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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2004 – A Year of Action!

Fay Denny and Lynn Rodriguez, Co-Presidents

Written by: Fay Denny

It's always exhilarating when the New Year begins. We have so many good intentions to do things differently or to start new things that we've always wanted to do. We make our resolutions and by the second week of January, most of our resolutions are forgotten. We're told that to make something a habit we must do it for 30 days in order to change; but can it be done? The answer is a resounding "YES!" The old cliché "to take one day at a time" REALLY DOES WORK. Writing, viewing, and practicing the habits we want to change each day will gradually change our behavior. Taking Baby steps each day will result in a progressive journey to the place you wish to be.

How does this pertain to the AAUW and to the Long Beach Branch, in particular? What do you wish to gain from AAUW? Is it new friendships? Knowledge? Participation is Public Policy? Monitoring AAUW issues in the legislative process or at the local level at the School Board or the City Council?

Will you attend AAUW Branch meetings to receive the latest information about many different topics? Will you volunteer to participate in the Mentoring Program of Tech Trek Project? Will you be willing to be nominated for an office and then take a leadership role by serving on the Branch Board? Will you introduce yourself to new members, and perhaps, offer to carpool with them to an interest group or to a branch meeting?

2004 is a critical election year at the federal level. Will you "get the vote out" by promoting it with your friends, neighbors, and co-workers? Will you educate yourself on the issues and the candidate's views on the issues? Will you make your voice heard by writing to your representatives? Will you become active politically?

The Fall/Winter 2003 issue of the *Outlook* that recently arrived in the mail should make you want to become active. I hope you read the issue from cover to cover. There is so much that needs to be done, not only at the international level but at the national, state, and local levels too. As AAUW women, we know that education is the most important foundation a woman can have. I challenge you to join your AAUW sisters in taking the steps needed to promote positive societal change, equity in education, and lifelong learning.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL AND MAY YOU
ENJOY GOOD HEALTH,
MANY NEW AND OLD FRIENDSHIPS, AND
PROSPERITY!

JANUARY PROGRAM STACI HATCH – JET BLUE AIRWAYS CAPTAIN



Staci was born in Columbus, Georgia into a family filled with military traditions. She knew at a young age she was destined to become a pilot and follow the path of those before her. Staci applied herself while attending high school in Montgomery, Alabama not only academically but also by participating in community service organizations in addition to playing sports. In 1985 she graduated from high school and received a full Air Force ROTC scholarship to attend the University of

Colorado.

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
MISSION STATEMENT

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

BRANCH NEWS

BRANCH MEETING

Saturday, January 10, 2004

Reminder this is the Second Saturday of the month rather than the first!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Monday, January 19, 2004

At 6:30 p.m. in the AAUW Headquarters

LACIC MEETING

Monday, January 26, 2004

At 6:45 p.m. at the Methodist Church, Alhambra

COURTESY

Mary Orr, Courtesy Chair

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Birthday greetings to all January honorees!

A thought for all years: *"Spread love everywhere you go:
First of all in your own house."*

Mother Teresa

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Joan Gustafson and Linda Silver, Co- Chairs

The Nominating Committee was chosen at the November branch meeting. The members are: Dianne Bradfield, Pat Sargeant, Francis Rozner, George Jackson, Barbara Gleason, and co-chairs, Linda Silver and Joan Gustafson.

At the January branch meeting, we will have nominating forms for the officers on the 2004 – 2005 board. If you would like to serve on the board or if you have any suggestions, please call or email the co-chairs.

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AAUW-LONG BEACH WEBSITE:
<http://www.aauw-longbeach.org>

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The San Francisco AAUW will offer two scholarships of \$2000 each to help upper division and graduate women complete their final year of study at a college or university. Candidates must live or be attending a university or college within a 100 mile radius of San Francisco. There is no restriction on the use of the funds. Completed applications will be due February 29, 2004. If you or someone you know is interested, please check the Silver Jubilee information on the AAUW San Francisco website at www.aauwsf.org.

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

INVITES YOU TO

"Sex Discrimination on Trial"

This LAF fundraiser features Anne Weills and Dan Siegel, two LAF attorneys, arguing a mock sex discrimination case.

WHEN: Saturday, January 24, 2004
11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Cal State San Bernardino Campus –
Upper Commons
5500 University Parkway
San Bernardino, CA

COST: \$20.00 per person includes lunch and program
Please RSVP by January 15, 2004 to
Carlyne Mc Donnell, 2326 N. Indian
Hill Blvd., Claremont, CA
91711. Your check is your RSVP.

For more information, please call Carlyne
McDonnell at (909) 624-5232.

FAMOUS QUOTATIONS...

"The true liberation of women cannot take place without the liberation of men... The challenge which we, both women and men, must meet is that of living for a peaceful revolution and not dying for a revolution that would be cruel and, ultimately, illusory."

Therese Casgrain, Quebec feminist

TECH TREK IS LIKE THE MARINES . . . LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD WOMEN

Tech Trek, the Math/Science Camp for local Middle School girls, is held in nearby Whittier at Whittier College for one week during the summer. For the past three years almost all of the work to prepare for and support Tech Trek has been done by the women of the Whittier Branch of AAUW. Our Long Beach Branch has always financially supported a group of young girls to attend this camp, but now the need is for willing hands and able minds to help plan and organize this important event. Without your help and support, this year's Tech Trek is at risk.

As the saying goes, "*Many hands make light work.*" Perhaps, you like to shop and garnering donations is a forte of yours. Or, are you experienced at writing grants? Tracking a budget? Arranging field trips? Do you like to host parties? How about becoming involved in arranging one special dinner, Dinner with the Professionals, for the sake of the girls at Tech Trek?

Tech Trek offers young middle school girls the opportunity to experience and learn, in the classroom, laboratory, and in the field, some of the more interesting aspects and wonders of math and science within a college environment. They sleep in the dorms, eat in the cafeteria, go on educational field trips and learn that girls can be good at math and science, too. It is an exciting, stimulating, fun, and wonderful experience for all of the girls.

Cathy Schroder of the Whittier Branch is this year's Director. If you are interested in becoming involved in Tech Trek, no matter how small or big the task, then please contact her. She will be most happy to try to accommodate you to a job suited just for you. The Long Beach Branch is currently also recruiting for a Tech Trek Selection Committee, as our Branch would like to send several girls from Constellation Middle School this Summer. Selection must be done by the Spring, 2004.

Are you new to AAUW? Do you want to become involved, but it is too late to join the Mentor Program? Why not consider volunteering your talents to Tech Trek?

For Tech Trek contact: Cathy Schroder 950 E. Bayhill Place, Placentia, CA 92870
(714) 223-1871 E-mail: evergreen5@sbcglobal.net

For the Long Beach Branch Tech Trek Selection Committee contact:
Daphne Ching-Jackson (562) 377-1670 E-mail: dchingjackson@charter.net

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE - AN AAUW SPONSORED TRIP

By: Valorie Hafner

Last year I traveled to South Africa with an AAUW People to People Ambassador Program delegation. "Women in Education" was the focus of the exchanges with women in universities, high schools, and preschools, as well as meeting with AAUW counterparts and enjoying safari and cultural visits. A similar delegation is planned this year to Australia and New Zealand, July 22, 2004 to August 3, 2004. Although separate, it is designed to precede the IFUW Triennial Conference in Perth, Australia from August 4 - 10, 2004.

Dr. Jacqueline Shahzadi, University of Phoenix, will again be the delegation leader. Topics of discussion include: educational goals of women and girls in Australia and New Zealand, the role of women in society, issues and concerns in seeking higher education, and typical patterns of education and changes expected.

I found the trip to South Africa significantly informative and completely enjoyable because excellent program content and accommodations coordinated by People to People, plus fine leaders and guides. Hopefully some of you from our Branch can go this year!

For further information regarding the delegation, call People to People Ambassador Programs at (877) 787-2000 or email at info@ambassadorprograms.org.

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION UPDATE

Kee DeBoer, EF Vice President

I can't give a final report yet on the amount of money collected for EF this year because I am writing this before the Silent Auction. However, I am confident that we will meet our goal of an increase of 10% over last year's contributions. Thank you.

We spend a considerable amount of time talking about the money we raise and the worthy causes that we support with those funds. We don't talk much about how our members can benefit from the EF money. There are fellowships and research grants available and we should take advantage of them. We send money every year – let's help spend it! Branch members who are teachers or researchers should think about applying. Would you like to further your education? Or do you have educational projects that you would like to try but need funding to implement them? Consider applying for EF money. Many of us are retired and have no personal need of this assistance, but we may have friends or relatives who would benefit. As far as I know, the only grants given to the Long Beach Branch are an American fellowship to Eileen Lothamer and a research and program grant to our mentoring program.

Consider one of these:

- The American Fellowships are designed to support women doctoral candidates working on dissertations or postdoctoral research, and provide \$20,000 - \$30,000.
- Career Development Grants support women who have bachelor's degrees and would like to advance their careers, change careers or re-enter the workforce. Academic Grants and Professional Institute Grants range from \$2,000 to \$8,000.
- Community Action Grants provide seed money for innovative programs that promote education and equity for women and girls. One year grants are \$2,000 - \$7,000 and two year grants are \$5,000 - \$8,000.
- Eleanor Roosevelt Teacher Fellowships provide professional development opportunities for women public school teachers as well as support for classroom or school programs to advance gender equity. The grants can be up to \$10,000.

Most of the application deadlines are in November and December, so it's too late to apply for the next academic year. But, that gives us time to think about future years. I have detailed information and application request forms

available. Let me know if I can help you explore the options.

2003 has been a good year for EF. We can start the New Year knowing that we will be helping many worthy women in the field of education. On to a new year and new challenges!!

EF – WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

By: Lynn Rodriguez

On Saturday, November 8, 2003, the AAUW Educational Foundation hosted the Southern California Fellows' Luncheon. Fay Denny (Los Angeles District Educational Foundation Representative), Lynn Rodriguez, Betty Ann Rauch, JoAnn Kuroda, and Geri Lyles-Miller of the Long Beach Branch attended the event at the Hilton Hotel in Costa Mesa. Five AAUW American Fellows and an Eleanor Roosevelt Teacher Fellow were present at the luncheon and shared how valuable and important your contributions were to helping them in their pursuit of research and special programs in their particular fields of study. Let me share a little of how *your* contribution made an important difference in a young woman's life...

Nancy Segal is a Psychology professor at CSU Fullerton studying the special relationships of twins. Her American Fellows award will allow her to combine her research interests of psychology, sociology, and genetics into a book documenting twelve case studies of twins. One of the chapters will study two twin girls born in China and raised apart in foster families. Now, if you are a twin, you definitely want to pick up on Dr. Segal's research! And, even if you are not a twin, her research has implications for any of us who have siblings.

Karen Kendrick, a Social student at UC Irvine, will use her award funds to research services in Orange County that help support victims of cancer. Karen's own mother battled cancer and Karen now wants to help others in their fight of this life threatening disease.

Yana Mohanty is a bright young student at UC San Diego who had us all in awe as she described her research in the field of mathematics. She certainly dispels the myth that women are not as well equipped to do geometry or mathematics, as she is excelling in both areas!

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PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE

Carolyn Magnuson and Joyce Blasnek, Public Policy Co-chairs

According to Rita Wustner, AAUW-CA Director of Public Policy, a march and rally for reproductive choice is being planned as part of the AAUW-CA 2004 Convention in Sacramento on Sunday, April 25, 2004. We are encouraged to save this date and march in support of the Save Women's Lives March For Freedom of Choice taking place on that date in Washington D.C.

This event in support of our right to choose is part of AAUW-CA's advocacy of a woman's right to access all forms of reproductive healthcare, including contraception, abortion, and sterilization. The focus of the march/rally is protecting our right to choice. However, we are also aware of threats to access to contraception and other methods of family planning. Women's healthcare needs are under attack and our access is threatened.

See you in April!

For more information about the Save Women's Lives March For Freedom of Choice, visit www.marchforchoice.org on the web

WE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM SUSAN WHITTAKER!

Someone in the LAF national office had informed Susan of my call inquiring about the progress of her case, which has been dragged out by her opponents for 4 years. She wrote to thank our branch of AAUW for our interest and support.

I congratulate and thank all of you for your strong and continuing support of LAF. It was even better than last year. The final total was \$1,807.00 plus \$70.00, which came in after our deadline for sending the money to the Sacramento office. That \$70.00 has been deposited in the LAF bank account beginning our fundraising for '04. This account is for the Legal Advocacy Fund only and is not used for LAF or Equity Players expenses.

Thank you again from Susan Whittaker and from your LAF Co-Vice Presidents, Lou Es & JoAnn

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EF –WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

Karen Bowdre, a Humanities and Arts student at USC, is using her award funds to purchase rare film clips of African-American women who were in the movies as she documents the historical transition of women of color in film.

Valerie Liu is studying Biomedical Engineering at UC San Diego. Her research involves the bioengineering of liver tissue that may one day provide medical science with an alternative to present-day liver transplants.

Corrine Briner-Schmidt, a teacher with the San Fernando Valley District, spoke about her Eleanor Roosevelt Teacher Fellowship Award for her special after-school program for 5th grade girls. As a Kindergarten teacher, she was not taken seriously at School Board meetings until she began a successful after-school program teaching and training young girls in the mathematics, science, and technology fields. Not only were the young girls eager to learn and do more, they achieved more in the regular classroom as a result!

Seeing and hearing these stories by these wonderful women was very inspiring. It reminds us that, "yes," a little bit goes a long way to make a BIG difference! **Your** contribution to EF is VERY IMPORTANT! Thank you!

CULTURAL CAPERS EVENT

“**Women of Our Time – Twentieth Century Photographs from the National Portrait Gallery**” is the title of the program at the **Long Beach Museum of Art** that Cultural Capers is planning for Sunday, February 29, 2004. We will meet at the museum at 1:00 p.m. The admission price for Adults is \$5.00 and for Seniors and Students \$4.00. If you wish to go early, they may have lunch or snacks in the café at the museum. The exhibition will run from February 6 through April 4, 2004. The brochure for the exhibit says, in part, “Women of Our Time” is about one of the century’s most remarkable developments: the shifting role of women and their ever increasing significance in all branches of endeavor.” If there are any questions about the Cultural Capers event, call Miriam Garland at (562) 434-2978 or Linda Reabe at (562) 433-1114.

GREAT BOOKS GROUP

Please join us if you like to explore and discuss great works with the Great Books Group. We meet at Violet Dwyer’s house to chat about selected Great Books, short fiction, plays, novels, and poetry.

For details, contact Linda Patten at (562) 402-6831 or email at linda@lpatten.com.

¡ADELANTE! BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB – ONLINE CHAT

January 2004’s Book of the Month for the ¡Adelante! Book Of The Month Club, a component of AAUW’s diversity outreach program, is ***Couldn’t Keep It To Myself: Testimonies From Our Imprisoned Sister*** by Wally Lamb. Join the online chat and talk about issues of social injustice based on the month’s selection. To subscribe, send an email to listserv@elists.aauw.org, typing in the message section: SUBSCRIBE ADELANTE Your First Name and Last Name. Leave the subject line blank.

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JANUARY PROGRAM STACI HATCH – JETBLUE AIRWAYS CAPTAIN

Majoring in Aerospace Engineering, she opened the door to becoming a military officer. But during her junior year of college she was offered the opportunity to become a pilot and realize her dream. She graduated in 1989 from the University and was on her way to the Air Force’s Undergraduate Pilot Training program (UPT).

She attended UPT in Arizona for an intensive year of training to fly the T-37 Tweet and the supersonic T-38 Talon. Upon completion of this challenging program she was awarded the aircraft of her choice. She chose the C-21 Learjet 35. Her first assignment put her in Washington D.C. where she flew as part of the Presidential fleet in the 89th Airlift Wing. While living in D.C. she met her future husband Rick, who was also a member of the US Navy.

In the summer of 1994, Staci was asked to become an instructor and check airman at the formal C-21 training school located in Biloxi, MS. It was here she married Rick, and three years later she was assigned to Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada to fly reconnaissance aircraft. Finally in 1999, she decided to pursue a career outside of the military and focus on her family.

While Rick continued to serve in the military, Staci followed him to San Francisco. In 1999, she was hired by US Airways as a First Officer where she flew the Airbus 319, 320 and 321 aircraft. Shortly after September 11, 2001, US Airways was forced to downsize and Staci found herself interviewing with jetBlue Airways. She was hired by jetBlue in March 2002 as an Airbus First Officer and quickly upgraded to the position of Airbus 320 Captain in April 2003.

Staci and Rick (who retired from the Navy after 24 years) recently moved to Las Vegas, Nevada in order to establish their new home for their first baby, due in July 2004. Whom they are certain will be a pilot, just like Mom.

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			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

Saturday, January 10, 2004
Holiday Inn – Long Beach
2640 Lakewood Boulevard
Long Beach, CA

PROGRAM:

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Social/Networking
 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Business
 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Program
 12:00 p.m. Lunch

MENU:

Garden Green Salad
 Chicken Roma – Oven roasted breast of chicken
 stuffed with shitake mushrooms and ricotta
 cheese, served with a creamy sun dried tomato
 sauce over rice pilaf
 Chocolate Ice Cream
 Coffee and Tea
Vegetarian Meal is available

PRICE: \$23.00

There is free parking at the Holiday Inn. Parking on the north side of the building is level with the conference room; while parking on the east side requires climbing stairs.

RESERVATION RETURN:

Send your registration and check payable to AAUW, Long Beach Branch. Please mail to: **Catherine Magana 700 E. Ocean Boulevard #1703, Long Beach, CA 90802.**

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS:

Monday, December 29, 2003

Member(s) _____

Phone (Day) _____ Evening _____

Guest(s) _____

Address(s) _____

Phone _____

No. of Reservations _____ Amount Enclosed _____

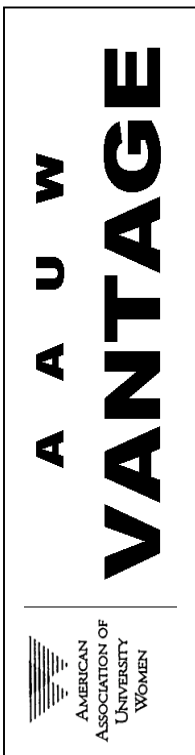
I would like to make _____ reservation(s) for the **meeting and program only.**

I would like a vegetarian meal _____

JANUARY 2004

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3
4	5 Great Books 1-3 p.m.	6	7 Golf at Bixby 8:15 am Other Wed. Bridge 12 - 4 pm	8 Antiques and Collectibles 1:30 pm	9 Friday Bridge 9:30 am - 12:30 pm	10 BRANCH MEETING 9:30 a.m.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Saturday Bridge 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
18	19 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 6:30 p.m.	20 Global Issues Discussion Group II 7-9 p.m.	21 Golf at Bixby 8:15 am Other Wed. Bridge 12 - 4 pm	22 Day Gourmet 12- 2:30 p.m.	23 Global Issues Discussion Group 1-3 p.m.	24
25	26 Book Chat Plus 1:30-3:30 p.m. LACIC MEETING 6:45 p.m.	27	28	29 Liberal Arts Bridge 7-10 p.m.	30	31

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