budget belt-tightening times, your Board felt that we could no longer fund the cost of the masthead.

As an experiment this year, we will be publishing the Vantage on our Branch web site too. Those of you with internet access should go to <http://www.aauw-longbeach.org/> to visit the wonderful site that George Jackson, our Webmaster, has created. If, in the future, you would like to receive the Vantage via the web site and not as paper, you can let us know. For now though, the Vantage will continue to be mailed to all Branch members.

SEPTEMBER 2003

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Great Books 1-3 p.m.	2	3 Golf @ Bixby 8:30 a.m. Other Wed. Bridge 12- 4 p.m.	4 Wall Street Stocks 1-3 p.m.	5	6 MEMBERSHIP GARDEN PARTY 3-5 p.m.
7	8	9	10	11 Antiques & Collections 1:30 p.m.	12 Friday Bridge 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	13
14	15 Board Meeting @ St. Luke's 6:30 p.m.	16 Global Issues Discussion Group II 7-9 p.m.	17 Golf @ Bixby 8:30 a.m. Other Wed. Bridge 12- 4 p.m.	18	19 Global Issues Discussion Group 1-3 p.m.	20 Saturday Bridge 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
21	22 Book Chat Plus 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	23	24	25 Day Gourmet 12- 2:30 p.m. Liberal Arts Bridge 7-10 p.m.	26	27
28	29	30				

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