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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ellen Mathis and Diane Bradfield, Co-Presidents

The end of the year is fast approaching and we will soon be busy and involved in celebrations with family and friends. December also marks the end of the reporting period for donations to the Education Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund. If you missed our November meeting, it is not too late to send an LAF donation to Lou Es Greene.

Our Wassail on December 4 at the home of Deloris Mayuga will round out the EF fundraising for this year. You will have some time for early holiday shopping with our silent auction and white elephant sale, as well as enjoying homemade goodies while sipping our own recipe for wassail. We look forward to seeing all of you there sometime between ten and noon. We have invited our eleven mentees to this event and they will be offering some items they have made in the process of learning about the business world by putting together a simple business plan to make and sell bath salts.

One of the things that I like about AAUW is its "grassroots" approach to decision making. For as long as I can remember, annually there is the every member survey. AAUW wants to hear our opinion on public policy issues to support, on leadership development ideas for the organization, and most recently, membership requirements. At our October meeting, those attending completed a survey requesting our opinion about changing the bachelor's degree requirement for membership. Our results, which was to keep the degree requirement, matched what other California branches think. Our branch tabulation is in this newsletter.

Our Best Wishes to you and your families during the upcoming Holiday period!

## WHY THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY PROJECT'S WORK IS IMPORTANT

[www.nwhp.org](http://www.nwhp.org)

By walking history's pathways, we learn to step forward with confidence. The legacy of how others shaped society sparks our own longings to contribute. Everyone needs role models — footsteps enough like our own to inspire us.

History must tell the whole story. For girls, knowing women's achievements expands their sense of what is possible. For all of us, knowledge of women's strengths and contributions builds respect and nourishes self-esteem — crucial to all children and adults now, and in the years to come.

In 1980, the National Women's History Project (NWHP) was founded in Santa Rosa, California by Molly Murphy MacGregor, Mary Ruthsdotter, Maria Cuevas, Paula Hammett and Bette Morgan to broadcast women's historical achievements. The NWHP started by leading a coalition that successfully lobbied Congress to designate March as National Women's History Month, now celebrated across the land. Today, the NWHP is known nationally as the only clearinghouse providing information and training in multicultural women's history for educators, community organizations, and parents-for anyone wanting to expand their understanding of women contributions to U. S. history.

The enduring goal of the NWHP is to "make history" accurate by continuing to recognize and celebrate women's authentic contributions through its current and future projects.

*The National Women's History Project is an educational nonprofit organization. To learn more, visit the website at [www.nwhp.org](http://www.nwhp.org).*

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN  
MISSION STATEMENT

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

**DECEMBER PROGRAM**

Darlene Daclan, Program VP

**Holiday Wassail: Saturday, December 4, 2004****PUBLIC POLICY**

By: Betty Ann Rauch, Public Policy Director

**No Child Left Behind (NCLB)**

AAUW believes it is possible --- and necessary -- to maintain a commitment to high standards and greater accountability in our nation's public schools. However, that commitment cannot be in principle only --- it must be accompanied by federal assistance to make it a reality. AAUW supports efforts to strengthen the goals and implementations of NCLB, which include the following:

- Continue to offer public school choice and flexibility, and encourage innovative programs and classroom techniques. Such flexibility and innovation, however, must be consistent with civil rights law.
- Continue to promote programs that improve teacher training and retention, and ensure a highly qualified teacher in every classroom.
- Hold schools accountable for demonstrating that they are meeting educational goals but do so in a way that doesn't create a bigger problem. NCLB designates schools that fail to meet AYP as "low-performing" and provides sanctions against such schools. AAUW believes the federal government should offer struggling schools incentives and assistance rather than punishment, which only serves to further harm students.

- Recognize that while testing is an important measure of success, it is not the sole indicator of student progress. High-stakes testing is problematic and discriminatory. Consider other key measures that demonstrate student achievement and progress.
- Make NCLB education funding to the authorized levels mandatory.

**BOARD BRIEFS**

Barbara Gleason, Co-Secretary

The following motions were passed at the October 2, 2004 Branch Meeting:

By direction of the Board of Directors, Parliamentarian Kee DeBoer moved that under the Policies and Procedures Section, #9g be revised to read: The Treasurer is to transfer money from the Ethel P. Black Fund after Branch approval, as needed, and no later than June 10 of the next fiscal year.

By direction of the Executive Committee, Kee DeBoer moved that the following additions be made to the Policies and Procedures Section #9j: The money for the Connie Inskeep Award be paid from the interest monies of the Ethel P. Black/Irene Holmes Fund.

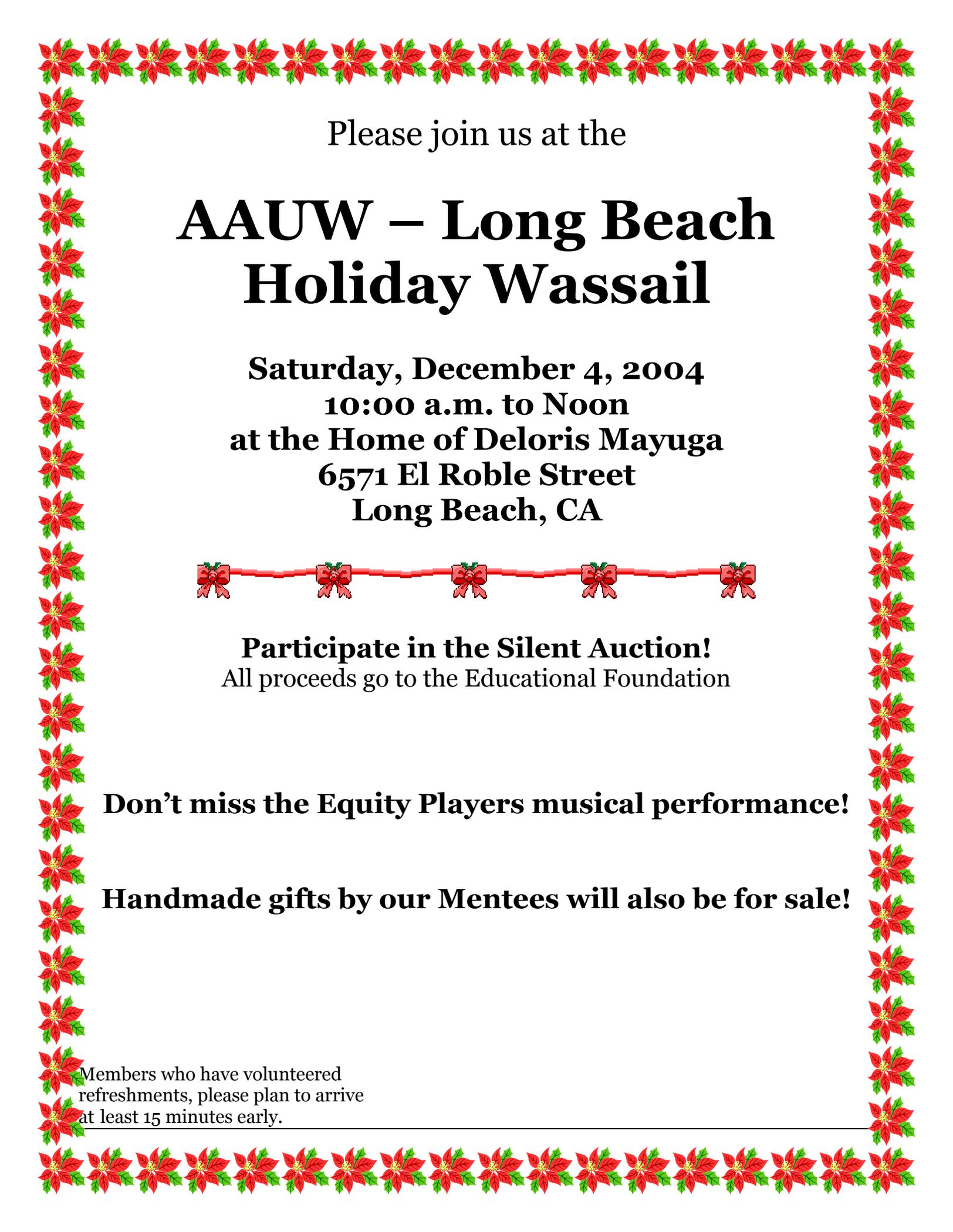
**COURTESY**

Mary Orr, Courtesy Chair

Gwen Long had been hospitalized but is now at home on the mend. A Get Well card was sent on our behalf. Cards and calls will send our good wishes for a speedy recovery.

Birthday greetings to all December honorees!

**AAUW-LONG BEACH WEBSITE: <http://www.aauw-longbeach.org>  
Webmaster: George Jackson – email him at [gl\\_jackson@hotmail.com](mailto:gl_jackson@hotmail.com)**



Please join us at the

# **AAUW – Long Beach Holiday Wassail**

**Saturday, December 4, 2004  
10:00 a.m. to Noon  
at the Home of Deloris Mayuga  
6571 El Roble Street  
Long Beach, CA**



**Participate in the Silent Auction!**  
All proceeds go to the Educational Foundation

**Don't miss the Equity Players musical performance!**

**Handmade gifts by our Mentees will also be for sale!**

Members who have volunteered  
refreshments, please plan to arrive  
at least 15 minutes early.

## EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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### **EXTOLLING, EVOKING, EMOTING - EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**

By: Jere Millington and Barbara Cottrell, Educational Foundation Co-Vice Presidents

*"Well behaved women --- rarely make history!"*

For women who desired a college education in the 1880's, the cost of that education was a tremendous hurdle. In recognition of that, the AAUW awarded Ida Street the first Fellowship in 1888 with a stipend of \$850 to attend the University of Michigan. Our founding mothers believed education was the key to achieving equity for women. Those beliefs live today in the Educational Foundation.

In 2001, American fellowships were awarded to 75 of the 691 women who applied. These recipients received \$1.3 million in financial support to complete doctoral dissertations and postdoctoral research. American Fellowships for dissertations, postdoctoral work, or completion of research for publication are available to citizens or permanent residents of the United States. No restrictions are placed on the location of study, field of study, or age of the applicants.

Postdoctoral fellowships of \$30,000 each are awarded to 20 recipients in all fields of study. Dissertation fellowships, during 2001-2002, were awarded to 51 applicants with stipends up to \$20,000. These awards represent the finest in scholarship, life goals and accomplishments for the recipients, and for AAUW. We do make a difference!

We'd like to thank, heartily, the following women who have contributed so generously to our newly establishing Long Beach California Branch Research and Projects Grant. It's still being established, because instead of the \$2,500 formerly required to begin a research and projects grant, \$5,000 is now required!

#### **1/2 Century Club**

Carolyn Breihan  
Frances Rozner  
Julia Mills  
Jere Millington  
Linda Patten

#### **Century Club**

Kee DeBoer  
Dianne Bradfield  
Ruth McLelland  
Norma Grady

#### **2nd Century Club**

Linda Silver  
Ellen Mathis

#### **Chocolate Club**

Fay Denny  
Barbara Gleason

And a special thanks to both Linda Silver and Deloris Mayuga for contributions made in memory of Judith Kaho's mother, Florence Ulrich.

As you can see, our work is cut out for us. We're not really the big money grabbers we appear to be! You do not need to run when you see us! We are desperate novices!

Wishing you all a truly wonderful, satisfying, joyful holiday season!

**\*\*Your Input is Needed - Vantage Distribution Alternatives Being Considered\*\***

George Jackson, Webmaster

In an effort to cut our branch operating expenses, we are researching alternative methods of distributing the Vantage. We need to determine whether members with Internet access would be open to receiving the Vantage on-line instead of by mail. Members without Internet access will receive the Vantage via first-class mail. Currently, we must mail a minimum of 200 copies in order to qualify for a bulk mail permit (the only postage discount available to us). With our membership under 150, this means we print more copies than we need, a waste of money and resources.

At this point, the committee studying the alternatives has not considered whether mailing costs would be absorbed by the Branch or passed on to the members who would receive their Vantage by mail. There would be two on-line options, the first of which is available to you now. You can read each issue on our website where they are now posted (and archived), or you can receive it by email. The website option would allow you to view or print a copy virtually identical to the hard copy you now receive with all fonts, graphics and photos intact; the email version would be plain text only. The website version takes longer to receive on your computer and requires you to install a program called Adobe Acrobat Reader (free of charge and available on the website). Email takes less time to receive and would come to you automatically each month.

If you have concerns, please take a moment to respond to George Jackson ([gl\\_jackson@hotmail.com](mailto:gl_jackson@hotmail.com) or 562-377-1670), who is chairing the committee studying the alternatives. Also, please let him know if you prefer to receive your Vantage by US mail. **THIS IS ONLY A POLL.** We are NOT asking everyone to select their distribution option at this time. Your feedback will help us develop recommendations acceptable to everyone. We want to save the Branch money and resources, but we also want a solution that works for all.

**Tech Trek Math/Science Camp for Girls**

Linda Silver, Tech Trek Chair

It's that time again. Time to start planning, recruiting and fundraising to send as many lucky 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls to Tech Trek Science Camp as possible. While many of us are familiar with Tech Trek, for new members I have included the following information:

Tech Trek is a math/science camp designed to develop interests, excitement and self-confidence in young women who will enter eighth grade in the fall. It features hands-on activities in math, science and related fields. All sleeping, eating, instructional and recreational facilities are located on a university campus where the camps are held (our campers have gone to Whittier College for the past several years).

Campers are assigned either a math or science core class that they attend daily. Off-campus field trips to encourage maximum interaction and instruction are also planned. Most important of all is the university campus experience. Campers have the opportunity to live the life of a college student for the week (with careful supervision).

Designed to provide every camper with exposure to all core subjects taught, campers will also select from a number of rotating labs. Instructors include credentialed middle school teachers and women currently engaged professionally in math, science or technology fields. Evening programs in fields such as astronomy, engineering, marine biology, and environmental studies are planned to enhance the learning experience and introduce students to a variety of potential career areas.

Camp fees for 2005 have been increased from \$650 to \$700 per camper. Frances Rozner, Tech Trek Fundraiser Chair, will be kicking-off our annual fundraising at the January Branch meeting. We will also have a 2003 Tech Trek alumna give a brief recap of her camp experience. If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact me at 562-433-8131 or [silvermentor@hotmail.com](mailto:silvermentor@hotmail.com).

## RESULTS OF MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS SURVEY

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*How do you view your own AAUW branch? Also, how do you feel the branch is perceived in your community? Are the perceptions consistent with the above statements? (the AAUW Mission, AAUW Diversity Statement and the AAUW Strategic Plan)*

- ⇒ 20 : Yes
- ⇒ 2 : No
- ⇒ 10 : Not Sure

*Given these perceptions, what do you think is the best membership requirement, if any, for AAUW?*

- ⇒ 24: No change to the current requirement for a baccalaureate or higher degree
- ⇒ 8: Adding a membership category for *other degrees* (e.g. Associate degree, 3 year RN)
- ⇒ 0: Adding a membership category for *community partners* (no degree, but support our mission.
- ⇒ 0: No educational degree requirement for membership for those who support the AAUW mission and polices.

**3. Given the same perceptions you considered in Question #1, how would each of the following options impact on your branch's strategic direction:**

- a. No change to the current requirement for a baccalaureate or higher degree.
  - ⇒ 17 feel a strong, positive impact
  - ⇒ 10 feel no impact
  - ⇒ 1 feels a strong, negative impact
- b. Adding a membership category for *other degrees* (e.g. Assoc. degree, 3 year RN)
  - ⇒ 7 feel a strong, positive impact
  - ⇒ 5 feel no impact
  - ⇒ 18 feel a strong, negative impact
- c. Adding a membership category for *community partners* (individuals with no degree, but support our mission.
  - ⇒ 2 feel a strong, positive impact
  - ⇒ 3 feel no impact
  - ⇒ 23 feel a strong, negative impact
- d. No education degree requirement for membership, but rather open to all those who support our mission.
  - ⇒ 1 feels a strong, positive impact
  - ⇒ 3 feel no impact
  - ⇒ 25 feel a strong, negative impact

### **Comments:**

1. Need more newspaper publicity as ours is minimal.
2. Taking away the baccalaureate takes away AAUW's uniqueness.
3. Strongly oppose admitting without higher degree.
4. Feels that AAUW projects a positive image in the community.
5. What would the "U" stand for if criteria changed?
6. Leave the membership requirement as is. Questions seem ambiguous.
7. Dilutes strength, prestige.
8. AAUW needs to be more community-oriented, less national.
9. Worked hard to earn degree; had to forego many fun things. AAUW membership is a privilege as it is.
10. Would lose members if watered down.

**INTEREST GROUPS**

|                           |   |                  |                   |          |
|---------------------------|---|------------------|-------------------|----------|
| Antiques and Collectibles | Meeting times TBA                           |                  | Barbara Gleason   | 421-2206 |
| Book Chat Plus*           | 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday                      | 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. | Jean Friedrichs   | 598-9218 |
| Golf at Bixby             | Every Wednesday                             | 8:30 a.m.        | Jean Friedrichs   | 598-9218 |
| Great Books               | 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday                      | 1 – 3 p.m.       | Linda Patten      | 402-6831 |
| Other Wednesday Bridge*   | 1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday | 12 – 4 p.m.      | Emily Elgin       | 498-4646 |
|                           |   |                  | Marlys Pfrimmer   | 598-4161 |
| Friday Bridge             | Every Friday                                | 9:30 a.m. – noon | Cathy Cunningham  | 424-3166 |
| Wall Street Watchers*     | 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday                    | 1 - 3 p.m.       | Dorothy Anderson  | 597-7645 |
| Day Gourmet               | Meeting times TBA                           |                  | Elizabeth Jackson | 494-0979 |
| Film Fans                 | Meeting times TBA                           |                  | Carol Waechter    |          |

*Meeting times and contact persons TBA for the following interest groups:*

Saturday Bridge

\*Meets at Branch Headquarters @ 525 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Long Beach 90813

**SEEKING AAUW-CA LEADERS**

Marion Smith, Los Angeles District Director

At the L.A. District officers’ meeting on September 11, Deanna Arthur of Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch and Dolores Seidman of Montebello-Monterey Park and Whittier Branches volunteered to be delegate and alternate to the AAUW-CA nominating committee, respectively. I appreciate their willingness to serve. Hopefully by now you’ve nominated yourself for the following state offices: president-elect, membership vice president, finance vice president, and Legal Advocacy Fund vice president. Elections will be held at the state convention in Riverside in April. Nominations for elected offices are/were due November 30.

AAUW-CA also seeks members for several committees and task forces: bylaws, communications, diversity resource team, Educational Foundation, director of international interests, interbranch council coordinator, leadership development, Legal Advocacy Fund, meetings coordinator, membership, parliamentarian, program development, public policy, reproductive choice task force, and resolutions. Members serve one year—July 1-June 30—and many of us have enjoyed getting involved at the state level. You should expect one face-to-face meeting (expenses paid), probably in the summer, and a varied number of electronic and telephone meetings. I’m sorry to report that Los Angeles District is not well represented on several of these committees for 2004-05. I encourage you to consider serving in 2005-06. Self-nominations are welcome. There is a general application form, and it has due dates of January 25, 2005 for early appointments, January 30, 2005 for all chair positions, and March 15, 2005 for all committee and task force members. Application forms are available from your branch president and on the AAUW-CA Web site, <http://www.aauw-ca.org>. You’ll find job descriptions on the Web site, too. Or you can contact me at (310) 832-3000 or [marion@stanfordalumni.org](mailto:marion@stanfordalumni.org) for more information.

**A final note:** Don’t wait to be “discovered” for AAUW-CA leadership. If you have any interest in serving, get the information you need and make the application. And also, please let me know if you submit an application so that I can monitor its progress when next year’s roster is being filled.

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## DECEMBER 2004

| SUNDAY | MONDAY                                   | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY                                 | FRIDAY                                  | SATURDAY                                       |
|--------|--|---------|---|--|---|--|
|        |  |         | 1<br>Golf @ Bixby<br>8:30 a.m.<br>Other Wed<br>Bridge<br>12-4 p.m.  | 2<br>Wall Street<br>Watchers<br>1-3 p.m. | 3<br>Friday Bridge<br>9:30 a.m. – noon  | 4<br><b>HOLIDAY<br/>WASSAIL<br/>10:00 a.m.</b> |
| 5      | 6<br>Great Books<br>1-3 p.m.             | 7       | 8<br>Golf @ Bixby<br>8:30 a.m.                                      | 9  | 10<br>Friday Bridge<br>9:30 a.m. – noon | 11   |
| 12     | 13                                       | 14      | 15<br>Golf @ Bixby<br>8:30 a.m.<br>Other Wed<br>Bridge<br>12-4 p.m. | 16                                       | 17<br>Friday Bridge<br>9:30 a.m. – noon | 18   |
| 19     | 20                                       | 21      | 22<br>Golf @ Bixby<br>8:30 a.m.                                     | 23                                       | 24<br><b>CHRISTMAS<br/>EVE</b>          | 25<br><b>CHRISTMAS<br/>DAY</b>                 |
| 26     | 27<br>Book Chat Plus<br>1:30 – 3:30 p.m. | 28      | 29<br>Golf @ Bixby<br>8:30 a.m.<br>Other Wed<br>Bridge<br>12-4 p.m. | 30                                       | 31<br><b>NEW YEAR'S<br/>EVE</b>         |  |

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