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Flo Pickett, Program VP

*Join Us at Our Dinner Meeting
Learn About the Religions of Nigeria
Thursday, April 12, 2007*

Many of us cannot attend on Saturdays due to commitments to our family. Our general meeting in April is a dinner meeting on Thursday, April 12, 2007. Please plan to attend.

Eunice Iliya, a citizen of Nigeria, and current student at the Claremont School of Religion, will be our April 12 dinner speaker. She will tell us about the southern part of Nigeria, the poorer part and its continuous troubles with Northern Nigeria. The people in the north are Muslim and in the south are Christian and Animalist. Our speaker will explain Animalism (similar to pagans or naturalists) and tell us of the conflicts between the groups. Ms Iliya intends to study in this country and then to return to southern Nigeria to minister to her people.

The April dinner meeting will begin at 5 PM at the El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant.

Lou Es Greene, Community Relations

Update on Community Relations

The Long Beach Branch received a most gracious letter of appreciation from Rhoda Haramis, Program Facilitator/Lead Teacher at Bethune Transitional Center thanking us for the very special bedding and the warm caps. They have been particularly concerned about those Bethune students and their siblings in regular Long Beach classes who are still sleeping in cars during our recent cold weather. You have helped a lot of cold kids!

Bethune is not only emphasizing that the student learn to express gratitude for our gifts and those of other community organizations and that they also realize the importance of giving back to the community.

The Women's Center staff is working hard to help their clients move into their own housing and are in particular need of household equipment from sheets and bath towels to pots and pans. (An early Spring Cleaning should discover some much needed items.) Donations may be left at our office headquarters, at my house, or may be picked up if you notify Linda Moore (714) 374 7443, our very superior delivery system.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN MISSION STATEMENT

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

BRANCH NEWS

Courtesy

Mary Orr, Courtesy Chair

We learned that Emily Elgin's daughter passed away in December. A condolence card was sent to Emily and family.

Evelyn Flam's husband, Barney, had surgery in February and made an excellent recovery. February 25 was their wedding anniversary and we sent a card wishing them a happy celebration.

Rosalie Winston had to drop out of AAUW because of a serious illness. She is under-going chemo regularly and get well cards would help to hasten her recovery and let her know we are thinking of her. She can be reached at 5140 Atherton, #19, Long Beach, CA 90815. We look forward to her joining us again. A get well card was sent our behalf.

Happy birthday to all April honorees.
Happy Easter to all.

Be kinder than necessary as everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.

Anon

BOARD MEMBERS

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

Board of Directors: St. Luke's Youth Room, 6:30 PM: **Mar 19**, May 21 (3rd Monday of Month)

Executive Committee: **Apr 16** (St Luke's, Room 117, 6:30 PM)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Planned Branch Program Meetings

Apr 12*	5 PM	El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant
May 5	9:30 AM	The Grand

NEW DATE

Jun 9	9:30 AM	Old Ranch C.C.
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*Thursday Evening

BOARD BRIEFS

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN LONG BEACH BRANCH FEBRUARY 19, 2007

The Executive Board of Directors' meeting of the Long Beach Branch of AAUW was called to order by President Gail Morrison at the home of Jean Aldrich at 6:43 p.m. on February 19, 2007. Regular Branch business was conducted. Motion by Sharon Westafer, seconded by Deloris Mayuga, that the EF Committee hold three fund-raisers for the spring and summer: (1) A trip to the Griffith Observatory, April 24th, 2007; (2) A non-event fund-raiser for April/May; and (3) A bridge/bunco fund-raiser for July. Motion passed. Motion by Fay Denny, seconded by Norma Grady, that the Board recommend to the Branch that the Long Beach Branch enter into a contract with Aramark Entertainment to provide staff at concession stands at Angel Stadium. The dates and times to be arranged with Aramark Entertainment. Motion passed. Motion by Fay Denny, seconded by Norma Grady that the Board recommend to the Branch that Deloris Mayuga, Judith Kaho, Fay Denny, Sharon Westafer, and others up to a total of 5 be approved as delegates to the AAUW State Convention in April 2007. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Fay Denny, Co-Recording Secretary

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FROM THE PRESIDENT: Gail Morrison

Board and Branch Notes:

On Saturday, February 24th, we held our Fifth Annual Math/Science Conference for middle school girls at Long Beach City College's Pacific Coast Campus. Close to 100 girls attended this free conference to talk with professional, young women in a variety of careers using math and science.

At our general meeting on March 3, 2007, we approved the following:

- The five voting delegates to State Convention April 27-29 held in Ontario: Judith Kaho, Deloris Mayuga, Fay Denny and Sharon Westafer. (Note that any AAUW member may attend the Convention. By volunteering 4 hours you may save \$70 off the Registration.)
- The revised budget recommended by the board.
- The proposed Aramark fundraiser for next year. Aramark works with non-profits to provide volunteers to work the concession booths at Edison Field (i.e., Angel Stadium.) Each AAUW volunteer can earn \$70 or more dollars depending on the number of volunteers. Volunteers do NOT need to be AAUW members, but must be older than 18. See article in this issue.

In response to becoming more visible in our community, I have appointed an ad hoc committee consisting of Deloris Mayuga, Flo Pickett, Darlene Daclan, and myself. We will report at each board meeting of current events in the community. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please feel free to call me/e-mail me at (562) 438-0597 or gailgo@earthlink.net.

At our March branch meeting, we honored 18 past-presidents: Jean Aldrich, Dianne Bradfield, Daphne Ching-Jackson, Virginia Contarsy, Fay Denny Violette Dwyer, Jean Friedrichs, Helen Gillis, Barbara Gleason, Anne Graves, Joan Gustafson, Judith Kaho, Frances Magaria, Deloris Mayuga, Ellen Mathis, Betty Ann Rauch, Helen Sebring, and Betty Thompson. We are honored by their dedication to our AAUW branch.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- March 19 Board of Directors meeting at St. Luke's Youth Room, 6:30 p.m.
- March 26 LACIC, 6:30 p.m. Downey Library
- April 27-29 California State Convention in Ontario
- June 2 LACIC Leadership Training/Installation
- JUNE 9 NEW DATE: Branch Installation at Old Ranch Country Club

Sharon Westafer, EF VP

Spring EF Activities

Most of you have heard about the reopening of the Griffith Observatory. Jean Friedrichs, Joan Gustafson and the EF committee are working on a visit to the observatory in April. The tentative date is April 24th so mark your calendars. The reservations office isn't capable of making reservations too far in advance so at the time of this writing, we still can't make reservations for April but we will make reservations as soon as possible. A \$20 donation, which includes the shuttle ride to the observatory, is requested, as this will be a fundraiser for EF. More details will be provided to you via email or phone call. Contact Sharon Westafer, 562-493-4749. to sign up for this trip.

A non-event EF fundraiser is also being planned for April. Get ready to relax in the comfort of your home reading a good book. Watch for your invitation in the mail.

Thank you to Joan Gustafson for her recent donation to EF. She made a \$75 donation in honor of Sybil Beach, who did something nice for Joan. What a nice way to say thank you. Perhaps you know someone you'd like to honor in this way for Mother's Day, a birthday, graduation or just to say thank you. Checks made out to EF are 100% tax deductible.

Tech Trek Math/Science Camp for Girls

A big thank you to all of you who donated to the 2007 Tech Trek Math, Science & Technology Camp fund. Your generous donations will enable four lucky young women to attend the Whittier College Tech Trek Camp this August. The generous 2007 donors are: Frances Rozner, Betty Shaw, Jean Aldrich, Norma Grady, Julie Mills, Joan Calder, Darci Fersch, Lois Malone, Judith Kaho, Linda Westman, Lou Es Greene, Dianne Bradfield, Kee DeBoer, Pat Sargeant, Barbara Cottrell, Sandy Tessier, Joanne O'Neill, Valerie Haffner, Miriam Garland, Betty Ann Rauch, Mary Riddick, Fay Denny, Joan Gustafson, Lois Shilling, Ruth Graham, Betty Thompson, Gail Morrison, Beatrice Avcollie, Janet Seiter, E.A. Stankov, Monica Honey, Jean Friedrichs, Barbara Anders, Ann Beaubier, Helen Sebring, Carolyn Maddox, Janice Miklas, Anonymous, Linda Silver, Ellen Mathis, Sharon Westafer, Frances La Mar, Flo Pickett, Linda Patten, Norma Mayfield, and Deloris Mayuga.

I would also like to thank the women who volunteered to help with the Tech Trek committee: Deloris Mayuga, Linda Patten, Betty Shaw, Lynn Shrum, and Betty Thompson. They are working on evaluating and revising forms and will soon be evaluating essays and conducting interviews. Of course we also want to thank Daphne Ching-Jackson for "paving the way for the process" and Frances Rozner for her excellent fundraising effort!

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 women. Thank you all!!

Ellen Mathis, Mentor Program

MENTOR PROGRAM HELPS AT MATH/SCIENCE CONFERENCE

This month's Mentoring project was assisting, as guides, at the AAUW LB 5th Annual Math/Science Conference for middle school girls held at Long Beach City College. Our Mentees carried Workshop signs to lead the attendees to the room for their first and then, second choices. The girls were free then to attend the workshop for the career that interested them. The Chemical Engineer had the attendees combine poly (vinyl alcohol) and sodium tetra borate to show hydrogen bonding. They created a shimmery fluid polymer (colored with food color) that could be shaped, that flows and that will shear if twisted quickly.

Several presenters and AAUW volunteers joined the Mentees for lunch in the Senior Center there on campus. Many thanks, Joan Calder, for planning, buying, and bringing the food. We also had a birthday cake for dessert and sang Happy Birthday (we celebrate everyone's birthday on one day each year). After lunch, Lou Ex Greene, past Branch Legal Advocacy Vice President, shared with the girls what AAUW does in this arena. She did this by sharing what type behaviors constituted discrimination and/or sexual harassment as demonstrated in AAUW LAF supported cases. Our mentees listened with rapt attention to Lou Es's presentation.



INTERNATIONAL DINNER

We have booked the Acapulco at Marina Pacifica for the International Dinner with speaker Dr. Gilbert G Gonzalez, professor of Chicano Studies, UCI, and noted author, speaking on migration on May 9 from 6 PM to 9PM.

The cost is \$30.00 per person for a tasty dinner and includes a \$10 donation to help refugees through IAUW.

Deadline for reservations is May 5, 2007. Guests are welcome. Please order your tickets from Helen Sebring, 562 596-0180. Please make your checks payable to AAUW-Long Beach.

CONNIE INSKEEP LEADERSHIP AWARD

Connie Inskeep was an outstanding leader in our Branch who held various offices and was President or co-President of the Branch three times. In addition, she held leadership positions in LACIC and the California State AAUW Board. Her energy and love of AAUW was always inspirational.

The Leadership Award was begun in the 1996/1997 year and is awarded to a branch member who exhibits qualities of leadership that meet the following criteria:

1. Demonstrated leadership in the Branch that is consistent with the mission of AAUW, i.e. promotes equity for women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change.
2. Demonstrated leadership at the Los Angeles Interbranch Council or LA District level
3. Demonstrated leadership at the AAUW California or Association Level..

Any of the criteria listed above solely or in combination is acceptable for a nomination. Please make your nomination and list the areas of leadership that make your nominee qualify for this award.

IMPORTANT: NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY APRIL 15, 2007. PLEASE REFER TO THE INSERT INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE.

Please call Joan Gustafson, Committee Chair, (562) 439-3130 or e-mail jwg221@aol.com. The previous recipients of this award are JoAnn Kuroda, Joyce Clark, Jean Aldrich, Judith Kaho, Fay Denny, Deloris Mayuga, Daphne Ching-Jackson, Betty Ann Rauch and Joan Gustafson.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The nominating committee is pleased to announce the list of nominees for the following board offices:

Program Co-Vice President:	Flo Pickett and Darci Fersch
Membership Co-Vice President:	Darlene Daclan and Linda Westman
Education Foundation Vice President:	Sharon Westafer
Legal Advocacy Fund Vice President:	Carolyn Magnuson
Co-Secretary:	Linda Silver and Betty Shaw
President-Elect:	Linda Patten

Thank you to these members for accepting nominations and to those of you who helped with suggestions. Committee members are Joan Calder, Kee DeBoer, Norma Grady, Sunny Meylor, Jere Millington, Flo Pickett and Sharon Westafer, Chair.

Sharon Westafer, EF VP

A New Fund Raiser

We're always looking for new ways to raise funds for various branch projects. At the March branch meeting, members approved a new fundraiser for the branch. We will be working at various concessions at Edison Field (Angel Stadium) during the Angel baseball games. Depending on how many volunteers we have per game, we can raise between \$70 and \$80 per person per event. The shift is about 6 hours and involves various jobs such as pouring beer or dishing up food. Participants must be at least 18 years of age and must attend one training day. We must commit to at least 10 games but there are numerous home games scheduled from March through September so we know this won't be a problem. You may work as many times as you'd like. We'd like at least five people for each event. The more who attend, the more money we earn. Sharon Westafer and Fay Denny are planning to work 10 games. We don't need to commit to a game until a week or so before the date. If you (and family or friends) are interested in working on this fundraiser, please contact Sharon Westafer 562-493-4749 for more information.

Darci Fersch, Diversity

UNDER ONE SKY

AAUW was well represented at the recent National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) breakfast recently held at the Hyatt Regency in Long Beach. Wayne Dyer's quote: "If you change the way you look at the world, the things you look at will change." was on our table. The breakfast conference opened with a moving interfaith invocation by Khalil Momand of Islamic Center of the South Bay, Gretchen Krutz of Baha'i, Pastor Duane Moret of the Holy Spirit Fellowship, and Rabbi Howard Laibson of the Congregation Shir Chadash. The Keynote remarks were given by Prince Cedza Dlamini, Cedza pursues his vision by working through a number of youth-focused initiatives. His efforts include promoting the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), empowering young people across the world, and helping people understand their interconnectedness by promoting an African philosophical concept called "Ubuntu." **Ubuntu** is an age-old African term for humaneness - for caring, sharing and being. As a powerful, historical example, he told of how South African leaders such as Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Nelson Mandela (his grandfather), and many others turned to the principles of Ubuntu when negotiating the peaceful transition of South Africa from apartheid to democracy in 1994. He also shared personal stories and experiences that illustrated the differences between communal cultures and individualistic cultures. Finally, Cedza directed his comments to the youth in imagining what the world can be and how the future can look if we identify and incorporate communal values into our value system. Cedza ended his remarks with a quote from Marianne Williamson: "Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.



Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our Light, not our Darkness, that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous? Actually, who are you NOT to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightening about shrinking so that other people won't feel unsure around you. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It is not just in some of us; it is in everyone. As we let our own Light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others."

Note to Darci: Thank you so much for making this inspiring and informative event available for us. —The AAUW Attendees

NEW MEMBERS GROUP

The second New Members Group dinner/meeting was a success. Thank you to Deloris Mayuga for being a gracious hostess and to those who brought the tasty dishes. One of the interesting ideas that was discussed at the first meeting, back in November, was to have a basket of goodies that we could sell opportunity tickets at the March meeting. The theme "The Traveling Woman" was our focal point and many items such as cosmetic bags full of lipstick and facial creams, luggage tags, socks, cotton swabs, mini big bag, clothes pins, European plug adaptor and books to read while traveling and about women who like to travel were put into the basket. The monies earned totaled \$200.00 and went to the Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund. A big thank you to everyone who donated the interesting items and to those who gave generously in purchasing the opportunity tickets.

Learn More About Paid Family Leave

On Saturday, March 3 members of AAUW Long Beach heard Cecile Kelley relate the challenges that she and her mother experienced as working mothers. As more and more of the workforce are made up of mothers of underage children, the Paid Family Leave plan becomes more important. Only 1 out of 4 people know about Paid Family Leave and the numbers are even lower among younger workers and Latino workers – yet 13 million Californians are eligible for the benefits the plan provides to bond with a new child or to care for a seriously ill family member.

Who can receive Paid Family Leave? All employees who pay into State Disability Insurance, and are taking time off from work to bond with a newborn baby, newly adopted or foster child, or to care for a seriously ill parent, child, spouse or registered domestic partner.

How much money does one receive? The maximum weekly benefit is \$882 while an employee earning \$32,000 a year would receive \$325 a week.

Is an employee guaranteed their job back? The plan does not expressly provide job return rights but employees who work for businesses with 50 or more employees, have at least one year of service, and have worked 1,250 hours in the past year may be covered by the Family and Medical Leave Act and the California Family Rights Act, which provide up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave.

For more information visit the [California Paid Family Leave Website](#), [Employment Development's \(EDD\) website](#) or call EDD 977-Be-There.

AAUW BRANCH MEETING THURSDAY EVENING APRIL 12, 2007

El Dorado Park Golf Course and Event Center
Garden Pavilion
2400 Studebaker Road
(between Willow and Stearns)
Long Beach CA 90815
(562) 795-7751

5:00 - 5:30 PM Social 5:30 - 6:15 PM Dinner
6:15 - 7:15 PM Business meeting
7:15 - 8:15 PM Program

Menu: Garden Salad & Choice of Dressing
Coffee, Decaf, Iced Tea, Water
Baked Ham, Green Beans, Potatoes Au Gratin
Biscuits and honey
Dessert: Chocolate Mousse

Vegetarian: Pasta Primavera

Cost: \$19.00

Questions? Call Sunny Meylor (562) 594-5519

Deadline April 6, 2007

RESERVATION RETURN

Send your registration and Check payable to AAUW Long Beach Branch. Please mail to Judy Allen, 2845 Greenbrier Road, Long Beach, CA 90815

Deadline for Reservations, April 6, 2007

Member(s)

Phone (Day) _____ Evening _____

Guest(s)

Address(s)

No. of Reservations ____ Amount Enclosed _____

Vegetarian Plate: ____

I would like to make ____ reservation(s) for the **meet-
ing and program only.**

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Interest Groups

Public Policy meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 130 PM. March 21, 2007 meeting at Norma Grady's. For details on the April 19, 2007 meeting, please contact Betty Ann Rauch (562) 431-6679.

Book Chat Plus will meet on the FIFTH MONDAY in April, April 30th at Headquarters at 1:30 PM. Books recently reviewed include the latest by Tony Hillerman about the Southwest Indian culture and crime scene and Dick Francis about the English racing crime scene. Do come and join us. Call Jean Friedrichs at (562) 598-9218 for more information.

Equity Players meet "as needed." New members always welcome. Please contact Lou Es Greene at (562) 434-6477.

Antiques and Collectibles will meet Thursday, May 17, at Grandma Darlings Antique Mall, near Willow and Cherry, across the street from Costco, behind Office Depot (562) 290-8285. Time to be determined when I call you. Dealers from the defunct Lakewood "Village Vault" have moved to Grandma's. Shall we meet for lunch at Costco (hot dog or pizza) or go to Rossmoor Pastries afterwards or both? Barbara Gleason, Chair (562) 421-2206

Bridge Groups:

Other Wednesday Bridge	1 st & 3 rd Wednesday	Noon – 4:00 p.m.	Emily Elgin	(562) 498-0646
Friday Bridge	2 nd Friday	9:30 a.m. – noon	Cathy Cunningham	(562) 424-3166

Both groups meet at the Petroleum Club, 3636 Linden Avenue, Long Beach, 90807

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