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JUNE PROGRAM

Flo Pickett, Program VP

AAUW - Long Beach
Celebrating 85 Years
1920-2005

June 3, 2005 will be the installation of new AAUW officers for the 2006-2007 year. We will return to Café Camilla in Bellflower where we enjoyed a wonderful luncheon and our first program of the 2006 year. Café Camilla is a favorite of many of our members and has an intimate atmosphere and wonderful food. Entertainment will be provided for us by Harpist Toni Destro whose playing will add a beautiful and unique touch to our installation of new officers. Ms. Destro has been a professional harpist for 13 years in the Orange, San Bernadino, and LA counties and has played in some of the finest locations of the areas, including the Ritz-Carlton Hotel and the Mission Inn. Her playing complements any event and creates a special ambiance. We look forward to a lovely luncheon and installation.

Mentor Program

Ellen Mathis, Immediate Past Co-President

Last month the Discovery Science Center in Santa Ana was the Mentees' destination. The crime lab computers captured their attention as they put composite drawings together on the computer, interchanging hair styles, head pieces, and various facial features. The simulated earthquake booth was very realistic and pictured the actual San Francisco 1906 quake while the booth simulated that quake or two others by the push of a button! This quake zone had other displays showing the effects of an earthquake on water, sand, and structures. This museum is a real "hands-on" place allowing participation and not just viewing.

We will end the year a little more formally. It will be a Tea at the Chocolate Box, a tearoom on Norse Way in Long Beach. We will have the place all to ourselves which will also facilitate our year-end evaluation of the year's program. As a special treat the girls will be picked up in a Limousine with Mentor, Erin Blake, along for the "cruising" before arriving at the Chocolate Box. This is being funded by their jewelry/bath salts manufacture and sale from a year ago. Each of us gets the opportunity to share with the group something particularly meaningful from the year. Most of the Mentees and Mentors will be back again next year.



The group picture: Back row: Robin Hollowell, Nicole Ramsdell, Michelle Zarzana, Lisa Monteiro. Front row: Jennifer Mou, Jennie Samonn, Kathy Jimenez, Tania Padilla. Not pictured: Ellen Mathis

American Association of University Women
Mission Statement

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



AAUW Magazine Line

Betty Thompson, Co-President

When I recently wrote the check to renew my AAUW dues, I remembered something I wanted to share with you. I realized that I had saved more than enough on magazine subscriptions this past year to cover the cost of these dues. Did you know about the AAUW Magazineline? (1-800-230-0283) I have been using it for about three years. I like to give subscriptions for gifts on birthdays and holidays. I use it for my personal subscriptions. One needs to identify oneself as an AAUW member. Gifts can be given to anyone. The Magazineline informs you when renewals are necessary on personal and gift subscriptions. I have now renewed all my subscriptions with the Magazineline and enjoy substantial savings. So my AAUW dues did not really cost me any money at all when I look at it against my Magazineline savings! If you would like to know more about this, give me a call.

Courtesy

Mary Orr, Courtesy Chair

June is busting out and summer is here!

Birthday greetings to all June honorees. Remember - age is just a matter of mind. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.

Never miss a chance to make someone's day with a smile, a hug and a cheery word.

President's Message

Betty Thompson and Norma Grady, Co-Presidents

One of the many pleasures that Norma and I have enjoyed this year as your Co-Presidents has been working with our Board members. We have had the constant support of these forty-two persons. We admire their resourcefulness and creativity. Seeing their projects unfold and knowing the hours of work given to reach successful conclusions has been inspiring for us. To all these workers we say, "Thank you very much". One of the "gifts" of serving as Co-Presidents has been the opportunity to get to know more of you personally. It has been an honor to work with all of you through this historic 85th year of AAUW affiliation.

Best wishes to Gail Morrison as she takes the gavel at our June Branch meeting.

Turn in Your Vouchers!

Linda Patten, Treasurer

A friendly reminder - the Treasurer needs all vouchers submitted no later than June 15 to be reimbursed, or she would be tempted to consider the un-reimbursed expenses a donation!

Community

Elaine Babbush, Community Representative

Thank you for your support and contributions to WomenShelter and Bethune Transition School this year. They are appreciative of our help. If you wish to donate things during the summer, call Linda Moore (714 3747 443) and she will pick them up at the headquarters or your home.

Board Briefs

Sunelei Meylor, Secretary

The AAUW Executive Committee met on April 17, 2006. Regular business was conducted. The following motion was passed:

That we reimburse the President Elect \$500 for State Convention expenses in April.

Membership Dues!

Lisa Monteiro, Membership Co-VP

Don't forget to turn in your membership dues by May 31! Send your dues to Darlene Daclan. If you have any questions, please give Lisa a call at (562) 243-8165 or shoot her an email at Imm1979@earthlink.net.

An update on the Bill Package of the 2006 Legislative Session chosen by the state public policy committee of AAUW:

As of May 8, four of the bills that AAUW opposed have failed to pass in committee. They are:

AB2311 (Mountjoy) Sole purpose is to prohibit the promotion of homosexuality in public education. Such promotion is not a part of any state sanctioned program.

AB2828 (Maze) Requires the Dept. of Health Services in consultation with the Dept of Alcohol and Drug Programs, to conduct a pilot program at 12 randomly selected health facilities to randomly test mothers and their infants at birth to determine the prevalence of illegal narcotics use by expectant mothers.

AB2976 (Mountjoy) Creates the Child Abuse, Exploitation and Rape Reporting And Deterrence Act, requiring all licensed medical personnel to report within 24 hrs of receiving reportable information, to a law enforcement or child protective agency their knowledge or reasonable suspicion that a minor has contracted a sexually transmitted disease or is pregnant.

Don't forget to **VOTE** on Tuesday June 6!

Get Ready for Cultural Cuisine in July!

JoAnn Kuroda, Orientation Chair

Date: Thursday, July 20, 2006

Place: Peking Wok

6252 E. Pacific Coast Highway

Long Beach, CA 90803

Telephone: 562-498-8588

The restaurant is on the right hand side of Pacific Coast Highway going south in a strip mall between Bellflower Blvd and Marina Pacific Shopping Mall

Time: 6:30pm

Price: \$16.00 per person

Menu: Appetizers of egg roll, tempura shrimp, paper wrapped chicken and wor wonton soup

Chicken in Edible Basket

Beef Sizzling Plate

Shrimp with Lobster Sauce

Orange Roughy with Black Bean Sauce

House Special Chow Mein

Broccoli Mushroom with Oyster Sauce

Fried Rice

Fried Bananas



Please RSVP to JoAnn Kuroda at 562-429-6923 by July 16.



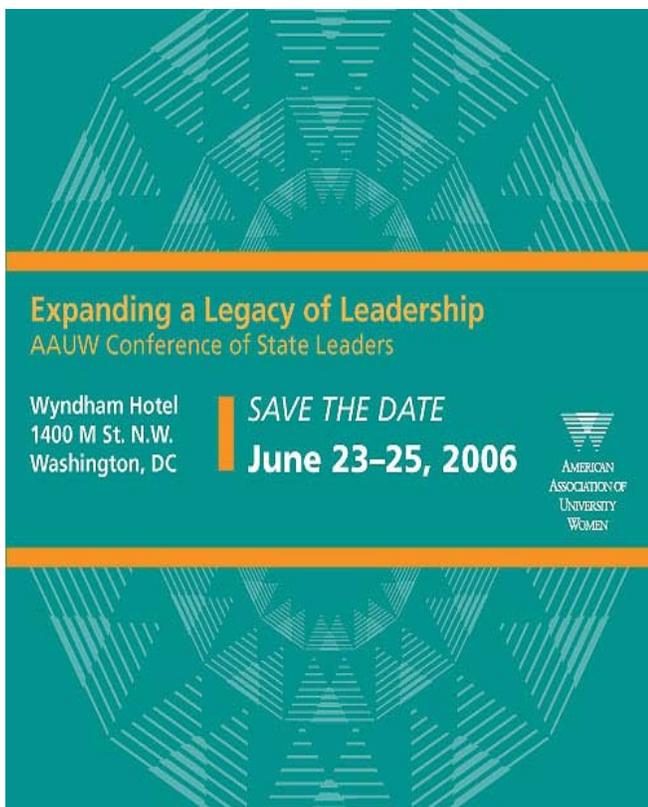
Lamis Hashem joined our Branch last September. She holds dual membership with the Newport Beach/ Irvine Branch. Originally from Syria, she has a BA in French Literature and Language. Upon completion of her MA in the same subject from California State University Los Angeles, the University hired her and she taught there for ten years.

With her husband of forty-three years, Lamis moved to Rossmore from La Canada to be closer to their three grandchildren. Another grandson was born last Thanksgiving which has necessitated frequent trips to Northern California. Lamis absolutely revels in being a grandmother!

Enthusiastic travelers, Lamis and her husband have visited many countries in Europe and Eastern Europe. They have also enjoyed a trip to China, and cruises in Alaska, the Caribbean, Hawaii and down the Danube.

Since retiring, Lamis and her husband, an architect, have had more time to enjoy the arts. Her husband is a painter, and Lamis plays the piano. They enjoy attending art shows and concerts.

An avid reader, Lamis looks forward to joining Book Chat. She believes education is the key to success, and is currently tutoring students in French and in Arabic. AAUW appealed to her as a place to meet interesting women and be a part of the community. She shares AAUW's objectives and believes people should have the opportunity to pursue their goals.



Educational Foundation

Gail Morrison and Joan Gustafson, EF Co-VP's

Joan and I would like to thank all of you for the terrific support you have shown for the EF fundraisers all year long. From the Lucinda pins to Barnes & Noble book events, your participation has netted a very profitable year for EF. Please refer to our current report below for updated balances. This report also includes monies EF gave to LAF.

EF	TOTAL PROFIT
Getty	\$ 610
New Members Basket	75
Self-Catered Luncheon 2/3	587
Pins 2/3	104
Barnes & Noble	101
TOTAL	\$ 1,477

MONIES SHARED WITH LAF

LAF	TOTAL PROFIT
Self-Catered Luncheon 1/3	\$ 293
Pins 1/3	52
TOTAL	\$ 345

On to 100!

Norma Grady, Co-President

As the third millennium dawned, the Branch faced new challenges. A precipitous drop in interest rates, affecting the building fund and the Black-Holmes fund, was coupled with a slow decline in membership numbers. At the same time we were expanding programs which reached out into the community. So, how to do more with less?

Under the leadership of Ellen Mathis and Joan Gustafson we downsized, moving our headquarters to St. Luke's Church. Deloris Mayuga and Linda Silver wrote successful grants for the Mentor program. Daphne Ching-Jackson and Frances Rozner have run our Math-Science Conferences for Middle-School Girls on a shoe-string.

And our members, as usual, came through in their support for education for women and girls. The Ethel Black Research and Projects Endowment was completed, and a new endowment begun. Our LAF contributions have been among the State's highest. Increasing numbers of girls have been supported for a week at Tech Trek. Branch contributions help sustain the Women's Shelter and Mary Bethune School needs. Helen Sebring has initiated a yearly International Dinner - always a sellout - to raise money for women abroad.

Each year at the State Convention Branch anniversaries are celebrated. Last year members attending were thrilled to be recognized for our 85th. It became the idea for one of our themes for the year - let's celebrate those 85 years! Remember that beautiful cake at the Membership Tea? Digging for information in old Presidents' books one day, we were shocked to find a photograph of Branch members cutting another 85th anniversary cake - in 1996. But of course - the Branch, as a part of AAUW, was 85. But the organization of Long Beach college women supporting education for women and girls began in 1911, and so this is also our 95th anniversary. Just think, in another five years we can celebrate our first Centennial!

**AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders
Summit on Sexual Harassment:
Leading Change on Campus and Beyond
June 7–9, 2006 • Washington, D.C.**

on the campus of American University

The next generation of women leaders must have access to the information, skills, and resources necessary to lead change on campus and beyond. NCCWSL is a perfect complement to the leadership opportunities already available on your campus, designed to address the needs of both current and aspiring leaders!

- **Develop** leadership skills and action plans that *make a difference* on your campus and in your community.
- **Connect** with national experts on sexual harassment and student leaders who *initiated change* on their campus.

CONFERENCE DETAILS

Registration reservations are accepted and assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

NEW! Due to the generosity of AAUW members, the registration fee has been reduced

- **Full Conference** – Registration fee: \$200
Includes all conference sessions and materials, the Women of Distinction ceremony and reception, and scheduled meals.
 - Registration fee discounts (only one discount applies):
 - Special offer for AAUW college/university members: Send one student to the conference for just \$75! To take advantage of this offer, you'll need the promotional code included in the email notice.
 - AAUW student affiliates (10%)
 - College and University Partner delegations of four or more (15%)
 - Nonmember delegations of four or more (5%)
 - Scholarships are available
- **One-Day** – Registration fee: \$100

Students and professionals alike are invited to come for the day on Thursday, June 8 (9am-5pm) for a day of dialogue about campus sexual harassment. Discuss the problem, explore the available resources, and discover what's already being done successfully on campuses to improve the campus climate. Registration includes keynote, panel discussion, and morning and afternoon workshops.

- **Women of Distinction Ceremony** – Tickets are just \$35 and must be purchased in advance

Everyone is invited on Thursday, June 8, 7-9:15pm, for an evening of inspiration from five nationally-prominent women, followed by a dessert reception and a chance to mingle with the honorees.

Campus housing

- \$60 per night for a double room
- \$105 per night for a single room

Leadership & Training Institute. 202/785-7741. 202/872-1425 (fax). nccwsl@aauw.org

New Members Meeting

JoAnn Kuroda, Chair

All members who have joined the AAUW Long Beach Branch for the past year and those who were not able to come to a New Members Gathering in the previous year are invited to the last New Members Group dinner on Wednesday, June 28, at 6:30pm, at the home of JoAnn Kuroda, 5991 Belen St., Long Beach.

Please call JoAnn at 562-429-6923 and let her know if you are able to come to the fun and interesting evening. It will be a potluck dinner.

AAUW BRANCH MEETING Saturday, June 3, 2006

Café Camelia

16916 South Bellflower Blvd.
Bellflower, CA 90706

Gather: 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.
Business Meeting: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Lunch: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Program: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Menu: Choice of Chinese Chicken Salad,
Shrimp Tempura, or Ravioli Pasta
Strawberry Shortcake
Tea and coffee

Cost: \$25

Directions: North on Bellflower Blvd past the 91 Freeway overpass. The restaurant is two doors north of Bellflower/Walnut - the building has two dark blue awnings.

Parking: There are 6 spaces in front of the restaurant that have TWO HOUR parking. The small lot to the north of the restaurant belongs to the medical clinic and you could be towed. If you continue north 2 more streets to Flower and turn right, you will see a free City parking lot. Enter the SECOND driveway, which is next to the U.S. Post Office.

Cultural Interests

Jean Friedrichs, Cultural Interests Chair

The Friends of the Los Alamitos-Rossmoor Library invite AAUW members to attend their Annual Meeting with a Hawaiian Luau theme this year on Sunday, June 11, 2006 at 3:00 PM. The Library is located at 12700 Montecito, behind the Rossmoor Shopping Center. Entertainment, provided by the Mosaic Barbarshop Quartet, will feature old and island favorites. The program is FREE, but reservations are requested as a Lite Supper and refreshments will be served.

We will reserve a table for AAUW members for this event, so call Jean at 562-598-9218 if you plan to attend this fun party.

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:

Wednesday, May 31, 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.**

Please note your choice of entree _____

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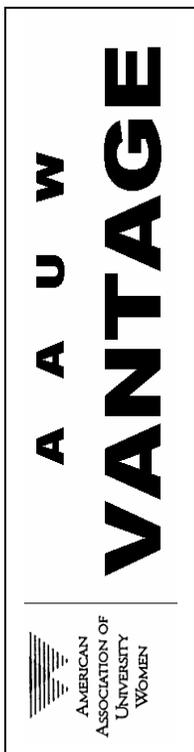
Interest Groups

<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	July 20	6:30 p.m.	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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