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Sharon Westafer, EF VP

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION FOCUS NOVEMBER PROGRAM Saturday, November 3, 2007

The speaker for our November branch meeting, Tracy Sachtjen, is the 2006-2007 recipient of the Louise Ruth Arbogast American Fellowship Endowment, established and completed by the Long Beach branch in 1986. (See the EF article in this issue for more about Louise.) Tracy graduated from Smith College, spent her post-undergraduate years working in Seattle, and is now a Ph.D. candidate in History at the University of California, Irvine.

Tracy's dissertation, "American Ugly: The Production of Ugliness in American Culture", studies the history of ugliness in the United States. According to Ms. Sachtjen, "rather than a personal relationship between an individual and her mirror, ugliness has become a public way of talking about the failure of different groups- - women, immigrants, migrants- - to conform to dominant standards of appearance, behavior, and morality."

The meeting will be a self-catered luncheon, and there will be envelopes on the tables for you to make your tax-deductible contributions to EF. Please make checks payable to AAUW-EF. This meeting will be a wonderful opportunity to meet a recipient of funds raised for EF and to help bring the branch closer to completing funding for the Long Beach Branch Research and Projects Grant.

Gail Morrison, Past President

Every member of last year's board received this lovely thank you from Gail.

"You are the wind beneath my wings"

Thank you for your support and contributions this past year. I have made a \$100 donation to the Math/Science Conference in honor of the 2006-2007 Long Beach Board of AAUW. Your support has made all the difference. Gail Morrison

Gail—You're welcome and thank you for your hard work last year.

Elaine Babbush, Publicity

HELP REQUESTED

I need your help. Please send me any articles about AAUW that you see in local papers such as : Beachcomber, Daily Breeze, Downey Patriot, Gazette Newspapers, News Enterprise, Signal Tribune, The Sun, The Press Telegram, Lakewood Community News, Los Cerritos News etc.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN MISSION STATEMENT

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research

Branch News

Mary Orr, Courtesy Chair

COURTESY

Congratulations to Del Clark, one of our fairly new members, who is the 2008 President of the Rossmoor Women's Club, a prominent active fundraising group. This adds to the goal of increasing our visibility in the community.

Sadly we report the death of Shirley Stearns, a dear friend and a member for many years. A condolence card was sent on our behalf.

Birthday greetings to all November honorees.
Happy Thanksgiving!

"Don't measure yourself by what you have accomplished, but what you should accomplish with your abilities "

John Wooden, Legendary Basketball Coach.

REMEMBER

EQUITY IS STILL AN ISSUE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Planned Monthly Branch Meetings

- 11/3 EF Self-catered Lunch
Location: Grace First Presbyterian Church
Speaker: Tracy Sachtjen, EF Fellow
- 12/1 Wassail, Location: Bayshore Community Congregational Church
- 1/5 Lunch, Location: The Grand
- 2/2 Lunch, Location: Leisure World
- 3/1 Lunch, Location: Long Beach Yacht Club
- 4/3* Dinner, Assistance League Headquarters
- 5/3 Afternoon Membership Garden Party
Location: TBA
- 6/7 Lunch, Old Ranch Country Club
Installation of New Officers

All meetings except 4/3 are on the first Saturday of the month

*4/3—Thursday evening meeting

PLEASE JOIN US

Prospective New Members
Welcome at Every Meeting

BOARD BRIEF

The Executive Committee of the AAUW Long Beach Branch met on September 17, 2007. Regular Board Business was conducted. The following motion was made by Linda Patten, seconded by Gail Morrison and unanimously passed by the Executive Committee: The Branch purchase 100 sheets of AAUW stationery and 100 envelopes.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

All are held on a Monday and start at 6:30 PM. All are being held at St. Luke's in the Guild Room
Dates: 10/15, 1/21, 3/17 (wear green, it's St. Patrick's Day), 5/19

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All are held on a Monday and start at 6:30 PM. Meetings will rotate between Judith Kaho's (J) home and Deloris Mayuga's (D)
Dates: 11/19 (J); 12/17 (D); 2/18 (J); 4/21 (D)

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

CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Fall brings golden leaves and shorter days. It is a time to think of harvests. What have the members accomplished? What are the possibilities for the future?

The Long Beach Branch of AAUW has a Long Range Plan that states the goals for achieving the mission of the organization, "advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research." Please read the first three goals and think of a possible action plan for each goal. Send your suggestions to Judith and Deloris at anytime during their term of office.

AAUW Long Beach Branch Long Range Plan (July 2005-June 2008).

- Goal #1: AAUW LB will increase visibility in the community.
- Goal #2: AAUW LB will integrate new members into the branch.
- Goal #3: AAUW LB will increase the diversity of the membership

Thank you for your continued support of the programs and activities of the Long Beach Branch. The September and October branch meetings were outstanding.

May the autumn days bring a bountiful harvest of good friends and good deeds.

Judith Kaho and Deloris Mayuga

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PLEASE WELCOME PATRICIA REID AND HELEN MCALLISE

If you get a chance, please welcome Patricia Reid and Helen McAllise to the Branch. They are already contributing to Great Decisions discussions; their talents and experiences give them much to draw upon.

After graduating in journalism from Syracuse University, Patricia Reid worked for ten years as a news reporter for such publications as the *Christian Science Monitor* and the *Santa Monica Outlook*. Transitioning into public relations, she became the Public Information Officer for Bellflower USD, then Los Angeles (Harbor Department and LAX), and finally for Caltrans where she wrote speeches for various governors and worked with all the media outlets. Now retired, she serves on the board of South Coast Interfaith Council, takes classes in Classical Music and Spanish, and spends as much time at her desert home as she can. Patricia loves theater, art museums, and all things cultural—and among those passions is her Siamese kitten G.G.

Early in life Helen McAllise became intrigued by foreign lands. This interest led to extensive study of Spanish and Latin American language and culture. A degree from Youngstown University (Ohio) was followed by a Master's in Spanish and Latin American literature from NYU and study in Spain. Besides teaching English for a time in Colombia and Venezuela during the 1970s, she has traveled extensively in Latin America. Now retired from a career at Paramount High School, Helen is looking forward to a stay in Paris, a city she finds wonderful. By the way, we were able to capture Helen from another Branch—she finds us much more warm and welcoming. So, now we've got to live up to our reputation!

Linda Patten, President-Elect

NEW BOOK GROUP

The Women's National Book Association (www.nwba-books.org) launched the first annual National Book Club Month in October – it is the perfect time to form a new AAUW book group! If you are interested in reading and then discussing a best-selling novel (e.g., *The Kite Runner*) each month, help us form the perfect book group. Please contact Linda Patten at (linda@lpatten.com) or 562-402-6831.

Carolyn Magnuson, LAF VP

THANK YOU

Kudos to the membership for their generosity to the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF). We received a little more than \$1,700 on Saturday. It's not too late for those who could not attend the October meeting to contribute as well. These contributions will be put to good use.

There have been two recent victories of note in LAF supported litigation. On September 6, the Tenth Circuit overturned a lower court's summary judgment in favor of the University of Colorado and ruled in favor of plaintiff Lisa Simpson by concluding there was sufficient evidence of university responsibility for the a sexual assault of Ms. Simpson by members of the school's football team for a jury to return a verdict in her favor. On September 20, plaintiff Laura Violand prevailed against George Washington University when the appellate court upheld her \$280,955 jury award for damages in her pay inequality law suit.

Your gift to LAF helps provided need financial support to these plaintiffs. As your donation is a tax-deductible contribution, we recommend that you write a check, payable to AAUW-LAF.

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION FOCUS IN NOVEMBER

The November meeting will be a great opportunity for you to contribute to EF if you haven't already done so. There will be colorful envelopes on the tables and you may use as many as you'd like for your donation! You won't want to miss this meeting as we'll meet Tracy Sachtjen, an American Fellow and recipient of funds from the Louise Ruth Arbogast American Fellowship Endowment. Louise was a beloved kindergarten teacher and long time member of the Long Beach branch. When she passed away, she left funds to the branch. The Endowment, established and completed in 1986, was named to honor her commitment and generosity to AAUW. American Fellowships support women doctoral candidates completing dissertations and scholars seeking funds for postdoctoral research leave or for preparing completed research for publication. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Thank you so much to Fay Denny and JoAnn Kuroda for planning the self-catered luncheon for the November branch meeting, and to all of you who signed up to help. The generosity of our members with their time and commitment is wonderful. Thank you also to Lois Malone for your donation, Anne Graves for your donation in memory of Janet Krueger, and Nicole Ramsdell, who joined the Century Club with her donation in memory of Jane Sellers.

There will be a silent auction, as well as the gently used book sale, at the Wassail on December 1 and we are gathering auction items and books. If you have items to donate, let me know and I'll gladly collect them from you. Suggested auction items are gift certificates, tickets to theater, concerts or sporting events, hand-made items or whatever creative items you would like to donate.

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Helen Sebring, International Relations

GREAT DECISIONS

Please sign up in November to join a Great Decisions group. You could go on line to check the topics or be amazed and surprised at the ability of the Foreign Policy Association to pick such pertinent issues. The cost of the book continues to be \$15.00 this year. Checks should be made payable to AAUW-Long Beach with Great Decisions placed in the memo portion of the check. Please give the check to me, Helen Sebring, or mail to me at 1705 Bolsa, Seal Beach, 90740. You can indicate if you are interested in a morning, afternoon, or evening group. A group of 5 or 6 makes a great discussion cluster.

I have two books I would like to recommend: *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortensen and David Oliver Relin and *Desert Queen* by Janet Wallach. Both are very pertinent in light of today's current international events. They tell about many aspects of Pakistan and Afghanistan and the problems that the people there have had to cope with and the continuing situations.

The group "One Shared World" which is sponsored by AAUW, is a group of women working together to build a better world. Visit www.aauw.org/international_corner/onesharedworld.cfm for more information about our partner and what we as Americans and as an organization can do to make a difference

Remember! It's Great Decisions Time

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NEW MEMBERS

The next new members' dinner will be held on November 14 at the home of Betty Thompson. The new members will to collect items needed by the Mary Bethune School and to bring these items to the next dinner. We hope all of our "newer" members will join us then. You will enjoy being a part of this diverse, dynamic group. Please contact Betty Thompson, 562-430-8438, for more information.

Betty Ann Rauch, Director of Public Policy

PUBLIC POLICY – NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT

AAUW, in partnership with other like-minded organizations, remains committed to ensuring strong academic principles and closing the achievement gap for all children. AAUW believes it is possible and necessary to maintain a commitment to high standards and greater accountability in our nation's public schools. However, that pledge cannot be in principle only, it must be accompanied by the federal commitment and financial assistance to make it a reality. AAUW supports the following efforts to reform and strengthen the law's goals and improve its implementation.

1. AAUW supports promoting and strengthening science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education, especially for girls and other underrepresented populations in the fields.
2. Fulfill the need for more highly-qualified STEM teachers.
3. Give STEM subjects and activities preference in after-school programs.
4. Emphasize math and science in early education, Not just High School.
5. Ask for a report responding to *Rising Above the Gathering Storm*, the timely report commissioned by Congress from the National Academies on Science, Engineering, and Medicine.
6. Measure student achievement in science. AAUW supports measuring student aptitude in science as well as reading and math. However, Congress must recognize that while testing is an important measure of success, high stakes testing should not be the sole indicator of student competency or a school's progress.
7. AAUW supports efforts under Title II, Section 2202 that train teachers to encourage girls and other underrepresented groups to pursue math and science careers.
8. AAUW supports the reauthorization of the Women's Educational Equity Act. This law was first enacted in 1974 to promote educational equity for women and girls, through the provision of funds to help education agencies and institutions meet the requirements of Title IX.
9. AAUW supports the inclusion of High School Athletics Accountability Act in the reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind Act.

Some of AAUW's other recommendations include:

1. Holding schools accountable for demonstrating that they are meeting goals, however they should do so in a way that does not create a bigger problem than it seeks to solve. AAUW believes the federal government should offer incentives and assistance to struggling schools, rather than punishment and sanctions, which only serves to further harm students.
2. AAUW believes in making NCLB funding mandatory at the authorized levels.
3. AAUW believes Title V should be amended to ensure adequate physical education classes and equity in facilities and equipment access and usage. Over the past 25 years, the percentage of overweight girls has more than doubled; currently 16% of girls ages 6 to 19 are overweight, up from 6% in 1974.

INTEREST GROUP INFORMATION

Antiques and Collectibles. Joan Gustafson has advised me that our annual outing to the Children's Benefit Leagues Harvest Faire at Bethany Lutheran Church, southeast corner of Clark and Arbor Road, will be November 3, the same day as our Branch meeting. I plan to leave after the luncheon as the usual hours for the Faire is 8:30 am - 3 pm. Joan did mention that if the crowd is low, they have been known to close earlier. Barbara Gleason, Chair 421-2206

Cultural Interests: Tickets still available for "Good Night Mrs. Puffin" at the Long Beach Playhouse on Friday, November 2, 2007 at 8:00 PM. The cost is \$15.00. Make your check out to Jean Friedrichs. Please phone Jean at 562-598-9218 if you have not already received your ticket(s). ticket. The \$5.00 profit will go to the Educational Foundation.

Book Group will meet on Monday, November 26, 2007, at the home of Jean Friedrichs, 2912 Walker Lee Dr. in Los Alamitos at 1:30 PM. New members are particularly welcome to this informal discussion of current reading. Tea and cookies will be served! Call Jean at 562-598-9218 for instructions to getting to her home.

Other interest group information or points of contact may be found on page 8. Please call the point of contact before attending any meeting to ascertain the most current location, date, and time

**AAUW BRANCH MEETING
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2007
GRACE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
Fellowship Hall
3955 STUDEBAKER ROAD
(CORNER OF STUDEBAKER AND LOS
COYOTES DIAGONAL)
LONG BEACH, CA 90808
562-420-3393

Social: 9:30a-10:00am
Business Meeting: 10:00am
Program: 11:00am
Lunch: 12:00-1:00pm

Menu: Daphne's Chicken Casserole with rice
Tossed green salad with dressing
Pear half on lettuce, Rolls / Butter
Pumpkin Bars, Coffee, tea, or water

(VEGETARIAN AVAILABLE)

Cost: \$18.00

Questions: Fay Denny - 714-894-0416
JoAnn Kuroda - 562-429-6923

**Reservations should be made by
Wednesday, October 31, 2007**

RESERVATION RETURN

Send your registration and check payable to AAUW Long Beach Branch. Please mail to Sunny Meylor, 13560 Cedar Crest Lane #109L, Seal Beach, CA 90740.

Deadline for Reservations, Oct 31, 2007

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 Requested**

Guests always welcome!

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New Members dinner meeting on November 14, 2007, at Betty Thompson's, 562-430-8438

Book Group please contact Jean Friedrichs, 562-598-9218.

Great Books meets the 1st Monday of the month. Please contact Linda Patten, 562-402-6831 for more information.

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

Antiques and Collectibles please contact Barbara Gleason, 562-421-2206, for information.

Bridge Groups. Please call first to verify, day, time, and place:

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

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In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

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