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Join Us For Our First Event Of The New Year A GARDEN PARTY

*Saturday, September 16, 2 to 4 PM
3591 Claremore Ave
Long Beach, CA
See Insert For More Information*



Public Policy

Betty Ann Rauch, Public Policy, Chair

The Public Policy Committee will resume meeting on Wednesday, September 20, 2006, at 1:30 PM at my home, 13040 Del Monte Drive 45C, Seal Beach. We will discuss the Propositions that will appear on the November ballot at our September and October meetings. Twelve have already been approved by the Secretary of State and no more that require signature verification can be submitted. However, the Legislature can propose ballot measures until the latter part of August. I know there is at least one that has a good possibility of passing, but hopefully there will be no more.

If you are interested in Public Policy but are unable to attend our meetings, you can still be part of the process. I will do my best to take notes of the meetings and send them to any interested party. Also, I forward messages I receive from AAUW's Public Policy Committee in Washington, DC, AAUW-CA Public Policy Director, and the chair of the Los Angeles County Interbranch Council (LACIC) to all members who have email address. I will also try to mail information to those who do not have email but many of the messages are time sensitive and do not give enough lead time for "snail mail."

Please let me know if you would like to participate in the Public Policy dialogue as an active or inactive member. We would love to have your participation. If you have any questions about the meeting, how to get to my home, or anything else pertaining to Public Policy, please call me at (562) 431-6679 or email me at barauch@att.net.

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MISSION STATEMENT

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



BRANCH NEWS



Courtesy

Mary Orr, Courtesy Chair

Hope Helen Sebring has fully recovered from her knee operation this summer.

Our condolences to Christina Elmgren. Her Father, Richard S. Elmgren, Sr., of Seal Beach, CA, passed away on July 21, 2006. A condolence card was sent on our behalf. Mr. Elmgren's obituary: www.legacy.com/lbpresstelegram/Obituaries.asp?Page=LifeStory&PersonID=18600601

Birthday greetings to all July, August and September honorees.

For 2006-2007 "The time has come, the walrus said, to speak of many things, of ships and sealing wax and cabbages and kings" and the Agenda.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Planned Branch Program Meetings (all on a Saturday except where noted):

Sep 16	2 to 4 PM	Garden Party 3591 Claremore, LB
Oct 7	9:30 AM	Holiday Inn
Nov 4	9:30 AM	LB Yacht Club
Dec 2	10 AM to Noon	Wassail Location: TBA
Jan 6	9:30 AM	Lakewood C.C.
Feb 3	9:30 AM	Leisure World
Mar 3	8:30 AM	Khoury's
Apr 12*	5 PM	El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant
May 5	9:30 AM	The Grand
Jun 2	9:30 AM	Old Ranch C.C.

*Thursday

Board Briefs

Linda Westman, Co-Secretary
Fay Denny, Co-Secretary

The AAUW Executive Committee met on July 17, 2006. Regular Executive Committee business was conducted. Fay Denny was appointed Co-Secretary.

Oct/Nov/Dec Program Info

Oct. 7—Educational Foundation Program. Our speaker will be Dr Linda Sax of UCLA will speak to us on "gender differences in the impact of college" and tell us what being an AAUW EF University Scholar-in-Residence means to her.

Nov 4-Legal Advocacy Program. Our speaker will address an aspect of the current status of sex discrimination cases and the role of AAUW.

Dec 2-Our annual Holiday Wassail and silent auction. Location to be determined.

BOARD MEMBERS: Below are the dates, times, and location of future Board of Directors and Executive Committee Meetings:

Board of Directors: St. Luke's Guild Room, 6:30 PM: Oct 16, Jan 15, Mar 19, May 21 (Joint Mtg) (3rd Monday of Month)

Executive Committee: St Luke's, Room 117, 6:30 PM: Sep 18, Nov 20, Dec 18, Feb 19, Apr 16 (3rd Monday of Month)

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Gail Morrison, President

Welcome to AAUW's 2006-2007 year!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for electing me as your president. Acting as president is going to be a real challenge for me because I am hard of hearing. It is something I have struggled with all my life.

When I was nine months old, I was walking and talking. Shortly thereafter, I came down with whooping cough. I nearly died. I recovered, but did not walk or talk until I was two years old. I had difficulty learning to read since I could not hear the words. Refusing to read, the teacher had me sit in the corner. This was at a time long before agencies tested and helped children with developmental problems. No one knew what was wrong with me. Because of the severity of my hearing loss, there weren't hearing aides powerful enough to help me. It wasn't until 2001 that I got my first hearing aides. I am now learning to speak better since I now hear more. I also have an ALD (Assistive Listening Device), called an R-31, that I wear over my hearing aides to help me hear better. I want to hear everything you say as I feel that what you say is important. You will need to get my attention by tapping me on the shoulder instead of calling my name from behind me. I do best with face-to-face conversations. I look forward to serving you and together we can make it happen!

LET'S BE A JOYFUL VOICE IN OUR COMMUNITY!

- V** - VANTAGE NEWSLETTER TO BE AVAILABLE ON-LINE WITH OBJECTIVE FOR ALL MEMBERS CAPABLE OF ACCESS
- O** - OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT WITH OTHERS
- I** - ISSUES OF EQUITY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS
- C** - CREATE MORE MEMBERSHIP
- E** - ENTHUSIASM FOR OUR PHILANTHROPIC PROJECTS

2007 MATH/SCIENCE CONFERENCE

Members of the 2007 Math/Science Conference Committee met in July to review the 2006 conference evaluations and make plans for 2007. The committee has tentatively set February 24, 2007, as the date for the next conference for middle school girls.

Among topics discussed were marketing strategies, transportation, and speaker selection. The committee decided to feature the following professions with math and science applications: forensic science, marine biology, architecture, chemical engineering, nursing, finance, robotics, and forensic medicine (coroner).

Any members interested in serving on the committee should contact Daphne Ching-Jackson, Conference Committee Chair at (562) 377-1670 or via e-mail at dchingjackson@charter.net. In addition to serving on the organizing committee, there are a multitude of "day of" volunteer jobs. Please sign-up to help with this event.



BACK TO SCHOOL

Lou Es Greene, Community Representative



Our homeless children, grades K-7, are returning to school. In addition to clothing, they will need school supplies, such as pens, pencils, spiral notebooks, lined notebook paper, colored pencils, and back packs. Children's books for young readers are always welcome.

The Women's Center also needs clothing as well as kitchen equipment, sheets, towels, etc.

It is a good time to clean out closets, desk drawers, overcrowded kitchen cabinets, and even under the bed! Things no longer needed, that don't fit, and all those pencils can become valued and useful again in the hands of those who have so little.

Linda Moore (714 504-4963) is our wonderful pick up and delivery service. Call her when you have bulky donations.

If you feel you have nothing useful to provide and/or can't tolerate searching things out in hot weather, slip me a few dollar bills, and I will happily purchase school supplies...or purchase them yourself and bring them to the branch office, bring them to our next meeting, or call Linda to pick them up. But if all this is not quite clear, contact Lou Es Green, Community Representative, (562) 434-6477, 227 St. Joseph Ave., Long Beach, 90803, email: mither@charter.net.

MUSICAL THEATER WEST PRESENTS "THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE"

Sunday, November 5th at 2 p.m.
\$40 per ticket
Carpenter Performing Arts Center, Long Beach

Please contact Sharon Westafer for tickets
Call: (562)493-4749 or
email: sharwest1@hotmail.com

A fundraiser for the Educational Foundation



AAUW Members in the News

AAUW member Gerrie Schipske was recently elected to the LB City Council representing the 5th district-East Long Beach. We are proud to have intelligent, educated women elected to city government and are especially proud when they are AAUW members.

Outgoing Mayor Beverly O'Neill and Councilmember Jackie Kell are also members of our local AAUW Branch. We want to thank them for their service to the city and wish them well in whatever they pursue for the future.

A Tapestry of International Lifestyles and Traditions

Darci Fersch – Diversity Chair

Long Beach is an urban metropolis with a diverse economy whose international ethnicity is woven into a tightly knit yet heterogeneous community. Long Beach has more than 100 neighborhoods with lifestyles and traditions worth discovering and preserving. Together, throughout the coming year, we will explore some of these lifestyles and traditions. A few upcoming events that you may find interesting are:

- ❖ **HOMELAND CULTURAL CENTER**, located at 1321 E. Anaheim Street, is a place for



community people to explore cultural traditions. The center is open to all ages, people, and groups. The center includes poetry readings, theater presentation performances of dance and music, and cultural celebrations. A few examples of the classes the center offers are Hip Hop Dance, Cambodian Arts, Street Theatre Workshop, West Afrikan Dance and

Drum, and Hmong Traditional Dance. **An upcoming event is the Homeland Urban Arts Festival, September 4-10, 2006.** More information about the Homeland Culture Center may be found at

www.longbeach.gov/park/facilities/homeland_cultural_center.asp

- ❖ Thanks to Target, on the **second Sunday of every month** the **MUSEUM OF LATIN**



AMERICAN ART (MoLAA) offers **FREE** admission and special programs. You can experience your favorite Latin American country as you learn the art and culture of a particular country and engage in fun hands-on projects. More information about MoLAA may be found at www.molaa.org

- ❖ **PORTRAITS OF A PEOPLE: Picturing African Americans in the Nineteenth**

Century will be exhibited at the Long Beach Museum of Art, 2300 E. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach 90803. Organized by the Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts. **August 25, 2006 - November 26, 2006.** More information about the Long Beach Museum of Art may be found at www.lbma.org.



The Truth is Stranger than Fiction

U.S. Attorney Christopher Christie, in a statement on prison inmate Donald Ray Bilby, who pleaded guilty to mailing bomb and anthrax threats to the FBI and Secret Service said that Bilby included his full name and inmate numbers in the letters!?!

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Long Beach, (CA) Branch Research & Projects Grant

The AAUW Educational Foundation (EF) has several types of grants and fellowships which are awarded to eligible women scholars. One type of grant is the Research and Projects grant, which is awarded to women who are re-entering the work force, changing their career, or advancing an existing career. The grants are also given to women seeking ways to help their communities with specific projects that promote educational equity for women and girls. Seed money is provided to AAUW branches, states, and individual women for non-degree research and other projects.

The newest grant established by the Long Beach Branch is the Long Beach (CA) Branch Research & Projects Grant. When the grant is completed, it will be in the amount of \$75,000. The branch has 10 years to complete funding the grant; to date the branch has contributed \$12,625.00. A realistic goal is to contribute \$7500.00 per year for 10 years. Let's see how much we can contribute this year! The deadline for branch contributions to EF is December 1.

There will be a variety of ways for you to support EF. One easy way is for each of you to mail your tax-deductible donation, made out to AAUW-EF, to:

Sharon Westafer
6222 E. Marina View Drive
Long Beach, CA 90803

A donation to EF is a great way to make a memorial contribution in honor of a loved one or to recognize someone's birthday or other notable event. By simply writing a check, you don't have to buy a new dress, take the curlers from your hair, or even go out of the house. The following categories are recognized by National AAUW:

Equity Circle-\$500.00
Chocolate Club-\$300.00
2nd Century Club-\$200.00
Century Club- \$100.00

You can also be a member of the Half Century Club with a donation of \$50 or the Quarter Century Club with a donation of \$25. However, **any amount donated is greatly appreciated.**

Thank you to Jean Aldrich for her recent donation to the Century Club in memory of Bobbie Ripperdan.

Besides writing a check, you'll want to participate in the following fundraisers being planned for this year: Bunco/game night at Barbara Cottrell's, "Thoroughly Modern Millie" Musical Theater West matinee on Sunday, November 5, and shopping at Barnes and Noble, Marina Pacifica in November. We will also be selling the Women pins and Dianne Bradfield will be selling pencil case/coin purses as a new item.

Thank you so much for your continued support of the Educational Foundation.

Sharon Westafer, EF Vice President



ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

Barbara Gleason, Chair

When: Wednesday, October 12

Time: Start at 130 PM

On October 12, we meet at 130 PM at the Goodwill Store at the corner of Willow and Atlantic. After our browsing, we will depart Goodwill and head North on Atlantic Blvd to "Food Finders," 3434 Atlantic Blvd. Our last stop will be at Mary Orr's home for coffee. Her address is 3320 Pasadena Ave.

Save November 12, for our annual outing to the Symphony Guild Fall Festival.

For those who like quilts, Long Beach City College will host a quilt show on Saturday, October 7, from 1 to 3 PM. The admission is \$15 with an advance reservation (call 562 938-4094) or \$20 at the door. Opportunity tickets to win handmade quilts will be available. LBCC President, Dr Jane Kehoe, and LBCC Foundation Director (and Branch member), Dr. Ginny Baxter, will each contribute a quilt for the drawing.

Cultural Interests

Jean Friedrichs 562-598-9218

I am planning an outing to the Long Beach Symphony Pops Concert on Saturday, October 7, 2006 at the Long Beach Arena.

Tickets cost \$10.00 and may be purchased from me. I will supply wine, crackers and cheese at intermission.

Call me right away so I will know how many tickets to order. These are Loge seats but handicapped floor tickets should be available at the same price. Performers include the Symphony orchestra under David Benoit and guest singers Susan Egan and Michael Maguire.

Further information regarding the Long Beach Symphony may be found at www.lbso.org.



JOIN BOOK CHAT PLUS ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2006) AT 1:30 PM AT THE HEADQUARTERS AT ST. LUKE'S. We will sip tea and have a friendly discussion of our summer reading, trips, movies, etc. Everyone is welcome to come, reservations are not necessary. Contact is Jean Friedrichs (562) 598-9218.

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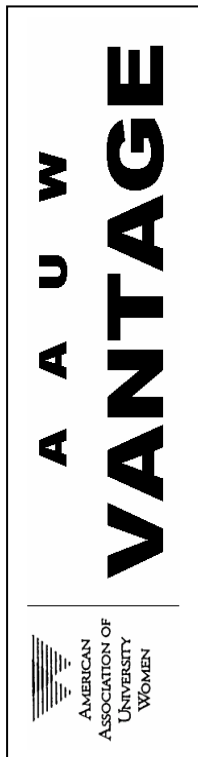
Interest Groups

<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	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
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

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

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