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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ellen Mathis, Co-President

Our branch had seven delegates at the AAUW CA State convention. During one of the lunches I looked up at the large screen honoring branch anniversaries – ours is the 85<sup>th</sup> – and said “There’s Karintha!” Long Beach’s January Math and Science Career Conference pictures were flashing by with captions provided by Co-President, Dianne Bradfield – our branch was receiving “2004-2005 Program Recognition”! Karintha Marshall is a “graduate” of our Mentee Program, attends LBCC and is a student affiliate member of our branch.

There were two other AAUW programs featured at the convention that I would like to share with you. They represent two different ways our money can better benefit equity for all women and girls, lifelong education and positive societal change.

The first is AAUW California Special Projects Fund 501c(3). Its mission is to receive and distribute funds for programs and projects that further education and equity for all women and girls in California. Funds received by this fund are 100% tax deductible by the donor. Those funds we have given to Tech Trek each year have been deposited in this fund and subsequently distributed to cover Tech Trek for each girl sent.

This Fund, with its separate Board of Directors, is just completing its IRS 5 year “provisional” period. In 2005-06 it will open up the application process for more branches to apply to have their project/local scholarship accepted. For example, our Math and Science Career Conference or our Mentor Program could apply and, after being accepted, seek donations for the program that would be tax-deductible to the donor. There is a small administrative fee (currently \$25). The application process seeks to insure the project meets the fund’s mission and has a well thought-out budget. Collected monies would be deposited in the fund and reimbursement for expenses would be paid from the fund.

The other program is the Association’s “Planned Giving” program. It includes not only “Charitable Gift Annuities” for substantial gifts but also provides a process for making small bequests in our will/trust to any of AAUW’s entities. The Association can provide the necessary wording for any of these vehicles. To recognize those who have identified AAUW to receive monies from their estate or an annuity, a “Legacy Circle” program has been created. There is an enrollment form, but no specific dollar/percentage amount requirement. They have created a beautiful Legacy Circle pin designed exclusively for AAUW by Swarovski of North America. It is a golden wreath that is adorned with pave’ crystals and trimmed with a golden ribbon that proudly proclaims “A Legacy of Equity”. At the base of the wreath is an open book from which a pearl is suspended.

Remember, it is dues renewal time; send yours in early to facilitate the paperwork process for Nicole Ramsdell, Membership Treasurer. You might also consider becoming a Life member of the Association [a one-time 20-year Association dues payment (\$43 \* 20 = \$860)] in addition to the \$16 CA and \$26 Long Beach dues. I did this in 1979 and have avoided all the Association dues increases ever since! I believe strongly in equity.

In closing I would like to say it has been a wonderful experience for Dianne and me to serve as your Co-Presidents this year. We hope it has been a fulfilling year for you as well.

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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

### JUNE PROGRAM

Darlene Daclan, Program VP

**Saturday, June 4**

### **The Sorrento String Quartet**

As we celebrate the installation of the AAUW Long Beach Branch officers for 2005-2006, the music of the Sorrento String Quartet will help us close another successful year and ring in the beginning of our Branch's 85th year. The Sorrento String Quartet, composed of Brooke Parker, Karen Peters, Jacqueline Skara, and Chrysanthe Tan, was formed in 2002 by four enthusiastic Long Beach Poly High School musicians. They have earned the position of one of the premier quartets in Southern California. In 2003, they won first place in the regional VOCE ensemble competition, and continued to win third place statewide. They have played at Long Beach Symphony, chamber festivals, concerts, and weddings.

Next year, Chrysanthe, first violinist, will attend Stanford University; Jacqueline, violist, will go to USC; and Karen, cellist, will attend Bard College in New York. Brooke, a sophomore, will continue her playing in another quartet.



### COURTESY

Mary Orr, Courtesy Chair

Congratulations to Daphne Ching-Jackson for the excellent, succinct article on California Charter Schools published in the Press Telegram on April 24.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Sybil O'Day, a former AAUW member. She brightened our meetings at the Antique Collector's group and will be missed.

Birthday greetings to all June honorees. (Any June brides???)

A message that rings true. Make new friends, but keep the old. The worth of true friendship exceeds that of gold.

### ETHEL BLACK/IRENE HOLMES FUND

Jean Aldrich, Budget Chair

At the June meeting, we will be taking a vote on the use of the interest from the above fund. Your vote should have been sent to me May 1 and the list provided to the Board in May.

### BOARD BRIEFS

Barbara Gleason, Co-Secretary

At the Executive Board meeting on April 18, 2005, regular business was conducted.

The following motion was passed:

“By direction of the Long-Range Planning Committee, it was moved that the Board adopt the Long-Range Plan for July 2005 – June 2008 as presented.”

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

## BRANCH NEWS (CONTINUED)

### LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Deloris Mayuga, Long-Range Planning Committee Chair

The Long-Range Planning Committee has met periodically during this year to develop a three-year plan to guide the Long Beach Branch from July 2005 through June 2008. The Committee first developed a vision of where the Branch should be in three years. The Committee then developed Goals and an Action Plan to implement the vision. The plan, which is included in this Vantage, was approved by the Executive Committee at the April meeting and will be presented to the Branch for approval at the June meeting.

Thank you to the Long-Range Planning Committee of Dianne Bradfield, Daphne Ching-Jackson, Norma Grady, Judith Kaho, Ellen Mathis, Lisa Monteiro, Betty Ann Rauch, Linda Silver and Betty Thompson for their hard work.

### AAUW-LB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Nicole Ramsdell, Membership Treasurer

Congratulations AAUW LB! The upcoming year is the Long Beach Branch's 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of joining AAUW.

In an effort to better secure personal information, the membership renewal notices have been sent out in standard letter & envelope form, instead of a postcard. Please take a moment to verify that all information on your paperwork is correct. All paperwork is due to be turned into the Association in DC by 6/30/05. Please make every effort to mail your membership renewal before the deadline. Mailing your membership in early will save time, paperwork and phone calls and insure your membership remains active.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call or email Nicole Ramsdell, Membership Treasurer, at (310) 918-3321 or at [nicole\\_mentor@hotmail.com](mailto:nicole_mentor@hotmail.com).

Thank you for your continuing support and membership in AAUW Long Beach!

## AAUW NATIONAL NEWS

### AAUW MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

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

#### **Membership Dialogue Final Report Available**

At the 2003 AAUW National Convention in Providence, Rhode Island, delegates passed a resolution to begin a structured Association-wide dialogue on the suitability of the membership requirements and categories. A dialogue survey process was then developed and implemented in order to effectively engage as much of AAUW's membership as possible in the discussion. The Final Report of the dialogue survey is now available online. AAUW's membership requirements and the report will be discussed further during a forum on Saturday, June 25, at the AAUW 2005 National Convention. Any bylaws proposals will be presented for vote on Monday, June 27, at the convention's final business session.

*Log on to [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) to see the Final Report!*

### AAUW EF AND LAF FUND MERGER

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

The AAUW Educational Foundation and the Legal Advocacy Fund are pleased to announce the final approval of documents necessary to complete the merger of LAF into the Educational Foundation. During this process, members of the AAUW family have demonstrated a cross-corporate commitment to the shared goal of insuring that the LAF mission not only survives, but thrives in its new home.

*Read the full merger announcement from the EF and LAF presidents at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)!*

### SEARCH FOR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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

AAUW is pleased to announce that Association Strategies, a firm with extensive nationwide experience in the association management field, has been selected as the firm to conduct the national search for the next AAUW Executive Director. The goal is to identify and hire a permanent executive director prior to the AAUW Convention in June.

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN – LONG BEACH BRANCH  
LONG-RANGE PLAN  
JULY 2005 – JUNE 2008**

<b>Goals</b>	<b>Action Plan</b>
1. AAUW-LB will increase visibility in the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Work with other community groups on projects of mutual interest</li> <li>B. Maintain and enhance our community programs: Mentoring, Math/Science Day, Tech Trek, Reading</li> <li>C. Submit articles to Press-Telegram, neighborhood newspapers, cable stations about Branch programs</li> <li>D. Establish closer ties with local school district, community colleges and universities</li> </ul>
2. AAUW-LB will integrate new members into the branch more effectively	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Ask a current member to act as a mentor to a new member, based on similarity of interest</li> <li>B. Publish articles in our newsletter about each Interest group</li> <li>C. Create a more vibrant and inviting brochure</li> <li>D. Encourage the expansion of popular programs (Mentoring) and development of new interest groups</li> </ul>
3. AAUW-LB will increase the diversity of membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Increase interaction with diverse groups, such as having a booth at the Governors Conference for Women, National Conference for Community and Justice breakfast, or CSULB Kaleidiscopes</li> <li>B. Promote the website by implementing links from other web sites</li> <li>C. Initiate a conversation with a woman of color about ways to reach women from diverse backgrounds</li> <li>D. Invite friends who are of other ethnicities to branch activities</li> </ul>
4. AAUW-LB will promote AAUW's Public Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Establish a network of members who will communicate with public officials about AAUW issues</li> <li>B. Build coalitions with organizations concerned with similar issues</li> <li>C. Inform our members of AAUW's position at branch meetings and in our newsletter</li> </ul>
5. AAUW-LB will carry our Mission Statement into the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Continue to promote and publicize our Mentoring, Math/Science Day, Tech Trek, Reading programs</li> <li>B. Continue support for EF and LAF programs</li> <li>C. Provide opportunities for voter education in the community</li> <li>D. Promote involvement in local universities such as dialogues with teacher training departments regarding gender fairness in math and science courses</li> </ul>
6. AAUW-LB will provide an opportunity for members to develop leadership skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Promote active participation in AAUW branch, regional and state boards and committees</li> <li>B. Promote participation in LA District Leadership days, state and national conventions, workshops</li> <li>C. Encourage sharing AAUW board positions (co-vp, etc)</li> </ul>
7. AAUW-LB will provide the opportunity for members' life-long learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Provide educational programs at branch meetings</li> <li>B. Promote participation in Branch activities such as book groups, Great Decisions, Public Policy Committee and International Dinner</li> <li>C. Recognize a member's receipt of a degree or certification</li> <li>D. Increase visibility for opportunities for learning, such a senior university, park dept. or community classes</li> </ul>

## FROM THE PAGES OF FEDERALLY-FUNDED ABSTINENCE ONLY SEX EDUCATION CURRICULA

From Choosing the Best, abstinence-only sex education teacher guide: "Deep inside, every man is a knight in shining armor, ready to rescue a maiden and slay a dragon. When a man feels trusted, he is free to be the strong, protecting man he longs to be." In this story, a knight wants to slay a dragon and rescue a princess in distress but the princess suggests the use of a noose rather than a sword. He slays the dragon using a noose but according to this curriculum, taking advice from the woman lowers his self-esteem. "He is depressed and feels unsure of himself. He would have preferred to use his own sword." The knight then leaves the kingdom, comes upon another dragon, another maiden (who offers no advice). He slays the dragon with his sword and marries this maiden, "after making sure she knows nothing about nooses." The textbook (published in 2003) concludes: "Moral of the story: Occasional suggestions and assistance may be alright, but too much of it will lessen a man's confidence or even turn him away from his princess."

From WAIT Training: "Financial Support" is one of the "5 Major Needs of Women," and "Domestic Support" is one of the "5 Major Needs of Men."

From Why kNOW: In a discussion of wedding traditions, teachers are instructed to "Tell the class that ...the father gives the bride to the groom because he is the one man who has had the responsibility of protecting her throughout her life. He is now giving his daughter to the only other man who will take over this protective role."

The curriculum Reasonable Reasons to Wait holds girls responsible for controlling sexual behavior: "a boy can get the wrong message from what a girl might wear" and advises young married couples to consider "will the husband be the sole breadwinner?"

*These examples represent a giant step backwards from achieving the gender equality that so many generations have struggled for.*

*By promoting these gender stereotypes, abstinence-only-until-marriage programs limit young people's options, influence their behaviors, and color their expectations for future achievement.*

*I have not seen this kind of material presented as educational texts since the patently sexist and totally discredited home economics curricula of the 1950s.*

*-Barbara M. Cox, Honorary  
Director and Past Board Chair*

*"Legal Momentum is taking action against federally-funded programs that teach gender stereotypes and jeopardize girls' futures by increasing their risk of early pregnancy."*

*-Jennifer K. Brown, Vice  
President & Legal Director*

**MEET OUR NEW MEMBER!**

Jean Friedrichs, Diversity Chair

***WELCOME TO KARINTHA MARSHALL***

I wish all our members could meet one of our newest members, Karintha Marshall. She is a Student-Affiliate who attends Long Beach City College. She is perhaps better known as a Mentee of Deloris Mayuga for six years, starting in the Seventh Grade through Millikan High School. By now they are mostly good friends. Karintha was our first Tech-Trek student and went to Stanford University for a great experience. She helped out at the Math-Science Conference last fall as a facilitator in the Wrap-up Session.

Karintha attended a World Social Forum in Porto Alegre, Brazil, this winter, thanks to some “big time” help from AAUW to cover her expenses. For this she is most grateful. She had a most interesting time there and learned much about women from other countries. She heard about the conference at her internship at Californians for Justice.

She is considering doing further study in Computer Science when she finishes up her studies at LBCC next fall. She is also interested in finding a summer job. Contact her and give her any feedback you might have or suggestions. Her phone number is 562-439-1109. You will find that she is a most interesting and delightful young lady.

**PUBLIC POLICY**

Betty Ann Rauch, Director of Public Policy

**AB169 – GENDER PAY EQUITY**

In the 2002-2004 Legislative Session, Governor Schwarzenegger vetoed a bill (AB2317) authored by Assemblymember Jenny Oropeza and supported by AAUW. It dealt with gender pay equity. A similar bill (AB169) has been submitted by Oropeza in the current legislative session and the California Public Policy Committee has voted by email to support it once again. The bill would impose a civil penalty for violations of CA’s equal pay law to double the balance of wages underpaid and due the employee; for willful violations of CA’s equal pay law, increases the penalty to four times the balance of wages underpaid and due the employee; and requires the civil penalties recovered by employees be distributed to the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement within the Department of Industrial Relations (75%) and to the aggrieved employees (25%).

There are a wide range of organizations, unions and associations that have signed on to support this bill. In addition, our Legal Advocate, Charlotte Newhart, indicates that there is some support among a number of Republican assemblywomen, which may encourage the Governor to sign the bill this year.



**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		Evelyn Fram	433-0941
Film Fans	Meeting times TBA		Carol Waechter	598-3850

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, June 4, 2005**  
**The Reef on the Water**  
**880 Harbor Scenic Drive**  
**Long Beach, CA 90802**  
**562-435-3717**

Social Hour: 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.  
 Luncheon: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Menu: Tournedos of Beef  
 Tossed Garden Salad  
 Rice  
 Vegetables  
 Rolls and Butter  
 Coffee or Tea  
 Dessert

Cost: \$25.50

JoAnn Kuroda (562) 429-6923

\*Please request vegetarian meal 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, May 28, 2005**

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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## June 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Golf @ Bixby 8:30 a.m. Other Wed Bridge 12-4 p.m.	2 Wall Street Watchers 1-3 p.m.	3 Friday Bridge 9:30 a.m. – noon	4 <b>BRANCH MEETING: INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS</b>
5	6 Great Books 1-3 p.m.	7	8 Golf @ Bixby 8:30 a.m.	9	10 Friday Bridge 9:30 a.m. – noon	11
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19	20	21	22 Golf @ Bixby 8:30 a.m.	23	24 Friday Bridge 9:30 a.m. – noon	25
26	27 Book Chat Plus 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	28	29 Golf @ Bixby 8:30 a.m.	30		

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