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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Ellen Mathis and Dianne Bradfield, Co-Presidents

“HAPPY 2005!”

As 2005 approaches, it's often a time to reflect on the past year and resolve to make a difference in the new year. One of Webster's definitions for the word resolve is “the act of determining.” As you think of resolutions to make in the coming year, you might consider the following:

- ⇒ RESOLVE to attend upcoming branch meetings and bring along a prospective member.
- ⇒ RESOLVE to give a little more to the Education Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund.
- ⇒ RESOLVE to support fundraising efforts for Tech Trek in January.
- ⇒ RESOLVE to say “Yes” when asked by the nominating committee to serve our branch as an officer or committee chair.
- ⇒ RESOLVE to attend all or part of the state convention in Riverside this April.

I'm sure you can all come up with other ways to make the coming year one of AAUW's best ever! May the new year bring each of you good health and much happiness!

## **TECH TREK MATH/SCIENCE**

### **CAMP FOR GIRLS**

Linda Silver, Tech Trek Chair

Francis Rozner, Tech Trek Fundraising Chair

Don't forget to bring your checkbooks January 15, 2005! We will be kicking off our annual fundraising to send as many lucky 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls to the Tech Trek Math/Science camp as possible!

Sarah Abouzied, one of the students our Branch sponsored last year, gave us the following update on her future plans: she said “before I went to the camp I liked science just a little and after going I liked it a lot. I plan on attending Stanford University because it is one of the highest ranked universities and I want to study in the medical field.” Ashley Jaramilla, the other student our Branch sponsored last year, said the following of her experience: “I liked being surrounded by all girls and older women who helped me learn new ideas and methods. The dorm experience was great and I am excited about attending college. I will be going into high school with honors and plan on getting top grades so that I can get a scholarship to UCLA. I want to be a Pediatrician.”

It fills us with happiness to read again what they told us-We hope it does the same for you. Please join us in giving generously in January-your donation to Tech Trek keeps making a big difference in the hopes and dreams of girls just like Sarah and Ashley. Thank you!

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MISSION STATEMENT

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

## BRANCH NEWS

### DECEMBER PROGRAM

Darlene Daclan, Program VP

**Panel of Authors: Saturday, January 15, 2005**

### YEARBOOK CHANGES

Nicole Ramsdell, Membership Treasurer

**Note to all members – the following are changes and updates for your yearbooks:**

**Darlene Daclan's** new email:

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**Fay Denny's** corrected email: [faydenny@yahoo.com](mailto:faydenny@yahoo.com)

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## YEARBOOK CHANGES

### BOARD BRIEFS

Barbara Gleason, Co-Secretary

Linda Patton moved, by direction of the Finance Committee, that having polled the members, we move the Ethel Black/Irene Holmes \$28,000 CD to Imperial Capital Bank of Costa Mesa. This change will earn approximately \$170 a year over Ocean Crest yield and \$115 over Kaiser's yield. Motion passed.

Betty Ann Rauch moved that the Long Beach Branch join a coalition in support of Senator Shelia Kuehl's bill to furnish Universal Health care in California. Motion passed.

Linda Silver, moves with the recommendation of the Tech Trek Committee, that the Board approve the Long Beach Branch's participation in the Tech Trek program for 2005 and subsequent years. The Board understands and agrees that the identification, application, interview, and selection processes shall be conducted in accordance with guidelines, forms, and procedures adopted by AAUW-CA's Board of Directors. The Board understands and agrees that the Long Beach Branch is to obtain and provide the necessary funding to send the girls it has selected to the Tech Trek camp. Motion passed.

### NOTICE FOR BOOK CHAT PLUS

Jean Friedrichs, Diversity Chair

Book Chat Plus will meet on Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Jean Friedrichs, 2912 Walker Lee, Los Alamitos. Call Jean for instructions on getting to her home. Come discuss the latest book you have read or a movie or play or travels you have enjoyed. New members are most welcome.

### COURTESY

Mary Orr, Courtesy Chair

Happy, healthy New Year to all!

Birthday greetings to all January 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)**

# JANUARY PROGRAM

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## A Panel of Authors

By: Darlene Daclan, Program VP

For those aspiring AAUW authors, January's Program will be what you need to get started. January's Program features a panel of authors. They will discuss how they got started and what inspires them and their experiences as writers, among other topics. Our authors include: Gerald Locklin, Suzanne Greenberg, and Marilyn Johnson.

### *Gerald Locklin*



Dr. Gerald Locklin is a professor at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) and received his Ph.D. from the University of Arizona. His books include *The Case of the Missing Blue Volkswagen*, *Charles Bukowski: A Sure Bet*, *Candy Bars: Selected Stories*, *The Life Force Poems*, *The Firebird Poems*, and *Go West, Young Toad*. He is co-editor of *A New Geography of Poets* and poetry editor of *Chiron Review*. His work has appeared in *Wormwood Review*, *American Scholar*, *Prairie Schooner*, *Western Humanities Review*, *5 AM*, and hundreds of other anthologies and magazines. Considered an invaluable resource to Master of Fine Arts (MFA) students at CSULB, The Locklin Collection spans more than 40 years of writing. The Collection is comprised of books, magazines, manuscripts, correspondence, and clippings that relate to Locklin. An Index to the extensive Locklin Collection, in the CSULB Library's Special Collections archive, is available online. Scholars of Charles Bukowski and others frequently utilize the collection, which contains over fifty letters written to Locklin by Bukowski, as well as those from many from other well-known authors. Locklin's book *The Pocket Book: Novella and Stories*, from Water Row Press came out in 2003.

### *Suzanne Greenberg*



Winner of the 2003 Drue Heinz Prize for Literature, Suzanne Greenberg is the author of *Speed-Walk and Other Stories*. She is also the co-author of *Everyday Creative Writing: Panning for Gold in the Kitchen Sink*, which is now in its second edition. Her fiction, creative nonfiction, and poetry have appeared in numerous publications, including the *Mississippi Review*, *West Branch*, and *The Washington Post Magazine*. Recipient of Maryland State Arts Council Individual Artist Award in Fiction, she received her MFA in creative writing from the University of Maryland. Suzanne is also a professor on the MFA Creative Writing faculty at CSULB.

### *Marilyn Johnson*



Marilyn Johnson is a co-editor of *Pearl* magazine and the author of a book of poetry, *A Necessary Fire*. Her work has been anthologized in *I Am Becoming the Woman I've Wanted* (Papier-Mache Press), *A New Geography of Poets* (University of Arkansas Press), *Always the Beautiful Answer: A Prose Poetry Primer* (Kings Estate Press), and *L.A. Woman* (Ariel-Verlag, Germany). She holds an M.F.A. from the University of California, Irvine, and has taught creative writing at Long Beach City College and California State University Long Beach.

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**PUBLIC POLICY**

By: Betty Ann Rauch, Public Policy Director

***Public Policy Committee***

The Public Policy Committee will hold its first meeting of the year on Wednesday, January 12 at 1:30 pm. It will be held at my home, 13040 Del Monte Drive 45C, Seal Beach. We will be discussing current California and local political events. This is a non-partisan group designed to encourage participation in the political process, particularly AAUW's priorities.

Please let me know if you plan to attend. I will give you directions to my home. Everyone is welcomed! Contact Betty Ann Rauch at (562) 432-6679 or [barauch@att.net](mailto:barauch@att.net)

***Universal Healthcare Bill – SB921***

AAUW is joining with a group of like-minded organizations in support of State Senator Sheila Kuehl's Universal Healthcare Bill. Known as SB921 in the last legislative session, it will be reintroduced in the two-year session that will begin in January 2005. Being a very complicated piece of legislation it was never anticipated that it would be in a final form to be passed in the 2003-2004 legislature. The Lewin Group, a nationally recognized research group is finishing a study in order to make recommendations for the funding mechanism. The coalition is planning a presentation to be held on February 9, 2005, at the First Congregational Church in Long Beach. The Lewin study will be presented and discussed and time set aside for questions and answers. It is hoped that the coalition can be enlarged by that time. It currently consists of the League of Women Voters, a number of Health Care Organizations, several religious groups, unions and others. If you know of any group that might be interested in attending this presentation, please let me know at [barauch@att.net](mailto:barauch@att.net) or (562) 431-6679.

**INTERNATIONAL DECISIONS / GREAT DECISIONS**

Helen Sebring, International Relations Chair

***Great Decisions begins in February***

Eighteen people have already signed up for eight interesting and important weeks of discussion about current events. Last year we had about thirty-six people and three vibrant groups meeting morning, afternoon and evening. Friends are welcome as well as spouses. If you are interested, please sign up for one of the groups at the January 15 branch meeting. You will want the Great Decisions book, which presents pros and cons of all the issues as a common beginning for the talks. The book costs \$15. Of course you are all encouraged to bring other information to clarify and expand the common understandings. If you haven't been involved before, do consider it. Call Helen Sebring if you have a question at (562) 596-0180.

***International Dinner 2005***

The international dinner date has been suggested for May 11, place to be decided. In the past several years, the dinner speakers have shared personal knowledge about Guam, South Africa and Cambodia. Possible areas this year included China, a South American or Central American country, and another area of Africa. If you have any ideas or a suggested speaker, we would love to hear of it. Call Helen Sebring at (562) 596-0180. Each dinner has included a special dinner menu featuring dishes from the area. At least 80% of the dinner ticket price has gone to help a women's/children's group in that area. The purpose of these well-attended dinners has been to add to our knowledge and to reach out in help and sisterhood to the world.

**LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND**

Lou-Es Greene and Helen Sebring, LAF Co-Vice Presidents

***FINAL ACCOUNTING (probably)***

The total of the generous contributions from the November meeting, plus checks in the mail which have arrived since then, and funds raised last year after the December deadline from our percentage of Women Pins, the bridge marathon, etc., have reached \$2,791.00 !!! Isn't that wonderful! Thank you, thank you, thank you for your dedication to EQUITY and for your warm-hearted support for our brave sisters in their fight against sex and/or age discrimination as well as gender related difficulty in gaining tenure and/or promotion. They strive not only for the right to protest inequity but freedom from redress and for simple respect through education and through the courts.

Sympathy for their plight is certainly appropriate and appreciated but you have gone even farther by also giving them the weapons with which to fight.

***HONORED GUEST***

At our November meeting, we were honored to have Carlynn McDonnell, LAF Vice President for California, in attendance. She listened with interest, helped clarify an issue under discussion, and later was most complimentary of the achievements and spirit of our Long Beach branch. She has been an invaluable help to our LAF personnel this year. We hope she visits us again.

**DIVERSITY**

Jean Friedrichs, Diversity Chair

***DIVERSITY CHAIR BIO: Gail Morrison***

I hope all AAUW members get to know our charming new Membership Chairman, Gail Morrison. She was born and raised in rural Michigan, graduated from Michigan State University in Elementary Education, Speech/English and more recently earned a MA in English (1998) from CSULB. Incidentally, she credits her husband Al Morrison for encouragement in pursuing this degree.

When she was only nine months of age, a bout with whooping cough left her with a severe hearing loss, yet she found ways to overcome this disability. She feels that everyone has some problem and it's what we do with what we're given that counts.

Gail has three children who are grown and a 96-year-old mother who lives nearby. She and husband Al enjoy living at the beach in Belmont Shore. Her hobbies include reading, sewing/designing, playing piano, and writing stories for her grandchildren (6 in all ).

Gail joined AAUW last year at the Garden Party and feels that we help contribute something to society, one of her personal goals.

## AAUW NEWS

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### **Tenure Denied: Cases of Sex Discrimination in Academia (2004)**

Source: [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

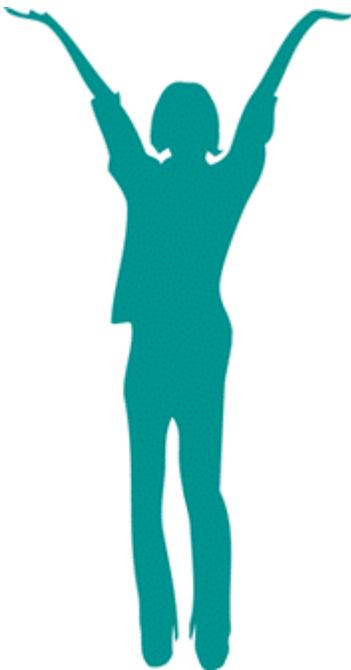
*Tenure Denied: Cases of Sex Discrimination in Academia* (2004) is a qualitative research report based on the Legal Advocacy Fund's archive of sex discrimination cases. Drawing on 19 cases, the report describes the difficulty of pinpointing and proving sex discrimination in the tenure promotion process. The report makes no attempt to second-guess the courts' decisions in these cases but rather poses some hard questions raised by these cases: How can women—and other underrepresented faculty—break into highly centralized power systems where standards are self-referential and tightly controlled by a conventional “old boys” network? What can universities learn about their systems and practices of hiring and promotion? And what is the message for policy-makers considering new programs to end sex discrimination in academia and other places of employment?

The final chapter presents recommendations for universities and female faculty, with the overarching aim of preventing the need for sex discrimination suits in the first place.

### **AAUW – One in a Million**

Source: [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

*Join the One-in-a-Million Campaign, an exciting year-long effort (July 1, 2004, through June 30, 2005) to raise \$1 million in unrestricted support for the Association.*



The idea for the One-in-a-Million Campaign emerged from a generous gesture by honorary and paid life members who told AAUW President Nancy Rustad that they wanted to help address the Association's financial challenges. They noted that they had not paid dues in many years but could afford to make a contribution if asked. Rustad introduced the campaign at the AAUW Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., and AAUW leaders contributed more than \$10,000 in a single weekend.

Approximately 10,000 members hold paid or honorary life status. If each of those members makes a gift of \$120, AAUW will easily meet its \$1 million fundraising target.

But the campaign is not limited to honorary and paid life members. AAUW invites all AAUW members and supporters to help secure the future of the Association and participate in the campaign. Each participant will receive the 1881 Fund pin, which recognizes the donor's commitment to the mission and programs of AAUW.

Your branch can participate, too. An AAUW branch will be named a One-in-a-Million Branch when 51 percent of its members participate in the campaign. [Track the status of your branch](#) and encourage your members to give generously.

**Please make a secure gift of \$120 or more online now** or mail contributions to the AAUW Development Office, One-in-a-Million Campaign, 1111 Sixteenth St. N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

**Questions?** Contact the development office at 202/728-3307 or [development@aauw.org](mailto:development@aauw.org).

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

**AAUW BRANCH MEETING**  
**Saturday, January 15, 2005**  
**Khoury's Restaurant**  
**110 Marina Drive**  
**Long Beach, CA 90803**

Networking: 8:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.  
 Breakfast: 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.  
 Clean-up/Break: 9:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.  
 Business Meeting: 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.  
 Program: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Menu: Khoury's Potato and Eggs Tray  
 Fresh Fruit  
 Croissants  
 Coffee and Orange Juice

Cost: \$16

JoAnn Kuroda (562) 429-6923

\*Please request vegetarian meal of fresh plate platter at time of registration.\*

**RESERVATION RETURN:**

Send your registration and check payable to AAUW, Long Beach Branch. Please mail to: **Flo Pickett, 2919 Studebaker, Long Beach, CA 90815**

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS:**  
**Saturday, January 8, 2005**

Member(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Address(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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

Vegetarian Meal preferred \_\_\_\_\_

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## JANUARY 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> New Year's Day
2	3 Great Books 1-3 p.m.	4	5 Golf @ Bixby 8:30 a.m. Other Wed Bridge 12-4 p.m.	6 Wall Street Watchers 1-3 p.m.	7 Friday Bridge 9:30 a.m. – noon	8 <b>MATH AND SCIENCE CONFERENCE</b>
9	10	11	12 Golf @ Bixby 8:30 a.m.	13	14 Friday Bridge 9:30 a.m. – noon	15 <b>BRANCH MEETING</b>
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