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JUNE BRANCH MEETING

Saturday, June 7, 2008, Old Ranch Country Club

Please join us on Saturday, June 7, 2008, at the Old Ranch Country, for our final branch meeting of the 2007 – 2008 year. This is an important meeting because not only will we be installing our new executive board officers, we will be deciding the distribution of the interest earned from the Ethel P. Black and Irene Holmes Fund and discussing and voting on the proposed Long Term Plan (2008/2009 year to 2010/2011 year) developed by the Long Term Planning Committee.

Musical entertainment will also be provided.

Remember, guests are always welcome!

Linda Patten, President-Elect

AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE BACK

The branch is a non-profit organization that is run exclusively by volunteers. For the 2008 – 2009 year, the branch still needs to fill these positions:

- Co-Treasurer (computer skills are needed, Pat Ferrer will provide training)
- Communication/publicity
- Parliamentarian (a free copy of Robert's Rules, the simplified version, is available)
- Co-international Relations (to work with Helen Sebring)
- Mailing Chair
- Reservations
- Webmaster (George Jackson will provide training)

New or recent members are encouraged to volunteer. Serving on the board is an opportunity to learn more about the branch and to get to know more of our members.

Contact Linda Patten, President Elect, at (562) 402-6831 OR linda@lpatten.com

Serving is not a burden but a source of pride and satisfaction – enjoy the honor and challenge!

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 to report that in April Lou Es recovered from pneumonia, a little weak, but slowly on the mend.

Sadly, we learned of the passing of Betty Bragg, a former member. A condolence card was sent to her family on our behalf.

Ah June, the month for brides and our installation. Remember your Dad on Father's Day, June 15.

Birthday greetings to all June, July and August honorees. Stay healthy and happy.

"You must do the thing you think you cannot do." Eleanor Roosevelt

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

LAST BRANCH MEETING OF THE YEAR

6/7 Lunch, Old Ranch Country Club
Installation of New Officers

PLEASE JOIN US

Prospective New Members
Welcome at Every Meeting

BRANCH DUES REMINDER

Your branch dues are due and payable by June 15, 2008. Please send your check to Norma Grady, Membership Treasurer. If you haven't received your annual dues bill, please contact Norma immediately.

NEW ELECTED OFFICERS

At the April Branch meeting, the following slate of new officers was elected for the 2008 – 2009 year.. They will be installed at our June Branch meeting.

Program Vice President:	Darci Fersch
Membership Co-Vice President:	Fay Denny and Carol Smith
Education Foundation Vice President:	Sharon Westafer
Legal Advocacy Fund Vice President:	Carolyn Magnuson
Co-Secretary:	Julie Mills and Helen Sebring
Treasurer:	Patricia Sargeant
Co-President-Elect:	Frances Rozner and Patricia Ferrer

Also to be installed as President, Linda Patten, elected last year as President-Elect.

LAST BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE YEAR

If you are on the 2007/2008 Board or the 2008/2009 Board, please plan to attend the Monday, May 19, 2008, Board of Directors Meeting at St. Luke's (Youth Room or the Guild Room TBD).

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

CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Dear Long Beach AAUW Branch Members:

A huge THANK YOU to ALL branch members for making the 2007 - 2008 year a Big Success. Special thanks go to the outstanding work of the entire Board of Directors: Elected Officers, Appointed Officers, and Administrative Chairs. Everyone advanced the AAUW Mission and the theme: "Share our story--spread the word about equity." We need to celebrate the fund-raising efforts for the Educational Foundation, the Legal Advocacy Fund, Tech Trek, and International Affairs. Our Mentoring program provided a variety of opportunities for the Mentees. The New Members group quickly became involved with the community outreach of the branch. The annual Math/Science Career Conference was successful beyond expectations. The LB Branch programs presented top quality speakers and a wide-range of topics and issues directly related to the adopted mission statement of AAUW. The Vantage and web site and publicity provided good communication. The efforts and support of every branch member are most sincerely appreciated.

We would also like to thank several committees that worked hard on behalf of the Long Beach Branch. The Long Range Planning Committee, chaired by Linda Patten and included Pat Ferrer, Frances Rozner, Ellen Mathis, Flo Pickett, Sharon Westafer, Gail Morrison, and Deloris Mayuga, developed a plan to guide our branch for the next three years. This plan will be presented at the June branch meeting for approval.

The ad hoc Headquarters Committee made up of Fay Denny (chair), Pat Ferrer, Norma Grady and Ellen Mathis discussed the feasibility of maintaining the branch headquarters at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. After looking into a number of options, it was felt this location most closely met our needs and budget with the suggestion of talking to St. Luke's about lowering our rent.

It has been a pleasure serving as your Co-Presidents.

Judith Kaho and Deloris Mayuga

Frances Rozner and Sharon Westafer, co-Chairs

MATH SCIENCE CONFERENCE

Save the date - February 21, 2009 - for the 7th annual Math & Science Career Conference!

The 2008 6th annual conference was a terrific success with a keynote speaker, Sileneka Smith, and 11 career speakers presenting workshops to 171 7th and 8th grade girls. The conference was sponsored by the AAUW Long Beach branch in alliance with Long Beach City College and WRAP (Winners Reaching Amazing Potential), a collaboration of after-school programs in the Long Beach Unified School District. Over 30 branch members participated in the event by securing opportunity drawing prizes and food, creating signs, securing rooms, registering the girls and facilitating the speakers during the workshops. The girls had a positive learning experience and their interest in math and/or science careers was stimulated. Please consider volunteering to help with this branch project. It's a great way to meet other members and participate in an event that positively influences young women and encourages them to pursue math and/or science careers. Contact Sharon or Frances if interested.

PUBLIC POLICY **Congressional Action on AAUW Backed Bills**

HEA Lapses: The latest extension on the **Higher Education Act** expired on April 30. On Tuesday, May 2, the Senate passed, by unanimous consent, another one-month extension of the Higher Education Act – the fifth this year- but the house was prevented from taking action on a similar bill by Rep. John Boehner. The Minority Leader objected to all unanimous consent requests to protest the lack of positive action on the supplemental bill to fund the war in Iraq.

Student Loan Legislation: The Senate passed by voice vote a bill on 5/2/08 to ensure loans for college students remain available despite the increasing credit crunch, and the House followed suit (388-21) on 5/1/08. The **Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act (H.R. 5715)** increases the total amount of federally backed loans that students can borrow and increases the Education Department’s Role ensuring the availability of these loans. The president is expected to sign the legislation.

Genetic Nondiscrimination Act (H.R. 493): On 5/1/08, exactly one week after the Senate passed (95-0) the amended bill, the house passed the bill 414-1. This bill bans health insurance companies and employers from using genetic information to discriminate against a person. The president is expected to sign this bill into law.

Linda Patten, President Elect

PROPOSED NEW LONG TERM PLAN

The Long Range Planning Committee, chaired by Linda Patten and included Pat Ferrer, Frances Rozner, Ellen Mathis, Flo Pickett, Sharon Westafer, Gail Morrison, and Deloris Mayuga, developed a plan to guide our branch for the next three years. This plan outlined below will be presented at the June branch meeting for approval.

Objective: Strengthen Membership

Goal: Increase membership by 20 percent from July 1, 2008 (the baseline) to June 30, 2011.

Objective: Align Branch Activities With AAUW Mission (AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research)

Goal: By June 30, 2011, 75 percent of program, projects, and activities are mission related.

Objective: Effective Resource Management

Goal: utilize budget, technology, and people to meet fiduciary responsibilities.

A QUOTE TO CONSIDER

A person should hear a little music, read a little poetry, and see a fine picture every day in order that worldly cares do not obliterate the sense of the beautiful, which God has implanted in the human soul. Goethe

THANK YOU FROM EF!

Heartfelt thanks to all of you who supported the Educational Foundation this year. Your generous support enabled the branch to contribute \$10,680 toward the branch research and projects grant, which will be completed at \$75,000. As Deloris noted in the May Vantage, Long Beach branch was 9th in the state for EF contributions and 8th in the state for per capita EF contributions.

Thanks to Jean Friedrichs for organizing the Long Beach Playhouse theater event that netted \$400, and to Joan Gustafson for her donation in memory of Frances Magarian. These funds will be applied to the branch 2008 contribution.

Watch for your invitation to the non-event fundraiser that is being planned for this summer. It will be a fun way to raise money for EF without attending committee meetings or interrupting your vacation plans.

Special thanks to the EF advisory committee, Jean Aldrich, Barbara Cottrell, Fay Denny, Norma Grady, Judith Kaho, Deloris Mayuga, Sunny Meylor, Jere Millington, Gail Morrison, Linda Patten and Betty Thompson for your valuable advice and support.

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT LEADERSHIP DAY AND LOS ANGELES INTERBRANCH COUNCIL INSTALLATION

If you are a new executive board member, you should plan to attend.

When: Saturday, May 31, 2008, 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Where: Almansor Court, 700 S. Almansor St., Alhambra, CA 91801

Cost: \$35.00

What: Something new and different! The Association Leadership Development program, facilitated by Alicia Hetman, AAUW Educational Foundation Board Member followed by an Un-Conference using the open space meeting model providing you the opportunity to get all of your questions about being an AAUW leader answered. Once your mind is full of knowledge, fill your body with a delicious luncheon as we install the LACIC officers for 2008-2009.

Tentative Schedule:

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM Registration/Continental Breakfast

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM AAUW Leadership Development

10:15 AM – 11:00 AM Un-conference Session One

11:15 AM – Noon Un-conference Session Two

Noon – 2:00 PM LACIC Installation Luncheon

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Yes! I'll see you on May 31st for Leadership Day and LACIC Luncheon

Name: _____ Branch _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Mail check payable to AAUW CA to: Deanna Arthur, 8925 Callita St., San Gabriel, CA 91775.

DEADLINE: May 27th

Questions? Call Kathleen at 626-284-0763 (h) or 310-423-5425 (w)

THE MARY BETHUNE PROJECT:

The Bethune Project has been an exciting and fulfilling project for the 2007-2008 New Members Group. During that period, with the strong support of the AAUW Branch members and their friends and with advice from Lou Es Greene, we have been able to provide the Bethune Center with an impressive number of donated items that meet the many needs of the homeless students that are served through the Center. The variety of donated items includes the following:

- \$530 in gift cards from Target Stores and Payless Shoe Stores (used by the Center staff to purchase needed clothing and shoes for homeless students).
- 55 pairs of socks, 56 warm caps, 50 fleece neck scarves and a number of new pillows and pillow cases needed by the children and teens who are still living in cars and unheated garages while being served by the Bethune Center.
- 68 Personal Care Kits that we have created and delivered to date, including essential personal care supplies such as toothpaste and toothbrushes, soap and washcloths, shampoo and conditioner, lotions, chapsticks and combs. These packets were created from a combination of the travel-sized articles that were donated by Branch members, combined with money donated by members of our New Member Group to buy items needed to complete the kits.

At the May 3, AAUW Long Beach, Garden Party, the New Members Group sponsored an Opportunity Drawing to raise funds to create additional Personal Care Kits for the Bethune Center. Our generous Branch members bought opportunity drawing tickets that totaled \$195. All of this money will be used by our group to purchase additional items needed to complete our next group of Personal Care Kits, which we will create and deliver to the Bethune Center in June.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the businesses that donated items for our Opportunity Drawing. Without their support for our Opportunity Drawing, our drawing would have been much less successful and fewer Personal Care Kits would have been created for Long Beach homeless children in need. If you live in the neighborhoods in which these businesses are located, please stop in to thank them for their generosity and please consider them when you need to purchase an item that they offer:

- Sweet Peas-A Flower Shop in Naples donated a \$75 Gift Certificate
- Standing Ovation Flower Gallery in Los Alamitos donated a \$35 Gift Certificate
- Trader Joe's Market in Bixby Knolls donated a bag of grocery items worth \$39

We would also like to thank AAUW member Pat Aldridge, who donated a lovely complete picnic set with a bottle of wine for our Opportunity Drawing.

See page 8 for information about the next new members group meeting.

From AAUW-CA.ORG

AAUW CALIFORNIA INTERNATIONAL INTERESTS LISTSERV

AAUW California offers an email list for discussion of international interests issues. To subscribe to the "listserv" send an e-mail to our office at office@aauw-ca.org, with "subscribe-international list" in the subject line. As with all of our listservs, this is a moderated listserv. Messages to be posted to the list must be in plain text, with no attachments, and must be on topic, and add to the discussion. No marketing of commercial products is allowed.

SUPPORT PAID FAMILY LEAVE

As Mother's Day approaches, we think of our mothers and other family members who cared for us over the years and of those for whom we care. In honor of this day, AAUW asks you to urge your senators to support the Family Leave Insurance Act (S. 1681). This important legislation will provide up to eight weeks of paid leave to workers needing time off due to the birth or adoption of a child, to care for a child, spouse, or parent with a serious illness, or to care for their own serious illness.

Urge your senators to cosponsor and support the Family Leave Insurance Act (S.1681) so that America's families don't have to choose between keeping a job and caring for themselves or a loved one.

Go to the Association website, www.aauw.org for more information.

JUNE AAUW BRANCH MEETING

Saturday, June 7, 2008.

Location: Old Ranch Country Club
3901 Lampson Avenue
Seal Beach, 90740

Time: 9:30 a.m. Social
10:00 a.m. Business
11:00 a.m. Program
12:00 noon Lunch

Menu:

Caribbean Chicken Salad: Breast of Chicken in Panko, Coconut, Peanut Crust over Baby Greens, Pineapple, Papaya and Mango Chunks, Fried Platanos with Passion Fruit Dressing

Chocolate Mousse with Chocolate Shavings and Whipped Cream

Rolls and Butter

Coffee, Iced Tea, Water

Vegetarian Meal Available

Price: \$25 per person

RSVP by May 30, 2008.

Those making a dinner reservation have made a

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, May 30, 2008

Member(s)

Phone (Day)_____ Evening _____

Guest(s)

No. of Reservations ____ Amount : _____

Guests always welcome!

Please join us for installation of our new officers for our 2008 – 2009 year.

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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 May 12, 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 new or recent (last 3 years) 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, for further information.

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

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

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