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Flo Pickett/Darci Fersch, Program VP

TONIA REYES URANGA - WOMEN SERVING THE CITY **Saturday, March 1, 2008, Long Beach Yacht Club**



Councilwoman Reyes Uranga is the Chair of the Long Beach City Council's newly formed Environmental Committee and the I-710 Oversight Committee. As Chair of the City's two primary committees responsible for preserving the quality of life in our neighborhoods, Tonia Reyes Uranga continues to lead efforts to improve air quality and protect the environment by managing Port growth and airport expansion. Tonia was appointed by Mayor Bob Foster to represent the City as a Director on the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County and as a Board Member on the Southern California Association of Governments. She also serves on the League of California Cities Environmental Policy Board and the Board of the League's Latino Caucus. Tonia maintains a leadership role with the National League of Cities as the Hispanic Elected Local Officials' representative to the Education Task Force.

Please join us to hear Tonia tell us the journey she took that lead her to serving on the city council. Tonia will also talk about the effect of women in politics on the city level and the effect of district elections on a more diverse council.

Remember, guests are always welcome!

Linda Silver, Co-Secretary

BOARD BRIEF

The Full Board of Directors of the AAUW Long Beach Branch met on January 21, 2008. Regular Board Business was conducted. The following motions were made: Helen Sebring moved that the cost of shipping the Great Decisions books be paid from the Program fund. The sum is \$41.50. Jere Millington seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously by the Board. Helen Sebring moved that members be asked to contribute to the Virginia Gildersleeve Fund at the International dinner April 3, 2008. Fay Denny seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously by the Board. Fay Denny moved that the new member group be authorized to use AAUW's letterhead to solicit donations for toiletry kits to be distributed to the Bethune Transitional School. Dianne Bradfield seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously by the Board. Kee DeBoer presented the following motion from the Budget Committee: The Board recommends that the Branch adopt the revised budget as submitted. The motion was unanimously passed by the Board.

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

We have words that Connie Inskip's mother, Beverly Wright, passed away on August 16, 2007. Beverly had been living in Oregon near her two grandsons. Beverly and her husband are buried next to Connie in Westminster Memorial Park.

Mary Orr, our Courtesy Chair, is on the mend from her broken leg and should be home by the time you receive this.

Birthday greetings to all March honorees.
Happy St. Patrick's Day to all.

"Erin go braugh"—Ireland forever

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Planned Monthly Branch Meetings

- 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

PLEASE JOIN US

Prospective New Members
Welcome at Every Meeting

* All meetings on Saturday mornings, except 4/3, which is an evening meeting on Thursday

Kee DeBoer, Budget Chair

ETHEL BLACK/IRENE HOLMES FUND

It is time to start thinking about how you would like to use the interest money from the Ethel Black and Irene Holmes Fund. Some possibilities you may wish to consider are Tech Trek, Mentor Program, Math/Science Conference, Convention Fund or a special program. The deadline is May 1st for suggestions to the Budget Committee. We will take the suggestions to the May meeting of the Board, and in June, the Branch membership will consider and vote on the recommendations.

REMEMBER THAT EQUITY IS STILL AN ISSUE

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: 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: 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

MARCH is WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH. Celebrate International Women's Day on March 8. The National Women's History Project is celebrating its 28th year of providing a beautiful Women's History Month poster and related materials. The theme for 2008 is WOMEN'S ART: WOMEN'S VISION. The NWHP was co-founded by Molly Murphy MacGregor, the Executive Director. Visit the website www.nwhp.org. Educational materials focused on women and girls can be seen on the Home Page of this site. The catalog is an excellent resource for all of Women's History.

Our Math and Science Career Conference team, headed by Frances Rozner and Sharon Westafer, has been hard at work to make sure the conference runs smoothly on February 23. This conference aims at inspiring young girls to consider career options in fields requiring math and science. Thank you to all of our AAUW volunteers who have worked so hard to make the conference a success.

Finally, we consider our last goal in the Long-Range Plan for our branch, which states "AAUW-LB will provide the opportunity for members' life-long learning." Membership in AAUW Long Beach provides numerous opportunities for life-long learning such as our fascinating February program on Presidential First Ladies. Other opportunities include Great Decisions and Public Policy meetings as well as other interest groups. We hope you find your membership in AAUW as beneficial as we have.

Judith Kaho and Deloris Mayuga

Mary Orr, Courtesy

THANK YOU

I thank you so much for all the cards, letters, phone calls, and visits. All the positive thoughts and prayers from the branch members and especially my fellow "sisters" have helped me recover from my broken leg and subsequent surgery so much faster. You cannot realize how much you have helped my recuperation. Thank you so much.

From AAUW-CA.org

Here Comes Convention 2008!

Theme: It's All About the Mission
April 4-6, 2008
Sonoma County Doubletree Inn
Rohnert Park, CA

Convention 2008 focuses on the new Association mission: To advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. The March 2008 *CA Perspective* is hot off the press and is accessible below. *CA Perspective* contains everything you want to know about convention, plus general AAUW CA news. Read about our 2008 Convention in the *CA Perspective* or online at www.aauw-ca.org

NEW MEMBERS GROUP

The New Members Group met on February 4 at Marie Callendar's Restaurant for a great dinner and meeting. We were joined by a potential new AAUW member, Joanna Simmons, and by AAUW members Pat Ferrer and Helen Sebring. Helen gave us information about the Great Decisions group process and background and how the groups function. Pat told us about the Math/Science Conference and its impact on the 8th grade girls who attend it, and also invited the new members to become involved in leadership positions in the Branch.

The New Members Group is committed to continuing its support for the work done by the Bethune Center. The members will focus in 2008 on collecting and creating the Personal Care Kits that are so badly needed by the homeless children and teens who are enrolled in the Long Beach school system. Our group would like to express our deep appreciation to the AAUW members who have donated personal care items for these kits. During 2008, we hope that all of the AAUW members who have travel sized or sample sized personal care products will continue to bring these to the AAUW meetings and give them to Betty Thompson, Carol Smith, or any of the members of our group. We will be creating the Personal Care Kits and delivering them to the Bethune Center on an ongoing basis all year. Happy New Year to all from the New Members Group.

Betty Ann Rauch, VP Public Policy

PUBLIC POLICY

The Congress has started a new year and AAUW will work to see that its agenda is successful. Our goals are:

- I. **Expand Educational Opportunities for Women and Girls**
 - A. No Child Left Behind Adjusted and Reauthorized
 - B. Higher Education Act Reauthorized
 - C. Oppose Voucher Program
 - D. Preserve and Enforce Title IX

- II. **Promote Women's Economic Security**
 - A. Equity in the Workplace (Pay Equity, Paid Sick Leave Days, Family and Medical Leave)
 - B. Preserving the Integrity of Social Security

- III. **Promote and Defend Civil Rights**
 - A. A Fair and Balance Judiciary
 - B. Improving hate Crime Laws
 - C. Protecting Reproductive Rights

We will be following these goals as the year progresses because **equity** is still an **issue**.

More information on AAUW Public Policy issues may be found on the AAUW website at http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue_advocacy/

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION RESEARCH AND PROJECTS GRANT RECIPIENTS

The Long Beach branch has completed three Research and Projects Grants, which honor three members: Ethel Black completed in 2001, Connie Wright Inskeep, completed in 1995 and Joyce E. Clark, completed in 1990.

Research and Projects Grants include both Community Action Grants, which support individual, branch and state projects that further the mission of AAUW by promoting education and equity for women and girls in local communities and schools, and Career Development Grants, which help women who seek to achieve upward mobility within their present careers or are trying to change careers. There were 29 Community Action Grants awarded, with 193 applications, and 40 Career Development Grants were awarded out of a possible 649 applications.

Susan Morris Wilson is the recipient of money from the Connie Wright Inskeep endowment for 2007-2008. She is a member of the Redding, California branch of AAUW. Her community action project addresses the need to build leadership skills and self-esteem in middle school girls and is being implemented at Mountain View Middle School in Redding and Vista Middle School in Red Bluff. The project includes involvement by the Health Improvement Partnership of Shasta, Girls Inc. of the Northern Sacramento Valley and AAUW, Redding.

Deborah Richardi, a former elementary school teacher, is embarking on a new career as an adult English-as-a-second-language instructor. She received Career Development Grant money from the Joyce E. Clark endowment. A student at UC San Francisco pursuing an M.A. in Education, she presently substitute teaches at an adult school in San Mateo, California, that primarily serves immigrants from Guatemala, El Salvador, and Mexico.

The Learning and Loving Education Center in Morgan Hill, California received Community Action Grant money partly funded by the Ethel Black endowment. The Learning and Loving Education Center is a non-profit educational project of the Sisters of the Presentation. The program provides weekly educational, vocational and language-acquisition training and technology-based classes to 25 low-income, ethnic, immigrant, refugee, and limited-English-speaking women who are entering a learning environment for the first time. The program will improve the lives of these women while increasing their English literacy level and providing access to bilingual job-training programs and information technology.

Last year the Redding branch designated \$6000 of their branch EF contribution to the Long Beach Research and Projects grant. This year, the Redding branch designated \$10,807.31 to the Long Beach Research and Projects grant. When EF awards the grants and fellowships, recipients aren't told which endowments are funding their projects. Redding branch had no idea that one of their own members was a recipient of money from one of our branch endowments. What a coincidence! This year, the Stockton branch designated \$3000 of their EF contribution to the Long Beach grant as well. The grant is now at \$51,217.31. It will be complete at \$75,000. Wouldn't it be great to complete it in 2008-2009?

CULTURAL INTEREST FUND RAISER THE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION.

Join us for a fun evening at the Long Beach Playhouse on Friday, March 28th for the drama "Picnic" by William Inge. Performance is at 8:00 PM. Cost is \$20.00 per ticket. Make checks payable to AAUW-LB. Send them to Jean Friedrichs, 2912 Walker Lee Dr., Los Alamitos, CA 90720 or buy at March Meeting.

The Playhouse is located at 5021 E. Anaheim Street in Long Beach. Ten Dollars of the Ticket price is a tax deductible contribution to the Educational Foundation.

Publicity

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Please send me any articles about AAUW that you find 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.

Elaine Babbush
6521 El Roble L.B. 90815
562 431 1232

Linda Patten, Tech Trek

DID YOU KNOW?

Last summer 620 girls attended Tech Trek Science Camp for Girls in California!

As a branch, we can be proud to have sponsored in 2007, along with generous support from Epson USA, six girls. Here are excerpts from their letters of appreciation:

I am so glad that you sponsored me to go on this trip. I am having so much fun. I made a lot of new friends... I want to say thank you so so much. (Note that every paragraph was written in a different color of ink.)

Samantha

I enjoyed the field trips. I learned that 75.6% of the earth is salt water. Camp is so much fun because we do a lot of group activities. ... The most exciting thing was solar beads. They change colors in the sun. We had to find what would stop the beads from changing colors. Tatyana

This is the way real school should be. Sierra

I really loved the camp. I loved making the robots. I learned how to program a robot with a computer. I especially enjoyed making dowels. They were pretty hard to do at first but then they got easy to make. Also, I enjoyed planning the Women in History. It was pretty cool studying. Gloria

Thank you very much for letting me experience this wonderful and amazing camp. I went to JPL to learn about rockets and stars. It was a wonderful experience. Keeah

The best thing that was really cool is to meet new people and being in my archaeology class. Sophany

To contribute to send six more lucky girls to Tech Trek, please send your check by **February 23**, made out to **AAUW-CA SPF**, and mail to:

Linda Patten, 19615 Jeffrey Circle, Cerritos, CA 90703

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES

When : February 21, (Thursday)
Where: Ellen Mathis' home
Time: 1:30 for coffee

Ellen will show us items she has added to her Coca-Cola collection. I will share stories on historical women from Texas - - in particular, an Elisabet Ney who just might be an ancestor of mine! Ms. Ney was a European sculptor who once said, "Women are fools. They are fools to be bothered with housework. Look at me. I sleep in a hammock, which requires no making up. I break an egg for my breakfast and sip it raw from the shell. I make lemonade in a glass and then rinse the glass -- and my housework is done for the day!"

Barbara Gleason, 421-2206

AAUW BRANCH MEETING SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2008

LONG BEACH YACHT CLUB
6201 EAST APPIAN WAY
LONG BEACH, CA 90803
562-598-9401

Social: 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM
Business Meeting: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Program: 11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
Lunch: 12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM

Menu: Choice of
**Warm Salmon on Cucumber Salad with
Baby Greens and Red Onion Dill Sauce** or
**Top Sirloin London Broil Salad with
Chunky Salsa**
Roll and butter
Dessert: Warm Brandied Cherries Ala Mode
Coffee, tea or water

Vegetarian meal on request

Price: \$30.00

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

Deadline: February 22, 2008

Those making a lunch reservation have made a financial commitment and refunds shall not be made.

RESERVATION RETURN

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

Deadline for Reservations, Feb 22, 2008

Member(s)

Phone (Day) _____ Evening _____

Guest(s)

No. of Reservations ____ Amount Enclosed _____

___ **Warm Salmon Salad on Baby Greens**

___ **Top Sirloin London Broil Salad with Chunky Salsa**

___ **Vegetarian Meal Requested**

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

Guests always welcome!

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INTEREST GROUPS

Public Policy please contact Betty Ann Rauch for information about the next meeting (562) 431-6679.

New Members will meet on March 31, 2008, at 6:00 PM at the Marie Callendar's Restaurant, 12489 Seal Beach Blvd., Seal Beach, CA. Please RSVP to Betty Thompson at (562) 430-8438 or Carol Smith at (562) 404-4291. If you are a recent member of this AAUW branch, please join us!

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

Literary Ladies, second Monday of the month. Please contact Pat Ferrer, (562) 597 4781.

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.

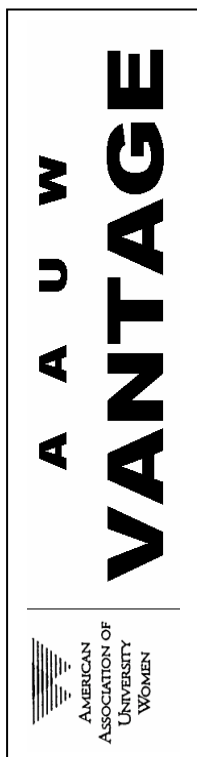
Antiques and Collectibles see article on page 7. Contact Barbara Gleason, (562) 421-2206, for information.

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

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

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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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