

AAUW-LONG BEACH VANTAGE

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MAY PROGRAM

Flo Pickett, Program VP

AAUW - Long Beach

Celebrating 85 Years

1920-2005

Our May 4th evening meeting will focus on public policy. Adeline M.L. Yoong, Government Affairs Manager at the Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD), will speak to us about water and Southern California. The WRD is a regional groundwater management agency. It was established in 1959 to manage groundwater for nearly four million residents in 43 cities throughout Southern California and protects the groundwater resources and groundwater quality in the Central and West Coast Basins.

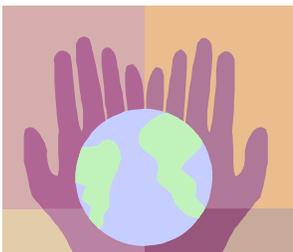


Water is easy to take for granted until it runs out. We are reminded that we live in a desert area where drinking water is brought in from other areas. It is essential that we make good public policy regarding drinking water. We can do this better if we understand how we get and preserve our water.

Adeline M.L. Yoong received her M.B.A. from the University of San Francisco and her B.A. in Psychology and a minor in Women's Studies from Carlton College. Yoong previously worked at Browning Ferris Industries, an international waste management corporation. Additionally, she served as a senior congressional aide to U.S. Representative Lucille Roybal-Allard.

Cultural Interest Speaker

Kate Hyland, Diversity Chair



Audrey Kendall-Crispin of United American Indian Involvement will be our Diversity Speaker at the May 4th meeting. She is the evaluator for their Systems of Care Program. This organization provides multiple services including various kinds of counseling and a Kids Club. They also have a high school for Indian youth and a residence for girls.

American Association of University Women
Mission Statement

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



Thanks to our Nominees!

We are pleased to announce that we have filled all our positions for next year!!

President: Gail Morrison
 Program VP: Flo Pickett
 Co-Membership VP: Lisa Monteiro and Darlene Daclan
 Education Foundation VP: Sharon Westafer
 Legal Advocacy VP: Jean Aldrich
 Secretary: Linda Westman
 Treasurer: Patricia Ferrer
 Co-Presidents Elect: Judith Kaho and Deloris Mayuga

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

Yearbook Changes

New email addresses!

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Elaine Babbush:
ejbabbush@gmail.com

Julie Mills:
jgmills@verizon.net

Dorothy Anderson:
jackdot@charter.net

Courtesy

Mary Orr, Courtesy Chair

Check the smile on Jo Ann Kuroda's face. She is the new grandmother of Baby Boy Kuroda. Be prepared for pictures!

Shirley Stearns underwent hip surgery recently. Cheery get well cards can be sent to her at Bixby Knolls Towers, Health Care Center, Room 306, 3747 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach, 90807. A card was sent on behalf of AAUW.

Birthday greetings to all May honorees.

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers:
 "For thy sweet love remembered, such
 wealth brings that then I scorn to
 change my state with
 kings." (Shakespeare)

President's Message

Betty Thompson, Co-President

In Spring AAUW thoughts turn to our International sisters and neighbors. At our April Branch meeting we learned facts about the lives of the women of India and their families. Do not miss the International Dinner in May where we will hear about life in Pakistan. These events follow the end of our Great Decisions gatherings and discussions. We appreciate these opportunities to broaden our knowledge of people of the world and appreciate Helen Sebring's leadership in these areas.

Dozens of women have had a hand in the life of our Branch these past months and to all of these, I send a grateful *Bravo!* Your individual talents and contributions have helped all of us to make "beautiful music" together. It takes each member to help the Branch function completely. Search this *Vantage* for a place to join us in action in the coming weeks.

Board Briefs

Sunelei Meylor, Secretary

The AAUW Executive Committee met on March 20, 2006. Regular Executive Committee business was conducted. The following motion was passed:

That the Board recommend to the Branch that a rental agreement be added to the list of documents listed in Standing Rules, Section 2, subsection c.

The AAUW-CA Public Policy Committee met in March and reviewed almost 80 bills that have been introduced in the state legislature for the 2006 session and took a position on 35 of them. One of the bills in the package on which the committee has taken a position to oppose, AB1487 (Hollingworth), has already failed in committee. Based on the past performance by our Legal Advocate, Charlotte Newhart and her coalition of like-minded lobbyists, there is a very good chance that most, if not all, of the bills we are opposed to will also fail to pass.

Three of the bills were held over from the 2005 session. They are SB300, dealing with family and medical leave, and SB840, the single-payer health care coverage, and both bills are by Senator Kuehl. Another bill, SB493 that was submitted by Senator Kuehl in the 2005 session is being resubmitted by Senator Spiers in the current session. It deals with the Cal-Learn Program. AAUW-CA supports all of these bills.

Some of the new bills that AAUW-CA supports are:

AB2555 (Oropeza) Wages: Increases the damages against employers who pay people inequitably.

AB1263 (Alquist): Would allow a deduction from adjusted gross income an amount equal to the applicable percentage of the amount paid or incurred for the cost of long-term care insurance for the tax-payer, his/her spouse, domestic partner or dependents.

SB1555 (Spier): Umbilical Cord Blood Banking. Would require the primary prenatal care provider to provide a pregnant woman the necessary information to make an informed decision whether to participate in a cord blood banking program.

AB2802 (Pavley): Early Learning Credential. Would require development of an early learning credential for preschool, kindergarten and grades 1 to 3.

SB1471 (Kuehl): Establishes certain requirements that state funded programs be accurate, current and objective.

A complete list of the bill package will be available at the May branch meeting or it can soon be accessed from the Public Policy page of www.aauw-ca.org.

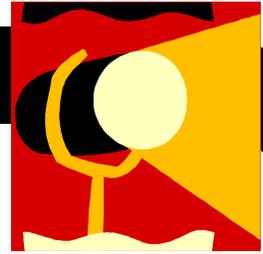
May is National Asian American Month!

Kate Hyland, Diversity Chair

May is National Asian American Month. Asians are currently one of the fastest growing populations in the United States. In the 2000 Census, there were 55,591 persons of Asian descent in Long Beach, or 12.5% of the population.

Two of the stereotypes about Asians are: 1) they are all alike, and 2) they are foreigners. The first stereotype is easily seen as a fallacy when we consider the many countries which are considered Asian. To mention a few: Korea, India, China, Cambodia, Japan, Vietnam and the Philippines have obviously different cultures, religions, beliefs, etc. This is without taking into consideration the differences of individuals. The second stereotype ignores the fact that many persons of Asian descent come from families who have been in the U.S. for generations.

These diverse groups of people have added much to the building and the growth of the United States, and their diversity has enriched the lives of all of us.



Branch members attending the NCCJ Breakfast in February had the pleasure of meeting one of our newest members, Emily Alrutz. Emily, who has an MBA from Arizona State, is the International Operations Manager for Discus Dental. The company has offices in five countries in Europe and one in New Zealand. They just acquired Bright Dental, which has necessitated twelve to thirteen hour work days for Emily.

When she does have leisure time, Emily enjoys hanging out with family and friends, seeing movies and shows, and reading. She particularly enjoyed "Middlesex" and the "Time Traveler's Wife" and lately has been reading memoirs.

Enthusiastic about travel, Emily spent two months in Madrid, and has visited Thailand, England, and Mexico. In addition, she travels to many of the lower forty-eight States to keep in touch with her large Irish family.

Emily was introduced to AAUW by her sister, who belongs to a branch in Florida. She has expressed an interest in the Long Beach Branch's mentoring program, LAF, and assistance to the shelter. She is a lovely, enthusiastic, energetic addition to our branch.

Mentor Program Update

Ellen Mathis, Immediate Past Co-President

This past month the emphasis for the Mentor program was on the Environment. We participated in the third Saturday 30-Minute Beach cleanup at the Granada Avenue boat launch in Belmont Shore. We donned plastic gloves and set out with our plastic garbage bags to gather trash. In just 30 minutes most bags were half full! Justin Rudd who organizes this each month gave us some background on the types of trash we saw. It was plastic straws, Styrofoam (much of it in small pieces) and plastic bags. Justin pointed out the reason for this is that these items float and get washed on shore by the waves. He talked about the environment and how important it is to keep the beach clean. He also passed out Community Service certificates to our high school girls to be used toward their graduation requirement of community service hours.

The academic sorority, Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc., Beta Delta Chapter, established in 1975 and founded at CSULB in the spring of 1998, joined us in the beach cleanup and barbeque lunch at Mentor Pat Ferrer's home. The six sorority girls had prepared a CSULB folder with information about seeking financial aid, a chart that showed by grade from middle school on what to be doing to prepare for going to college, and details about attending CSULB. They started off the discussion by each sharing one thing they did in high school that helped them prepare for college. They answered questions about dorm life, college courses to take, and how in college you really need to manage your time between attending class, studying and having fun. These girls certainly provided a wonderful role model for the Mentees! Before they left we got a group picture with both the Mentees and the Sorority Sisters.



CHANGES TO STANDING RULES

The Board of Directors move that the following changes to the Standing Rules be recommended to the Branch for approval:

Standing Rules, Section 2, the words “and Archives” be added to the title so that it reads, “Branch Records and Archives.”

Standing Rules, Section 2, subsection c: delete the words, “in the custody of the treasurer” and insert the words, “filed at headquarters in the permanent record box”; so that the subsection reads, “The Articles of Incorporation, Mailing Permit, and Insurance policies shall be filed at headquarters in the permanent record box”.

Standing Rules, Section 2, subsection d: delete the whole sentence. This information appears in the main Bylaws, Article VI. Financial Administration, Section 10, Insurance.

Standing Rules, Section 2, subsection f: delete the words “under the direction of the Membership Vice President” at the beginning of the sentence; and delete the words, “shall be maintained” at the end of the sentence. Insert the new words, “The Membership Treasurer shall maintain” at the beginning of the sentence so that it reads, “The Membership Treasurer shall maintain a permanent record of those ever belonging to the Branch.”

Standing Rules, Add a new Section 6, Membership and new subsection a: “A person eligible for membership may attend three meetings of branch activities as a guest. Thereafter, anyone who participates in branch interest groups, committees, and activities is expected to become a member of the Branch.”

The Board of Directors move that the following changes to the Policies and Procedures of the Branch be recommended to the Branch for approval:

Section 1, Subsection c, 1: strike the word “less” and insert the word “fewer” so that it reads “Invite fewer than all of the candidates running for an office to speak at a meeting.”

Section 3, Subsection a: insert the words “and key procedures” after the word “headquarters” so that it reads, “General maintenance of the headquarters and key procedures shall be the responsibility of the headquarters chair, in consultation with the President.”

Section 3, Add a new subsection b: “Only groups listed in the yearbook and/or whose meetings are published in the VANTAGE, are to be permitted to use the branch headquarters.”

Section 3, Add a new subsection c: “Each person or group using the headquarters shall complete the sign-in sheet each time the headquarters are used. The sign-in sheet is to include the time, date, and any item taken from the headquarters.”

Section 5 Branch Records, subsection a: Strike the complete sentence.

Section 5 Branch Records, subsection b: Subsection b will become subsection “a”. Strike the words, “those items of continuing worth be passed on”, and insert the words “copies of updated job descriptions should be distributed to the President” so that it reads, “Officers and chairs shall keep and pass on experience notebooks to their successors. Materials should be sorted and copies of updated job descriptions should be distributed to the President.

Section 7, Subsection a, number 5: Add the words “and completed in 2002” so that it reads, “Ethel P. Black/Long Beach Branch Research and Projects Endowment was initiated in 1998 and completed in 2002.”

Section 7, Subsection a: Add a new number 6, “the Long Beach Research and Projects Endowment was initiated in 2004.

Section 8, Subsection b: strike the word “finance” and insert the word, “audit” so that it reads, “The Branch financial records shall be reviewed annually by the Branch audit committee.”

Section 8, Subsection c: strike the words “may be done by the Educational Foundation Fund and the Legal Advocacy Fund as, and the word “by”; and insert the word “All” at the beginning of the sentence, and insert the words, “activities must have the approval of” so that it reads, “All fundraising activities must have the approval of the Executive Committee or Board of Directors.”

CHANGES TO STANDING RULES CONTINUED

Section 9, Subsection b: strike the words, “of \$25,000” and insert the words, “with a bequest of \$25,000 and in 2000, a bequest of \$3,000 by Irene Holmes was added to the fund” so that it reads, “The Ethel P. Black Fund was established in 1998 with a bequest of \$25,000 and in 2000, a bequest of \$3,000 by Irene Holmes was added to the fund.”

Section 9, Subsection g: strike the words, “as needed” and “June 10th” and insert the words, “July 31st” so that it reads, “The Treasurer is to transfer interest money from the Ethel P. Black Fund after Branch approval and no later than July 31st of the next fiscal year.”

Section 10, Subsection c 5: strike the words “Connie Inskeep” and insert the words, “the previous year’s awardee of the Connie Inskeep Leadership Award;” so that it reads, “Award presented at the June installation meeting by the outgoing President and the previous year’s awardee of the Connie Inskeep Leadership Award.”

Section 12, Subsection a 1: Strike the entire sentence and renumber subsection a 2 to be a 1.

Section 12, Subsection b 4: Add the sentence, “Preside at meetings in the absence of the President.”

Section 12, Subsection d 3: Add the sentence, “be responsible for a list of all motions passed at Executive Committee meetings, Board of Directors meetings, and Branch meetings.”

Section 12, Subsection d 4: Add the sentence, “Copies of the motions are to be given to the President, President-Elect, and the Parliamentarian at the end of the fiscal year.”

Section 12, Subsection e 2: Strike the entire sentence and renumber 3 to be 2.

Section 12, Subsection e 4: Strike the word, “Send” and “by the specified deadlines and shall keep separate ledgers for each type of account;” and insert the word “Report” at the beginning of the sentence, and the insert the word “collected” after monies, and insert the word, “Fund” after the word Foundation; so that it reads, “Report monies collected for the Educational Foundation Fund and the Legal Advocacy Fund.”

Section 12, Subsection e 5: Strike the word, “applications” and insert the word, “forms” so that it reads, “Submit to the Association all forms with dues, made to the branch;

Section 12, Subsection e 6 e: Add “Maintain a list of donors for tax-deductible donations.”

Section 13, Subsection a: Strike the word “administration” and insert the word, administrative so that it reads “the administrative assistant shall”:

Section 13, Subsection a 3: Strike the whole sentence .

Section 13, Subsection c 1: insert the words “ Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund donations” so that it reads, “Receive all monies, except dues, Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund donations, and issue receipts therefore;”

Section 13, Subsection c 4: Strike the entire sentence.

Section 13, Subsection c 5: Strike the entire sentence.

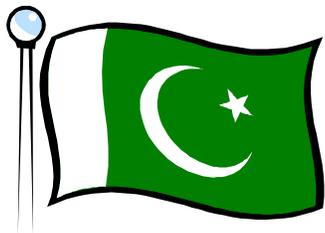
Section 13, Subsection d 4: insert the words “archived card file and current notebook” after the word ‘file’; and strike “31st” and insert “1st” so that it reads, “Be custodian of the membership file, archived card file and current notebook, and shall send notices that dues will become delinquent on July 1st.”

Section 13, Subsection I 1: add the words, “and chair of the Mentor Program” so that it reads, “Serve as chair of the education committee; and chair of the Mentor Program;”

2006 International Dinner - Important Reminder!!

Helen Sebring, International Relations Chair

Save May 10th for a Pakistani Adventure!



Time: 6:00 p.m. (gathering) 6:45 p.m. (dinner)

Place: Bismullah Halal Tandoori, Buena Park (Knott and Lincoln)

Food: Delicacies of northern India and Pakistan

Price: \$25.00 with all profits for earthquake recovery in Pakistan

Reservations: Helen Sebring (562) 596-0180

Please send in your reservations as soon as possible to ensure your attendance to:

Helen Sebring
1705 Bolsa Ave.
Seal Beach, CA 90740

AAUW BRANCH MEETING
Thursday Evening, May 4, 2006
Recreation Park Clubhouse
5001 Deukmejian Drive
Long Beach, CA 90804

Gather: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Speaker: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Business Meeting: 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Menu: Caesar Salad
Chicken Marsala
Rice, vegetable, beverage, rolls
Cookies
BAR SERVICE AVAILABLE

Cost: \$26

Just east of Ximeno; turn right on Park Ave;
short distance to Deukmejian; follow signs; left
on the hilltop.

*Questions about the location or menu? Call
Jean Aldrich at (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:
Thursday, April 27, 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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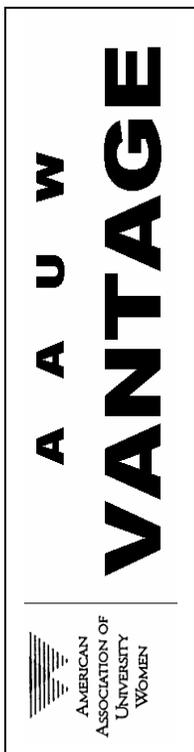
Interest Groups

<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	May - attending International Dinner		Lisa Monteiro	243-8165
Book Chat Plus*	4 th Monday	1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Jean Friedrichs	598-9218
Equity Players	TBA	TBA	Lou Es Greene	434-6477
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
Bridge Groups:				
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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