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*Holiday Wassail  
Saturday, December 1, 2007*

December is Holiday month and AAUW celebrates with a traditional Wassail (an ancient salutation or toast to someone's health). We celebrate our health, our lives, our friendships, and 85+ years of the Long Beach branch of AAUW. A wassail is also the spiced drink, in our case, the warm, spiced drink of the Holidays made yearly by one of our own members from her delicious recipe. Members bring very special refreshments.

This year the Wassail will be held Saturday, December 1 from 10 AM to 12 Noon at the **Los Altos United Methodist Church, 5950 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815**. Note that this is a different location than previously published.

Entertainment will be provided by our own Equity Players who are always entertaining. Holiday songs will be sung. Past presidents will pour tea, wassail, or coffee. Our wassail is a wonderful opportunity to see old and new friends and toast each other!

We will also have a silent auction to raise funds for the Educational Foundation. This is a wonderful way to start your holiday shopping...many very nice items have been donated, and money goes for a good cause.

Be sure to put Dec. 1st on your calendar and bring a friend who would like to know more about AAUW. We promise good food and a good time.

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## **AAUW RESEARCH REPORTS AVAILABLE**

Have you ever read a newspaper article or an article in the Vantage about a research report funded by AAUW and wanted to know more? The full text of AAUW research reports is available from AAUW. Members can download the report on-line or order a print copy at a discount. Please see the reports available at [www.aauw.org/research/all.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/research/all.cfm).

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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

Happy 50th anniversary! Celebrated in Hawaii by Dr. Jim and Louise Grifone. Barney and Evelyn Flam are on a month long December cruise in South America..

Birthday greetings to all December honorees.

Happy Holidays to all. Ho, ho, ho!

"All of us tend to put off living. We are all dreaming of some magical rose garden over the horizon, instead of enjoying the roses that are blooming outside our windows today." Dale Carnegie

REMEMBER

EQUITY IS STILL AN ISSUE

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Planned Monthly Branch Meetings

- 12/1 Wassail, **New Location: Los Altos United Methodist 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

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR DONATIONS FOR EF AND LAF BY  
DECEMBER 1, 2007

## 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: 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)

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## CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Our Wassail is on December 1 at Los Altos Methodist Church. Not only will there be wassail and wonderful finger foods, but also the Equity Players will have a musical "treat". You will also be able to start your holiday shopping with a "gently used" book sale, an auction, and baked goods prepared by the mentees. You won't want to miss it.

December also marks the deadline for donations to Education Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund. It is not too late to support these great programs and send your donations to LAF (Carolyn Magnuson) and EF (Sharon Westafer).

On November 4, Fay Denny, Sharon Westafer, Judith Kaho and Deloris Mayuga attended the AAUW Southern California Fellows' luncheon. Sharon Westafer is the Southern Scheduler of Fellows for the California EF Committee. We met Cari Coe, the Recipient who received the Louise Arbogast American Fellowship. Cari is working on her PHD at UCLA in Political Science, researching natural resource management in Vietnam.

Each month we have been highlighting one of the goals in our Long Range Plan. "AAUW-LB will promote AAUW's Public Policy" is the fourth goal in our three-year strategic plan. One component of this plan is the information given each month at the meeting and in the Vantage by our Public Policy Chair, Betty Ann Rauch. Another component is communicating public officials about AAUW'S goals. For example, in November Betty Ann encouraged us to contact Senator Dianne Feinstein about S1843. A final component of promoting our Public Policy is building coalitions with organizations concerned with similar issues. This year our Math & Science Career Conference will partner with WRAP, which is a Long Beach Community Partnership, including Boys and Girls Club and Camp Fire USA. Our shared goal is the advancing equity through education.

Our Best Wishes to you during this Holiday season.

Judith Kaho and Deloris Mayuga

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JoAnn Kuroda, Acting Secretary

## BOARD BRIEF

American Association of University Women, Long Beach Branch, October 15, 2007

The Board of Directors' meeting of the Long Beach Branch of AAUW was called to order at 6:50pm on October 15, 2007, by Co-President Judith Kaho at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in the Youth Room. Regular branch business was transacted. It was moved by Ellen Mathis and seconded by Dianne Bradfield that the Education Committee requests the approval for a mentee fundraiser, a bake sale, at the Dec. 1 Wassail. Motion passed. It was moved by Sharon Westafer and seconded by Darlene Declan that the New Members Group seeks gift cards from Target for the Bethune School. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

## NOVEMBER LUNCHEON A HUGE SUCCESS!

A Heartfelt THANK YOU to all of the ladies that made the November luncheon a success. More than 20 of our members were involved as cooks, servers, setup, and cleanup which made for "fun in the kitchen" and a sense of teamwork. There were some requests for the recipe for the casserole, so here it is:

Daphne's Chicken Casserole with Rice (recipe from Daphne Ching-Jackson)

- 1 package of Herb and Garlic Rice mix
- 1 stick of butter (1/2 cup)

Melt butter in 13" X 9" pan and mix in the rice mixture. Lay 8 chicken breasts (boneless and skinless) on top of the rice mixture. (4 whole chicken breasts = 8 chicken breasts).

Mix together and pour over chicken in pan:

- 1 can of Cream of Chicken soup - Campbell's Healthy Request
- 1 can of Cream of Celery soup - Campbell's Healthy Request
- 1 can of Cream of Mushroom soup - Campbell's Healthy Request
- 1/2 can of sherry (Or dry vermouth OR dry white wine)



Sprinkle 1/2 pound of grated cheddar cheese and 1 cup of slivered almonds over the mixture. Bake 2 hours at 275 degrees. Do not cover.

Let set about 15 - 20 minutes before serving. Enjoy! Serves 8

See you at the Wassail!


 Helen Sebring, International Relations

### GREAT DECISIONS



 December is the last month 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.

### Remember! It's Great Decisions Time



## EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Thanks to all of you who give such generous support to the Educational Foundation (EF) through donations of money and/or attendance at fundraising events this year. The Bunco night in October was a fun evening and raised \$175 for EF. Thank you to Barbara Cottrell and Jere Millington for hosting the evening. Thanks, also, to Jean Friedrichs for organizing the theater event in November, which raised \$200 for EF.

Following are Century Club, Second Century Club and Chocolate Club members for 2007:

<u>Century Club</u>	<u>Second Century Club</u>	<u>Chocolate Club</u>
Frances Rozner	Daphne Ching-Jackson	Ellen Mathis
Ruth McLelland	Carol Smith	Fay Denny
W. Ann Weitovich	Deloris Mayuga	Sharon Westafer
Darci Fersch	Linda Silver	
Nicole Ramsdell	Joan Gustafson	
Betty Thompson	Jean Aldrich	
Norma Grady		
Jere Millington		
Dianne Bradfield		
Carolyn Magnuson		
Betty Ann Rauch		

Numerous members donated amounts less than \$100. All donations are truly appreciated!

The silent auction and gently used book sale at the December 1 Wassail will be the final fundraisers for this year. This is the time to stock up on some great reading for those evenings when you want to stay home and enjoy a good book. Helen and Fred Sebring have again offered their mountain home as an auction item. The home sleeps eight and everyone who bids on it will win! See you at the Wassail.

Thanks, also, to Jean Friedrichs for organizing the theater event in November, which raised \$200 for EF, and to JoAnn Kuroda, Fay Denny and their committee for the wonderful luncheon at the November branch meeting.

Linda Patten, President-Elect

### NEW BOOK GROUP

Branch members have started a book discussion group. The book read and discussed in November was *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen. The book for December is *The Seduction of Water* by Carol Goodman. Please contact Linda Patten at ([linda@lpatten.com](mailto:linda@lpatten.com)) or 562-402-6831 for information regarding the December meeting.

## NEW MEMBERS

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

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Betty Ann Rauch, Director of Public Policy

## PUBLIC POLICY

The Public Policy Committee of AAUW CA met in Sacramento last summer and took a position on a group of proposed bills that relate to Association and California AAUW public policy priorities for 2007 – 2009. **All bills are supported EXCEPT where OPPOSE is noted in the description.** (The committee took a position on 31 bills so I plan to introduce them a few at a time. Below you will find the first group.)

**Equity:** *Recognizing that equity for all women and girls requires an application of legal definition, AAUW CA supports:*

❖ *Constitutional protection for the civil rights of all individuals*

**AB 14 (Laird) Discrimination: Civil Rights Act of 2007** – Enacts the Civil Rights Act of 2007. Subjects licensees under the Business and Professional Code to disciplinary action if the discrimination is based upon the prospective recipient's sex, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, medical condition, marital status, or sexual orientation. Provides that nothing in these provisions would require any healing art practitioner to perform a licensed activity for which he or she is qualified.

**AB 1319 (Houston) Schools: Athletes Steroid Testing.** Prohibits a pupil enrolled in grades 9 to 12 from participating in interscholastic high school sports unless that pupil and one of his or her parents or legal guardians signs a form consenting to random urinalysis testing for steroid use and mandatory testing for steroid use, if the pupil is a member of a sports team that qualifies to participate in a regional state playoff, or state championship game. **Oppose**

**SB 471 (Margett) Birth and Death Certificates: Copies, Identification.** Requires any person who requests, in person, a certified copy of a birth or death record to provide the official with valid identification. Establishes requirements for a person who has been a victim of identity theft to obtain a birth or death record. **Oppose**

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## CSULB ART DEPARTMENT HOLIDAY ART SALE/BENEFIT

December 2-6, 2007, Student Art Gallery, Free Admission

For almost 40 years, the CSULB Art Department has offered student and faculty artwork for sale as a benefit for the Potters' Guild and other art student organizations. Funds raised are used to create student travel scholarships. One of the best places to find unique, creative and worthy holiday gifts for friends and family. For more information, visit their web site at [www.art.csulb.edu](http://www.art.csulb.edu). Or call 562-985-4376

## INTEREST GROUP INFORMATION

**Antiques and Collectibles.** Please contact Barbara Gleason, Chair 562 421-2206 for information regarding December's meeting.

**Book Chat** will not meet in December. Read a fun book and come tell us about it on January 28, 2008 at Jean Friedrichs' home. Call Jean at 562-598-9218 for more information.

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

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Lou Es Greene, Community Relations

## HELP THOSE IN NEED THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

The Mary Bethune School and The Women Center has welcomed your contributions and very much appreciated everything the branch has done to help them.

For the Bethune School, we currently have two bags of children's' books from a nonmember, Liz Stankov, and beautiful collection of knit caps from Kee DeBoer. Bethune seeks gift cards from Target and Payless. And, as in last year's cold weather season, they would also appreciate blankets and pillows. If you wonder at the need to repeat items, Bethune keeps a group of homeless children for only 20 days. (Kindergarteners stay all the school year.) The older children move on to regular school. Bethune tries to clean them up, feed them a lot, evaluate their educational needs, and get school uniforms and shoes for them in that brief time. (There is also a social worker who works to assist the family.) Then a new group comes in that needs many of the same things.

The Women Center asks for gift cards from Albertsons and Vons. They are also seeking food donations for the holidays such as canned pumpkin pie mix, canned vegetables and fruit, and packaged dressing. Food that will keep. They still need boy's clothing.

Hope you can help out as generously as you have in the past. These kids and women need you.

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## CALIFORNIA SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND

The AAUW California Special Projects Fund (SPF) supports state-wide projects and local scholarship programs that further education and equity for all women and girls. All supported projects are affiliated with the California AAUW organization, a California AAUW district, a local AAUW branch in California, or a coalition of these organizations. The SPF does not provide funding directly. Instead, it serves as a pass-through fund, enabling projects to collect tax-deductible donations from individuals and corporations without having to establish themselves as a separate non-profit entity. The SPF is a 501c(3) tax-exempt corporation as provided by the IRS and the California Franchise Tax Board. It is not intended to compete with any other AAUW funds. See [www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org) for more information.

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## INTEREST GROUPS

**Public Policy** please contact Betty Ann Rauch 562-431-6679 for information.

**New Members** contact Betty Thompson's, 562-430-8438 for future meeting information

**Book Chat** please contact Jean Friedrichs, 562-598-9218.

**Great Books** meets the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	Noon – 4:00 p.m.	Emily Elgin	(562) 498-0646
Friday Bridge	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday	9:30 a.m. – noon	Cathy Cunningham	(562) 424-3166

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