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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fay Denny and Lynn Rodriguez, Co-Presidents

Written by: Lynn Rodriguez

The Gift

"Wisely and slowly; they stumble that run fast."

- William Shakespeare

As I was searching for inspiration to write this article, I came across a book I had received as a gift at Christmas called, *The Gift of Time* by T. Alexander Anderson. Like many of you, I often rush through my day and before I know it, it is time to go to bed. But, what am I accomplishing? Where am I going? A page in this book reminded me to "*Slow down. You will be surprised to find how often you get there sooner.*" When I stopped to think about it, I thought, how true. Have you noticed that when in a rush traveling somewhere you always hit the red lights and somehow traffic holds you up? I have found that the other guy traveling leisurely along will usually get to his destination about the same time I do. (And in the end he is not as stressed!) I needed a stress-reducer.

A while back I re-discovered classical music. Now, some of you may be saying, "Ugh, classical music! It puts me to sleep!" But, I found that by listening to classical music I am now less stressed, and often I am more energized in a positive way! There must be a reason why classical music has remained so popular among many listeners for so many centuries. Classics are timeless. Even classic novels and books are timeless. In fact, I think a lot of things are classic and timeless: Certain works of art, words of wisdom, and gifts of love. Today, a young student can even get an education that is considered "classic" in the sense that it covers the timeless basics of reading, writing, and arithmetic.

This month you will soon be receiving your renewal membership card in the mail. Please don't let too much time pass you by before you renew. Give a gift to yourself of membership in a classic organization devoted to the

time-honored traditions of *gender equity, lifelong education, and positive societal change*. Our Long Beach Branch is dedicated to these values and welcomes your participation. In addition, you can give a valuable and classic gift: A FREE year's membership in AAUW through the **Give-A-Grad-A-Gift** program. The **Give-A-Grad-A-Gift** program allows AAUW members to give a FREE 1-year Membership-at-Large to a college graduate. Anytime during the year, the Gift-recipient can then join the state and local branch. Do you know a college graduate who could benefit from membership in AAUW? Brochures and information will be available at the Branch meeting. AAUW has certainly been a positive influence in my life. It is a classic! I, for one, plan to continue my membership. How about you?

A college education should equip one to entertain three things: a friend, an idea and oneself.

APRIL PROGRAM

The Two Koreas

By: Betty Ann Rauch, Program Vice President

April's program will feature Dr. Cheol Kwak, who will share his insights on the current situation of North and South Korea.

Dr. Kwak was born in Seoul, Korea and received his undergraduate degree there. He immigrated to the United States 27 years ago. Dr. Kwak obtained his Master of Divinity and his Doctor of Divinity from Claremont School of Theology. Currently, he is the Santa Ana District Superintendent of the United Methodist Church.

Dr. Kwak's parents and one brother still live in Korea, where he travels frequently.

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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, April 3, 2004

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, April 19, 2004

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

BOARD BRIEF

Julie Mills, Co-Secretary

At the February 16, 2004, Executive Board of Directors Meeting, regular business was conducted.

With the recommendation of the Finance Committee, a motion was made by Norma Grady that \$47,000 of the \$48,006.58 Building Fund CD be placed in a one-year CD with Kaiser Federal Bank of Covina, CA. The remaining \$1006.58 would be placed in an interest bearing account to be used as needed to supplement Building Fund investment returns to pay for expenses of Branch Headquarters for the period of March 2004 to March 2005. Motion carried.

THE ETHEL BLACK AND IRENE HOLMES FUND

JoAnn Kuroda, Budget Chair (562) 429-6923
Email: sojoinlb@aol.com

The Budget Committee needs your suggestions for allocating the interest earned this year from the Ethel Black and Irene Holmes Fund. In the past, we have allocated money to Tech Trek, the Mentoring Program, special projects and Convention Fund. Suggestions can be made by individuals or by Interest Groups and should be sent to me before May 1, 2004. All ideas will be considered and voted on by the membership at the June Branch Meeting

COURTESY

Mary Orr, Courtesy Chair

A get well card was sent to Jane Sellers, Membership Vice President, who suffered a stroke. We will keep you advised of more details.

Little acts of kindness may chase somebody's blues away.
A smile, a look, a fond "hello" is a gift we call bestow.

Happy Birthday to all our April celebrants.

MEMBERSHIP - Membership has its Advantages

Lynn Rodriguez, Co-President

This coming month you will be receiving your AAUW Membership Renewal notice in the mail. Please don't let your membership lapse in this wonderful organization. Your dues help support local, state, and association efforts to promote gender equity in education and in the workplace. **For only 23 cents a day** you can enjoy the benefits of AAUW and help promote *gender equity, lifelong education, and positive societal change*. Yes, dues for state and association went up. But, the **good news** is that our Branch dues remain unchanged! We are managing to balance our budget on the tight shoestring that we operate on for your benefit. So, **for the price of 2 Starbuck's lattes** a month you will be able to continue to enjoy the wonderful monthly programs at our Branch meetings, receive the **Vantage, Perspective, and Outlook** at your home, and have a good time with friends of the local interest groups. The advantages of joining AAUW are great for women of all ages. The wonderful opportunities for leadership training and experiencing real sisterhood are plentiful. The benefits of continuing your membership are also worthwhile. Don't miss the opportunity to stay connected!

AAUW HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

The restrooms next to the Youth Center at the AAUW Headquarters at St. Luke's Church are being remodeled. Therefore, if you or members of your Interest Group are using the Headquarters, please use the restrooms upstairs. For those who cannot manage stairs, there are keys in the AAUW Headquarters Room, above the sink, that will open the Hall and restroom of the Guild Room.

LOST & FOUND

A pair of reading glasses with a tortoise shell frame was found at the Lakewood Country Club during the February Branch Meeting. If you are having trouble reading this and lost your glasses, please contact Lynn Rodriguez at (562) 493-5740 to identify them.

**AAUW-LONG BEACH WEBSITE: <http://www.aauw-longbeach.org>
Webmaster: George Jackson – email him at gl_jackson@hotmail.com**

SECOND ANNUAL MATH AND SCIENCE CAREER CONFERENCE CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

By: Frances Rozner

We need your help! The Second Annual Math and Science Career Conference is scheduled for the morning of Saturday, May 8 at the Long Beach City College, Pacific Coast Campus, 1305 E. Pacific Coast Hwy. The maximum we can handle in these facilities is 160 young ladies. Registration starts at 9:00am and the program concludes at 12:00 noon. We'll be setting up at 8:30am.

Last month I shared with you about the pairing of volunteer Facilitators with the ten speakers. However, there are more ways in which one can be involved (all fun, of course!). We may still need Facilitators, but here some other options for the day of the conference:

Registration:

- Set Up The Registration Tables (8:30am)
- Hand Out Pre-Printed Nametags With Speaker Assignments To Pre-Registered Girls
- Handle Non-Registered Attendees (Making Assignments, Filling In Name Tags)
- Distribute "Goodie Bags"

Snack Table Hostess (you could do registration first and do this later):

- Set Up And Distribute Snacks And Drinks During The Break (10:20am)
- Re-Pack Any Leftover Food After The Break.

And prior to the conference:

- Volunteers to collect the contents and then stuff the goodie bags being given to each girl.
- Database management and data entry. Do you have any special skills with database systems such as Microsoft Access or Filemaker Pro or know of someone who does who would volunteer their skills and time? The AAUW Chapter in Redlands has a Microsoft Access program they will share with us that they've used for their conference the last four years.
- Facilitators, acting as hostesses for the speakers

Please contact Frances Rozner at (562) 438-0202 or frozner@earthlink.net with your interest. Thank you!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT 2004-2005

By: Linda Silver

Nominations have been accepted by these members for the following elected offices:

Program Vice President	Darlene Daclan
Membership Vice President	Gail Morrison
Education Foundation Co-Vice Presidents	Barbara Cottrell and Jere Millington
Legal Advocacy Co- Vice Presidents	Lou Es Greene and Diane McNinch
Treasurer	Linda Patten
Co- Secretaries	Barbara Gleason and Julie Mills

Co-Presidents Dianne Bradfield and Ellen Mathis have already been elected. The President- elect nomination has not yet been accepted but we are working on it! Nominating Committee members are: Dianne Bradfield, Barbara Gleason, George Jackson, Frances Rozner, Pat Sargeant, and Co-Chairs, Joan Gustafson and Linda Silver.

NEWS FROM AAUW CALIFORNIA

Sue Cochran, President AAUW California

The deadline for registration at our annual Convention, April 23-25, 2004, in Sacramento, without late fees is March 20, 2004 for convention registration and hotel reservations. This year's Convention is going to be a landmark experience for all of us. The **Woman to Woman Summit** will be bringing women from across California together to dialogue on issues of importance to California women and the Sunday **March for Women's Lives**, coordinated with the March in Washington D.C., is our opportunity to reaffirm our strong support for Women's Rights.

To date, we have 27 organizations across the state that have signed on as co-sponsors of the Summit. We are receiving widespread support and cooperation from State organizations for the Sunday March.

Special Interest Discussion groups will be available during the Convention at Friday Night's Dinner regarding: First Time Attendees, Membership, Diversity, International, Young Members, Women of Color, Issues from Summit. Special Interest Caucuses will take place Saturday Lunch for: Young Members, Women of Color, EF Giving Circles, Virginia Gildersleeve Fund. Briefing on proposed Bylaws amendments will also take place during the Saturday Lunch hour. The Connection Corner will feature Dorothy Fadiman's trilogy film on Choice Heroes in Education (a San Francisco Branch presentation), Information on the Virginia Gildersleeve Fund, Information on EdSource, Branch displays, Newsletters, and much more.

The No Host Reception prior to the EF/LAF Gala will feature The EF/LAF Basket Silent Auction.

In the coming days, there will be electronic Convention updates. The State Board of Directors looks forward to seeing all of you in Sacramento in April.

PUBLIC POLICY

Carolyn Magnuson and Joyce Blasnek, Public Policy, Co-Chairs

You have probably been reading about the California AAUW Convention in Sacramento, April 23-25, 2004 in the Vantage and Perspective. Please consider attending. This will give you an exciting opportunity to support choice, family planning, legal abortions, justice and equitable access to healthcare. As part of our State Convention, AAUW CA is sponsoring a March and rally in concert with the national March in Washington D.C. AAUW is proud to be a pro choice organization and a sponsor of this national event. For additional information about the March for Women's Lives, visit www.marchforwomen.org.

A message has been sent to us from Angela Colaiuta, AAUW Public Policy Field Director. She is concerned about a new proposal, misleadingly labeled by federal lawmakers as "Laci and Connor's Law." The Unborn Victims of Violence Act is a sham, designed to exploit the understandable outrage for a woman who loses her pregnancy to violence in order to promote an agenda by which women could lose control of their reproductive futures.

AAUW opposes H.R. 1997 because it would create a separate criminal offense if an individual kills or injures an "unborn child" while committing a federal crime against a woman. Further, this proposal is dangerous because it would separate legal rights for the fetus. AAUW believes that the bill fails to needs of the woman by dismissing the fact that any assault that harms a pregnancy is inherently an attack on the woman.

This measure may come to full House of Representatives vote very soon. You still might have time to send an email to your U.S. Representatives urging them to oppose this dangerous measure by using AAUW's Two Minute Activist found at http://capwiz.com/aauw/mail/oneclick_compose/?alertid=5172456.

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EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION UPDATE

Kee DeBoer, EF Vice President

There are ways of supporting EF besides our local fundraiser. Memorials, bequests, and gifts of investment are just a few. The one I want to tell you about is the Charitable Gift Annuity. You may have heard about such annuities because many charities offer them. I have had brochures from at least half a dozen charities that I support recommending them.

This is how they work: When you make a gift of cash or securities to EF, the Foundation agrees to pay you a guaranteed fixed income for life. The dividend rates are determined by your age at the time you donate and are excellent, especially for those of us who are getting up in years. Examples of rates for single life annuities at the present time are: 6.0% for people aged 65, 6.5% for 70 year olds, 7.1% for 75 years, 8.0% for age 80. The rates for two lives are slightly lower but compare the rates with those for CDs or bonds, and they look pretty good! Stocks may pay more but they carry risk.

There are also tax advantages. A portion of your donation qualifies as a charitable donation and part of your quarterly dividends are tax-free. The tax-free return makes the true rate even higher than the figures quoted above.

The great rates and the tax benefits make this a very attractive investment in some situations. If you want to leave as much money as possible to your heirs, or if you think you might need the money yourself in the future, you probably will not be interested. If, however, you want a safe, guaranteed return on your investment or if you need a tax deduction, you may want to consider a Charitable Gift Annuity ...and help EF at the same time.

I can give you an example because I invested in a Charitable Gift Annuity a few years ago – not with EF, but the situation is identical. I donated a mutual fund valued at about \$18,000, and I was able to claim \$7,343 as a charitable deduction on my income tax that year. Since then I have been receiving quarterly dividends. Of the \$1,394 I received in 2003, only \$641 was taxable income. The rates are somewhat lower now than when I invested, but they are still hard to beat.

I'm not trying to push this. It is just information about an attractive investment that you may not be aware of. If you should be interested, you can call the AAUW Development Office at (202) 728-3307 or email them at development@aauw.org.

CONNIE INSKEEP LEADERSHIP AWARD

By: Fay Denny

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, 2004.

Please send your nomination to Deloris Mayuga, Chair; or Judith Kaho or Linda Silver, Committee Members. The previous recipients of this award are: JoAnn Kuroda, Joyce Clark, Jean Aldrich, Judith Kaho, Fay Denny, and Deloris Mayuga.

LAF SETTLEMENT FOR MARY SINGLETON

Lou Es Greene and JoAnn Kuroda, Legal Advocacy Fund
Co-Vice Presidents

Mary Singleton, one of the original plaintiffs in the Lawrence Livermore Lab class action gender lawsuit was settled when UC Berkeley, responsible for oversight for the LAB, decided to settle the case. A hearing on the final settlement was made on Thursday, April 26, 2004. Ms. Singleton is not an LAF supported case but was a member of the Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin branch. AAUW was asked to support the case by attending the courtroom. This settlement was a long time in the making and we welcome any effort by any university or college to promote equity.

INTEREST GROUPS AND LOCAL EVENTS

ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DINNER EVENT

By: Helen Sebring

The date for the Annual International Relations Dinner and Program, focusing on Cambodia, has been set for May 12, 2004. You won't want to miss it! This year's menu will feature excellent Cambodian food from the lovely Sophie's Restaurant, located at 3720 Anaheim Street in Long Beach. The program planned by our member Diane McNinch will include dancers, an interesting exhibit of Cambodian arts and crafts, and a PowerPoint presentation, by Diane, of her school in Phnom Penh, Cambodia for needy youngsters. Diane has been to Cambodia four times, most recently for two months at Christmastime. Her school project now serves 500 students of all ages and is a non-profit project. All profits from the dinner and program will go toward school supplies for this school. The dinner price will be \$25.00, up a bit because we are having the food catered. You may begin to make reservations at our April meeting. Call Helen Sebring if you have any questions.

GREAT BOOKS

By Janet Krueger

In April, we will continue our "Parent and Child" segment with a lively discussion of Jane Austen's "Persuasion." Our next topic will be "Living With The Past," with selections by well-known writers provided, for a small fee, by the Great Books Foundation.

Meetings are held on the first Monday of the month from 1-3 p.m., at the home Violette Dwyer, who always welcomes us with tea and cookies and, when appropriate, decorations suited to the date. Next month the Easter Bunny will no doubt join us – bring your camera!

If you will be new to the group, please contact co-chair Linda Patten for further information and/or let her know that you will attend. Linda can be reached at (562) 402-6831 or at linda@lpatten.com. Hope to see you there!

DAY GOURMET – APRIL DATE CHANGE

The Day Gourmet Interest Group has a date change for the month of April. The group will be meeting on Thursday, April 29th instead of April 22nd.

RODGERS AND HAMMERSTEIN CONCERT

There are still tickets available for the Saturday, April 3rd concert featuring the musical works of Rodgers and Hammerstein by the Long Beach Symphony Pops and Musical Theatre West. The concert will take place at the Long Beach Arena at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and include wine and munchies. For tickets and information, call Kee DeBoer at (562) 430-8389.

AAUW CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES DISTRICT LEADERSHIP DAY

WHEN: Saturday, May 29, 2004 from 8:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

WHERE: Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia, CA

COST: \$26 per person for reservations received by May 22, 2004

\$31 per person for reservations received on or after May 23, 2004

Includes morning refreshments, lunch, and reserved handouts.

WHAT: Outstanding trainers will present workshops geared to new branch officers, continuing or returning officers, future officers, and interested branch members and the public.

INTEREST GROUPS

REGISTRATION

Antiques and Collections	2 nd Friday	9:30 a.m.	Barbara Gleason	421-2206
Book Chat Plus*	4 th Monday	1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Jean Friedrichs	598-9218
Day Gourmet	5 th Thursday	12 – 2:30 p.m.	Elizabeth Jackson	494-0979
Film Fans			Marilyn Fortier	421-5838
Golf at Bixby	Every Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	Betty Bragg	(714) 897-7184
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
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

*Meets at Branch Headquarters @ 525 East 7th Street, Long Beach 90813

**Meets at the Petroleum Club

AAUW BRANCH MEETING

Saturday, April 3, 2004
Long Beach Yacht Club
6201 Appian Way
Long Beach, CA

Networking: 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
 Business Meeting: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
 Program: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 Lunch: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Menu: Warm Salmon Salad
 Rolls
 Beverages
 Baked Alaska
 Vegetarian Meal Available

Cost: \$23

There is a poolside ramp to the dining room. The parking lot is west of the club.

Jean Aldrich (562) 430-8688

RESERVATION RETURN:

Send your registration and check payable to AAUW, Long Beach Branch. Please mail to: **Gail Morrison, 38 Quincy Ave., Long Beach, CA 90803.**

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS:

Monday, March 29, 2004

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.**

Vegetarian Meal preferred _____

APRIL 2004

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Wall Street Stocks 1-3 p.m.	2	3 BRANCH MEETING 9:30 a.m.
4	5 Great Books 1-3 p.m.	6	7 Golf @ Bixby 8:15 a.m. Other Wed Bridge 12-4 p.m.	8	9 Antiques and Collectibles 9:30 a.m. Friday Bridge 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	10
11 EASTER	12	13	14 Golf @ Bixby 8:15 a.m.	15	16	17 Saturday Bridge 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
18	19 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30 p.m.	20	21 Golf @ Bixby 8:15 a.m. Other Wed Bridge 12-4 p.m.	22	23	24
25	26 Book Chat Plus 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	27	28 Golf @ Bixby 8:15 a.m.	29 Day Gourmet 12-12:30 p.m.	30	

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