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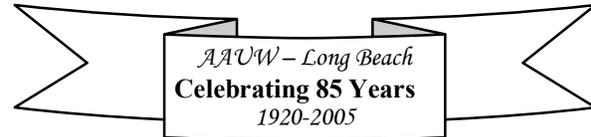
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MARCH PROGRAM

Flo Pickett, Program VP



On March 4th, our luncheon meeting will be at the Joint Forces Training Base in Los Alamitos. Our March program brings us critically-acclaimed author Jan Burke. Jan is a successful author who lives here in Long Beach. She attended California State University, Long Beach, and graduated with a degree in history. Learn more about Jan on her website at www.janburke.com. Here is an excerpt: “Jan Burke is a critically acclaimed and national bestselling author of novels and short stories, and winner of the Edgar® Award for Best Novel. Her mystery series, featuring Southern California newspaper reporter Irene Kelly, includes *Goodnight, Irene; Sweet Dreams, Irene; Dear Irene; Remember Me, Irene; Hocus; Liar; and Bones*, and the newest entry, *Bloodlines*. She is also the author of *Flight*, featuring Irene's husband, homicide detective Frank Harriman; *Nine*, a standalone thriller; and a collection of her short stories, entitled *18*.”

Diversity Speaker

Kate Hyland, Diversity Chair

At our March 4th business meeting, Rose Cabanban, a retired teacher and social worker, will talk to us about the Filipino Community in Long Beach. She is the president of the Westside Neighborhood Association, past president of the United States Circulo Filipino Association, a member of the Long Beach Senior Advisory Commission, and a leader of the Pacific Interfaith Commission. A long-time community activist, she has traveled to Sacramento and Washington D.C. a number of times to lobby for initiatives which will help people.



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MISSION STATEMENT

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



BRANCH NEWS



Cultural Cuisine

Adele Brown

Eleven of our members met on January 18th to experience some new taste delights at Charo's restaurant at the Long Beach Town Center.

From Empanadas to a Peruvian style of Bouillabaisse, several beef, chicken, lamb, and seafood dishes (including a Peruvian style of paella), we were delighted that Darlene Daclan and Lisa Monteiro chose Charo's as the first restaurant for our newest interest group - Cultural Cuisine.

An added extra was a delightful surprise by Darlene as she had brought a gift which was awarded to the winner who came closest to guessing the population of Peru.

Though we thoroughly enjoyed our ample meals, the best part of the evening was the gathering with old and new friends. We welcome all of you to our next get-together in March.

Courtesy

Mary Orr, Courtesy Chair

We were greatly saddened to learn of the sudden death of Lois Malone's beloved daughter, Nancy Lynn, on January 9, 2006. To further add to the family's sorrow, Lois lost her older brother on the same day. A condolence card was sent on our behalf.

Good friends are like stars. You do not always see them but you know they are there.

Birthday greetings to all March honorees.

Beware the Ides of March!

International Relations

Helen Sebring, International Relations Chair

International Dinner – May 10

All fans of the International Dinner please put May 10th on your calendar right now. Our speaker will be Sheherbano Mehdi, a young Pakistani woman who has just finished her residency. She will be speaking about where she grew up in Pakistan, women's and children's roles, education, relationships with India, the partition or other topics which she finds important. She is leaving for a month's visit there so she will have up-to-the-minute news about the country to report to us. We will eat at the Bismullah Restaurant in Buena Park, one that was highly recommended to me by a friend. The chef and owner have worked with us to provide a wonderful and varied menu of Pakistani food which is similar to that of India. Money from our dinner ticket will in part be sent to provide further aid to the victims of the devastating earthquake. Sheherbano (Sherry) has medical contacts there to provide good sources. Sounds like a pleasant and informative evening. Do plan to attend. Call Helen Sebring at (562) 596-0180 if you have any questions.

Board Briefs

Sunelei Meylor, Secretary

The AAUW Executive Committee met on January 16, 2006. Regular Executive Committee business was conducted. The following motion was passed:

We approved a fundraising basket by the new members to be auctioned at the March meeting. Funds to go to EF and LAF equally.

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

Tech Trek Math/Science Camp for Girls

Linda Silver, Tech Trek Chair

"I learned about things I never even knew about!"

"I learned that a project accomplished through teamwork is more creative and fun."

Post-camp comments from 2005 Trekkers Monica Lopez and Carla Contreras

I would like to thank those of you who are making Tech Trek Math/Science camp possible for some lucky young ladies this year. First of all, thank you to the following women who volunteered to help with the Tech Trek committee: Deloris Mayuga, Linda Patten, Lynn Shrum, and Betty Thompson. They have worked (and are still working) on revising and formulating documents, tracking former campers, evaluating essays, and interviewing and selecting candidates. Secondly, many thanks to Frances Rozner for her expert fundraising leadership and efforts. Last of all, but not least of all, thank you to all of the Branch members who have given so generously to this scholarship fund.

A lot of work, time and money are required for this project but the payoff is great. We are providing a life-changing experience and opening the window to a world of possibilities that may otherwise be unknown to these young ladies.

Donations for Tech Trek Camp 2006 are completely tax deductible and will continue to be collected until February 27th (we have ten more days than previously stated). Checks should be made payable to AAUW Long Beach Branch with a notation in the memo area on the check "Tech Trek". Please send your donations to Linda Silver, 20 Rivo Alto Canal, Long Beach, CA 90803. Thank you!

Nominating Committee

PUT ON THOSE THINKING CAPS!



The Nominating Committee would like to thank those who provided the many names as nominees for the 2006-2007 Slate of Officers. With your input and help, we were successful in filling the following offices:

PROGRAM:	FLO PICKETT
CO-MEMBERSHIP:	DARLENE DACLAN AND LISA MONTEIRO
EF:	SHARON WESTAFER
LAF:	JEAN ALDRICH
CO-SECRETARY:	JUDITH KAHO AND DELORIS MAYUGA

But now we need to go further. We have vacancies for the positions of Treasurer, President and President-Elect. If you know of someone who you feel would be perfect for one of these positions, please let us know. Or, if you are interested in one of these positions, **PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE!** This could be the opportunity of a lifetime! All of our names appear in the current yearbook. You may either call us or e-mail us. Thanking you in advance:

Gail Morrison, Co-Chair; Linda Patten, Co-Chair; Jean Aldrich; Carolyn Breihan; Lisa Monteiro; Betty Ann Rauch; Helen Sebring



Member Spotlight – Judy Allen

Kate Hyland, Diversity Chair



In September, we added Judy Allen to our Long Beach Branch. Judy is Chair of the Dance Department at CSULB. She was brought to the University to establish and develop two graduate programs in dance. Dance is often part of the theater program in colleges. Judy is proud that CSULB has a separate department for dance and 160 dance majors. Throughout her career, she has taught about 5,000 students.

Judy has a passion for dance and eclectic taste; she enjoys ballet, tap, and modern dance. She said that training in ballet and modern dance provides the foundation for any form of dance. When she has time, she occasionally takes a dance class as she enjoys the physicality of it.

Married in 1970, Judy has enjoyed traveling with her husband. Their favorite destinations: New York and Las Vegas. In addition to travel, Judy loves to attend live theater, especially musical theater, walking and watching sports on TV. Bridge players be aware – here is another bridge player added to you Bridge aficionados. She and her husband are also avid Scrabble players. Be sure to ask her about some of the creative rules they've added to their Scrabble games. Thank you, Fay Denny for encouraging Judy to join us.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Betty Thompson, Co-President

Recently, Norma and I spent some time cleaning out old papers in a file cabinet at our headquarters. I found a charming little handmade book entitled "President's Choice", dated 1967-68, made by the Decorations Committee of that year in honor of Past Presidents and in appreciation of their leadership. The little book contains poems and recipes. Here is a quote from one of the poems: "You tell what you are by the friends you seek, By the very manner in which you speak, By the way you employ your leisure time, By the use you make of dollar and dime...." This little rhyme reminded me of why we in our Branch have come together. We share a common interest in our mission to work for education and equity for women and girls in our community and in the world. As we go about our work, we find long lasting friendships and enjoyable times with like minded women.

In this, our 85th year, we will again honor our Past Presidents at our March Branch meeting. Plan to be with us. You will want to meet our local writer, Jan Burke, who has many best selling mysteries with Long Beach and Orange County settings.

Special thanks to Daphne Ching-Jackson, Sharon Westafer, and the many others who have worked to make our Math-Science Conference a wonderful day for middle school girls in our area. The EF Getty trip is in our future. Also, watch for plans for our International Dinner. Join a Great Decisions group. Take advantage of the many opportunities our Branch has for you.

A Decade Marked by Change

Norma Grady, Co-President

So what else is new? The death of Betty Friedan last week has focused the attention of some of us on the major changes which have occurred for women since the publication of *The Feminine Mystique* in the early 1960s. What's different? I'm speaking personally, but I know my peers have many more examples from that time:

- My credit accounts of long standing were no longer good without the signature of my new husband.
- My income could not be counted toward qualifying for a mortgage
- Entering a PhD program I was told that history departments in universities didn't hire women, no matter how able, and one only needed to look around to know that this was true
- At the end of the 5th month of pregnancy, one had to go on an unpaid leave in the LBUSD or quit
- Not only did my high-school girl students not get sports scholarships—they had few teams to play on—no money for them
- All administrative promotions in the LBUSD since WWII had been of males

But things did finally change. The ferment kicked off by Friedan's book and the subsequent consciousness-raising came to fruition in the 1970s. Title IX became law in 1972. The Equal Rights Amendment easily passed Congress and was sent to the states, seemingly headed for ratification. The *Roe v Wade* decision was handed down.

So what does this have to do with the Long Beach Branch in the 1970s? The Branch presented a panel on changes that the ERA would require. They formed a committee on the Status of Women which eventually evolved into our Public Policy Committee. Many more women were working—thus networking became a major concern, particularly of younger members of the Branch, and became one of the most popular interest groups. But even backed by new laws and with all their enthusiasm and abilities our members confronted barriers that weren't easily overcome.

In 1976 the Branch recommended Borgny Baird, a lawyer and former president of AAUW who held numerous positions in the community, for a position on the Long Beach Harbor Commission. The attitude of Llewellyn Bixby, one of the members: "A female commissioner would be at a disadvantage on a trade mission, which would be physically and mentally exhausting." [Borgny was a champion skier.] Wilson, another member: "Sex biases in other countries would prevent her from discharging her duties. She might be a great hostess, but not able to do business." [He later admitted he was not sure of this.] Whatever, Borgny was not nominated as the first woman to sit on that commission. It was not politically possible for the City Manager.

The 1970s AAUW Branch was led through these challenging times by members such as Barbara Gleason, Anne Graves, Jean Aldrich, Fay Denny, and Elsa-Karen Braden. Among the accomplishments of the Branch under their leadership: a study of nuclear energy which was widely distributed and a study of the California inheritance tax, which helped lead to a change in the state law. So let's give credit to the Branch for its leadership.

In a recent column, Susan Jacoby has written that this entire history is in urgent need of retelling today, at a time when legacies of the movement are under assault—just think Title IX. Historical amnesia, not fundamentalism, is the true villain. Millions of young women can't imagine what it was like to be told "No Women Need Apply." So tell your sisters about it, your daughters, and your granddaughters. You don't want them to have to do it all over again.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Jean Friedrichs, Cultural Interests Representative

Everyone is invited to attend the following FREE events:

Sunday, February 26 2006, at Los Altos United Methodist Church at 7 PM, at Willow and Woodruff: A multi media dramatization of historical slides, music and drama on the Life and Words of Albert Schweitzer and the music of his favorite composer JS Bach. Gail Shoup, retired CSULB Professor will direct & narrate the production. Our own AAUW member, Miriam Garland, John Breihan (husband of AAUW member Carolyn Breihan) will also narrate, with Derek Gordon at the organ playing the music of Bach.

Sunday, March 12, 2006, 3:00 pm, at the Los Alamitos-Rossmoor Library - 12700 Montecito, behind the Rossmoor Shopping Center, Diver and Treasure Hunter Rick Daynes will show slides and tell of his adventures diving at the site of a Spanish Galleon that sunk in 1622. Please make your reservation by calling the Library at 562-430-1048 as refreshments will be served.

Mentor Program

Ellen Mathis, Immediate Past Co-President

Several hours before opening the Mentor Program participants met at California Pizza Kitchen on Pacific Coast Highway. The store manager and the head cook were both women and shared with the girls what it was like working for CPK (employees use initials when talking about the restaurant). They described how everyone starts at the bottom and works their way through all the positions. They felt that promotional opportunities were good if you work hard. We then toured all the "behind the scenes" areas and ended up with the girls at the Pizza station - each making an individual pizza which they ate while asking any final questions of our two host employees.

Along with this article are pictures of the two most industrious Mentor volunteers with their Mentees.

They are Pat Sargeant, Education Representative, and Mentor Program Chair and Nicole Ramsdell who has handled all the paperwork side of the mentor program. Pictured are Pat Sargeant with Robin Hollowell, Poly High 11th grader and Nicole Ramsdell with Vanessa Lopez, Lakewood High 10th grader. It was Vanessa who did such a nice job of answering question about Tech Trek at the February Branch meeting. As all the Mentors do they also handle the details of one program during the year. The program described above was put together by Lisa Monteiro.



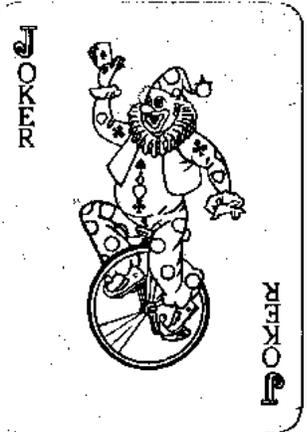


ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

Barbara Gleason, Chair

When: Wednesday, March 8 (note day change)
Where: Dr. Lou Es Greene's home
Time: 1:30 p.m. for coffee

Lou Es will give the history of the "Crazy Quilt". This is famed and hangs above the fireplace. She has a large collection of playing cards, different sizes and shapes. Lastly, she will talk about her dolls and her recent purchase, after a long search, of a particular doll buggy.



AAUW BRANCH MEETING

Saturday, March 4, 2006

Joint Forces Training Base

4745 Yorktown Ave. Bldg. 19

Los Alamitos, CA 90720

Please note map and directions

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Networking: 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Business Meeting: 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Program: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Lunch: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Menu: Buffet – Salmon

Wild Rice

Grilled Vegetables

Caesar Salad

Focaccia Bread

Cookies and Dessert Bars

Coffee and Tea

Cost: \$22

Jean Aldrich (562) 430-8688

RESERVATION RETURN:

Send your registration and check payable to AAUW, Long Beach Branch. Please mail to: **Dorothy Anderson, 2467**

Charlemagne Ave, Long Beach, CA 90815

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS:

Saturday, February 25, 2006

Member(s) _____

Phone (Day) _____ Evening _____

Guest(s) _____

Address(s) _____

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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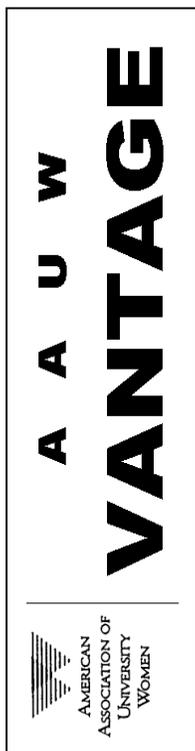
Interest Groups

<u>Interest Group</u>	<u>Meeting Dates</u>	<u>Meeting Times</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Scrapbooking	4 th Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Darlene Daclan	673-6909
Cultural Cuisine	March – TBA	TBA	Lisa Monteiro	243-8165
Book Chat Plus*	4 th Monday	1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Jean Friedrichs	598-9218
Antiques and Collectibles	TBA	TBA	Barbara Gleason	421-2206
Golf at Bixby	(Not meeting – contact Jean)		Jean Friedrichs	598-9218
Wall Street Discussion Group*	1 st Thursday	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Dorothy Anderson	597-7645
Day Gourmet	4 th Thursday	noon	Evelyn Flam	433-0941
Film Fans	TBA	TBA	Carol Waechter	598-3850
<u>Bridge Groups:</u>				
Other Wednesday Bridge**	1 st & 3 rd Wednesday	noon – 4:00 p.m.	Emily Elgin	498-4046
Friday Bridge	2 nd Friday	9:30 a.m. – noon	Cathy Cunningham	424-3166

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

** Meets at the Petroleum Club, 3636 Linden Avenue, Long Beach, 90807

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