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Uncertain Times Saturday, November 1, 2008

Two speakers from the financial world will discuss areas to consider for financial planning as an individual and for the AAUW Long Beach Branch on Saturday, November 2, 2008 at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

Emerson Fersch is a Certified Financial Planner Practitioner, Chartered Financial Consultant, Chartered Life Underwriter, and Chartered Advisor for Senior Living. He is a Registered Representative and Registered Principal with SII Investments. Emerson is the owner of Capital Investment Advisers (CIA) in Long Beach. CIA offers a wide range of financial planning and investment management services.



In addition to his work, on March 4, 2003 Emerson was elected as Treasurer for the City of Signal Hill.



Kim Onisko MA, CPA, is the Consulting Services Principal with the firm of Onisko & Scholz, LLP, which is a Certified Public Accounting Firm in Long Beach. The Firm is focused on enhancing the wealth of the owners of business and individuals via proactive tax planning, accounting, and management consulting. In addition, the Firm specializes in accounting work for non-profit organizations.



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BRANCH NEWS

Mary Orr, Courtesy Chair

COURTESY

Congratulations to Bobbi Burket who was recently named as Recording Secretary for Long Beach Heritage. She is also a volunteer coordinator for the Group. We are proud of our members who accomplish so much in reaching out to our communities.

Recently, the Long Beach Branch of the Los Angeles Philharmonic enjoyed a Summer Interlude of Music and Literature to benefit their education program. Miriam Garland and several of our members attended.

Essence of Change--a saying from the Polynesian Voyaging Heritage Group in Hawaii. "Learn to endure change, and you'll begin to recognize that life is in constant motion, and every change happens for a reason. When you see boundaries as opportunities, the world becomes a limitless place, and your life becomes a journey of change that always finds a way".

Happy Thanksgiving --Gobble, Gobble.

LACIC meetings are the 4th Monday of alternating months. Contact Linda Patten for more information.

See info on page 4 regarding meeting at San Fernando Valley Branch.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Planned Monthly Branch Meetings

- 11/1 Lunch, Long Beach Yacht Club
LAF Fund Raiser
Emerson Fersch, CFP, and Kim Oniska, CPA
- 12/6 Wassail, St. Luke's Episcopal Church
- 1/3 Lunch, Skylinks Golf Course
Chris Lytle, Manager Director, Port of Long Beach, Speaker
- 2/7 Lunch, Leisure World
Speaker will be from one of the local philanthropic organizations we support
- 3/7 Lunch, The Grand
Dr. Caroline Heldman, author of "*Rethinking Madame President*", Speaker"
- 4/2* Dinner, Assistance League Headquarters
International Relations Speaker
- 5/2 Afternoon Membership Garden Party
Location: TBA
- 6/6 Lunch, Old Ranch Country Club
Installation of New Officers

All meetings except 4/2 are on the first Saturday of the month

*4/2—Thursday evening meeting

**Prospective New Members
Welcome at Every Meeting**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

All are held on the third Monday of October, January, March, and May and start at 6:30 PM.
Dates: 10/20 (Linda Patten's Home) Remainder at St. Luke's: 1/19, 3/16, 5/18 (Joint meeting with old and new boards)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All are held on the third Monday of the month and start at 6:30 PM at Linda Patten's home in Cerritos, CA
Dates: 11/17; 12/15; 2/16; 4/20

AAUW-LONG BEACH WEBSITE: <http://www.aauw-longbeach.org>
Webmaster: – Marion D. Smith email her at mariondsmith@gmail.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A key focus of AAUW, at all levels, this year is communication. Your branch joins AAUW, AAUW-California, and LACIC with new websites. All have been recently renovated to provide the most recent and reliable communication available.

Our branch website, as before, has archived copies of the *Vantage*, interest group listings and more. Currently, at www.aauw-longbeach.org, you will immediately notice the look is reminiscent of AAUW's site; appropriately, though, we have a long beach in the banner. The present structure conveniently allows for additional content. As you browse, pay particular attention to the "About" tab which features the history of our branch written by Norma Grady during her presidency with Betty Thompson. At the tab, there is a brief synopsis, but if you click on the link, you will see her entire chronicle of the impressive story behind our (then) 85 years. If you view the "Projects" tab you will be treated to photos, some taken at Tech Trek this summer as well as pictures from our 2008 Math/Science Conference.

Please join me in thanking George Jackson for the admirable job he did in providing us our previous website and his dedication and diligence in keeping it updated. George has relinquished his job as website chair to one of our newer members, Marion Smith. Any additions, suggestions, or comments about the website should be sent to Marion at mariondsmith@gmail.com.

For the latest updates with Los Angeles County Interbranch Council (LACIC) access the website at <http://sites.google.com/site/aauwlacic/>. Among the valuable information there, you will discover Long Beach Branch member Fay Denny's paper on the pending by-law changes with Association and information on the next meeting which will feature Kathleen Cha, director-at-large for AAUW of California.

The California site: www.aauw-ca.org is a storehouse of information and resources. Take particular note of the calendar and convention planning links. Importantly, in the effort to keep the lines of communication open there is a web-log, or blog, which allows the members in California to share information among branches and with the directors of AAUW-CA.

The AAUW website: www.aauw.org, also has a blog. Browse further to review the resources available at the Member Center (your member number is needed, but don't fret, account look-up is available), shop, and explore the information about the upcoming convention in St. Louis, Missouri.

To increase voter awareness, AAUW has released the *Congressional Voting Record* for the 110th Congress. Copies of this publication were made available to the members attending the October 3 branch meeting. This document can also be downloaded from the AAUW website. I encourage to carefully read this document and then distribute to interested parties to raise awareness to the Branch in our community. Please contact your president if you would like a copy. Note that AAUW website also has voter's guides for the November election.

Lamis Hashem, International Relations Co-Chair

GREAT DECISIONS

It is now sign-up time for Great Decisions. If you did not sign up at our October Branch Meeting, please let Helen Sebring, hmfsebring@yahoo.com, 562 596-0180, or Lamis Hashem, thehashems@aol.com, 562 795 6605 know of your interest. Currently there are meetings held Tuesday morning, Wednesday evening, and Friday afternoon. The "Great Decisions" book published by the Foreign Policy Association costs \$20.00 (includes tax, shipping and handling) this year. The book can be purchased without joining a discussion group. Please mail your check for \$20, made payable to AAUW Long Beach, to either Helen or Lamis.

Betty Ann Rauch, Public Policy VP

PUBLIC POLICY REPORT

Please remember to vote on November 4, 2008. AAUW California has taken a NO position on two of the Propositions on the November Ballot. They are Proposition No. 4, Parental Notification Initiative, and Proposition 8, Eliminate Right of Same Sex Couples to Marry.

The AAUW California's Public Policy program supports its mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research, and complements the Association Public Policy program. AAUW California's priorities for action are chosen, according to the criteria of viability, critical need, and strong member support. The *California Perspective* that you received in late September or early October contains a survey that will assist AAUW California in setting Public Policy Action priorities for the coming biennium that reflect the views of the membership. **Please complete the survey and return it no later than December 1, 2008 to: AAUW California at P.O. Box 160067, Sacramento, CA 95816-0067 or FAX to: 916-448-1729.**

If you no longer have your copy of this survey but would like one, please contact the Vantage Editor, Patricia Ferrer, panderoh@aol.com or 562 597 4781, for one.

Fay Denny, Co-VP Membership

KATHLEEN CHA, AAUW DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE EMBRACING CHANGE AND BREAKING THROUGH BARRIERS

Come hear Kathleen Cha, Past State President, past Association Public Policy Committee member, and currently California's Director-at-Large, as she takes us on a journey through AAUW's past, present and future. She will provide an interactive discussion of our legacy and our role in AAUW's next changes and milestones as a visible AAUW. The presentation will put into local context of what it means to be a member and fulfill AAUW's Value Promise "By joining AAUW you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance."

During the Q & A period, she will have a dialogue about the proposed changes to our organization and the proposed bylaws that will be voted upon at Association Convention in June, 2009.

RESERVATIONS must be made as it is a lunch meeting.

DATE: Sunday, November 16, 2008

TIME: 12:30 p.m. registration Lunch at 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: New Horizons - Sam's Cafe 15725 Parthenia Street, North Hills, San Fernando Valley.

MENU: Choose one lunch entree and include the menu selection and branch affiliation with your check: Stuffed Chicken a la Spinach with cheese, rice & vegetables; OR Chicken Taco Salad; OR Veggie Salad.

COST: \$15

Make checks to AAUW-SFV and mail to P.O. Box 570294, Tarzana, CA 91357-0294.

Checks must be received by November 11th.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Fay Denny, 714.894.0416 to make carpool arrangements

NOVEMBER 2008

THE ELEANOR ROOSEVELT FUND

For decades, AAUW has been at the forefront of research on issues of women and girls and education. In 1885, the first research study surveying women's health and physical education is based on feedback from 1,290 members. It establishes that contrary to prior statements made by a prominent Boston physician, higher education does not adversely affect the health of women college graduates. In 1988, the AAUW Educational Foundation established the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund for women and girls to offer teacher fellowships, commission research, and sponsor community action projects in the areas of math and science.

The first report published after the establishment of the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, was *Shortchanging Girls, Shortchanging America*. Published in 1991, this report was based on a nationwide poll of students ages 9-15 examining the impact of gender on self-esteem, career aspirations, educational experiences, and interest in math and science. Recent reports address topics such as the pay gap between men and women, economic security of older women, sexual harassment on college campuses, and gender equity in science and engineering education. Below is a summary of the most recent report

Where the Girls Are: The Facts About Gender Equity in Education (2008), (Christiane Corbett, Catherine Hill, PhD, and Andresse St. Rose) presents a comprehensive look at girls' educational achievement during the past 35 years, paying special attention to the relationship between girls' and boys' progress. Analyses of results from national standardized tests such as the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) and the SAT and ACT college entrance examinations, as well as other measures of educational achievement, provide an overall picture of trends in gender equity from elementary school to college and beyond. Differences among girls and among boys by race/ethnicity and family income level are evaluated. Together these analyses support three overarching facts about gender equity in schools today:

1. Girls' successes don't come at boys' expense.
2. On average, girls' and boys' educational performance has improved.
3. Understanding disparities by race/ethnicity and family income level is critical to understanding girls' and boys' achievement.

You can read about the all of the research reports by visiting the www.aauw.org and clicking on research.

Thank you again to all our donors and to everyone who made the October luncheon so successful. If you plan to make a donation and haven't yet done so, they are due by December 1. Please send your donation, payable to EF or Educational Foundation, to Sharon Westafer.

BUNCO AT BARBARA'S—A FUN FILLED FUNDRAISER FOR EF

Thursday, November 6 at 6:30 p.m. \$10 donation

Please join us for an evening of bunco and refreshments at Barbara Cottrell's home. Your non-member friends are welcome. RSVP by October 30 to Sharon Westafer sharwest1@hotmail.com

SAVE THE DATE—MARCH 14, 2009

The San Gabriel Branch is sponsoring a Literary Brunch and Book Signing featuring New York Times Best Selling author, Lisa See. 10 AM to 1 PM, Church of the Good Shepherd, Arcadia. Cost: \$35. Proceeds to EF. Contact Jim Doty, 626 284 0763, jedoty@sbcglobal.net for more information.

PROPOSED AAUW ASSOCIATION BYLAWS 2009

Proposed changes to Association Bylaws will be considered at the 2009 Association Convention in St. Louis, Missouri. These proposed bylaws change the structure of Association by moving most of the assets and activities into one 501 (c) 3 corporation which we know as the Educational Foundation. The voter education, lobbying efforts, and other similar activities will be a 501 (c) 4 arm of the corporation.

Our name is AAUW. Association is incorporated in both Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania and must conform to the corporation laws of both areas with regard to non-profit laws for a 501 (c) 3 corporation. Therefore, the bylaws reflect this new structure by emulating the structure of a business corporation. Major changes that are proposed:

- Broadened our Purpose Statement.
- Any person or institution supporting the purpose and mission may be a member – no degree requirement.
- Dues are paid directly to Association.
- A member may elect to join a branch and/or other AAUW entities.
- Amount of dues shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.
- A 30 day notification of those to be nominated is given to the membership before elections.
- Nine Board members elected; six additional directors appointed by elected board; three may be non-AAUW members – Total of 15 on Bd. Quorum is a majority (8); Exec. Bd = 6; Quorum = 4
- Term of office is 2 years and may be repeated 2 times.
- One annual meeting is required for Board of Directors.
- Standing Committees of Association: Advisors of Fellowships; Audit, Finance, Governance. No standing committees devoted to AAUW's purpose or program.
- No formal structure for States or Branches.
- Regions eliminated.
- No formal geographical structure.
- One annual meeting for membership with 30 day prior notification. May replace Convention.
- Each member entitled to one vote. No delegate system. Members not attending the annual meeting may vote by mail, electronically, telephone call, telegram, or any other means of electronic or telephonic transmission as long as it can be determined that the voting method is authorized by the member. No proxy voting.
- 5% of members entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum. (5% of 94,000 members = 4700). Or 5% of those present at a meeting must be cast for a vote to be counted.

Since August, AAUW members have given feedback to the Association Bylaws Committee. The Committee is now reviewing and discussing the feedback. The revised proposed bylaws will be available for review some time in January 2009.

Members of the 2007-2008 AAUW Bylaws Committee: Caroline Pickens (VA), Chair, Jo Harberson (CA), Doris Martin (FL), Caroline Sedlacek (NE), Roger Sween (MN). Foundation Bylaws Committee: Ann Terry (SC) Chair, Faye Dykstra (KY). Advisor: Coco Siewert (MI), AAUW Parliamentarian.

Helen Sebring, Co-Secretary

BOARD BRIEF

The Executive Committee meeting was held at the home of Linda Patten on September 15. Fay Denny moved that the mentoring program continue "as is" for the coming year. Planning on organization and structure to be completed by April 30, 2009 to be brought to the Joint Board meeting in May, 2009. Motion approved.

MORE OPPORTUNITIES

Career Speakers Sought for Jefferson Leadership Academies Career Day to be held on Tuesday, November 18th, 2008 from 9:00 AM. to 11:30 AM on the campus of Jefferson Leadership Academies. Speakers from ALL careers are welcome—even if you are retired! Contact Nancy Dalton, Luz Romero, or Principal, Lori Clark at 562-438-9904. The address of Jefferson Leadership Academies is 750 Euclid Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90804.

Community Connections meeting will be on Monday, October 27th, 6:30 p.m. at the Rossmoor Marie Callendar's.

New Members Social - Join us on Thursday, Oct 23 anytime between 5:30-7:30 PM for a wine and cheese social. It's a fun time to get to know one another and learn more about AAUW and its commitment for advancing equity for women and girls. All newer members are welcome as well as seasoned members who want to share their particular interest with the new members. Meeting is held at the home of Flo Pickett 2919 Studebaker Rd. Call 562 421-5348.

AAUW BRANCH MEETING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2008

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

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

Menu: Choice of: Chicken Salad
Salmon Salad
Vegetarian Entree

Roll and butter
Raspberries Romanoff
Coffee, tea or water

Price: \$30.00

Questions: Jean Aldrich (562-430-8688), Barbara Cottrell (562 431-2445) or JoAnn Kuroda (562 429-6923)

Deadline: October 26, 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. Please mail to Bobbi Burket, PO Box 90502, Long Beach, CA 90809. (562) 599 3927

Deadline for Reservations, October 26, 2008

Member(s)

ENTRÉE CHOICE CIRCLE:

Chicken Salad OR Salmon Salad OR Vegetarian Entree

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.**

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INTEREST GROUPS

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

Book Chat Plus, November 4, 10 AM at Betty Thompson's home, 12412 Ballantine Dr, Rossmoor. Call Betty to RSVP. 562 430 8438

Great Books please contact Linda Patten 562 402-6831.

Community Connections will meet on Monday, October 27, 2008, at Marie Callender's, Rossmoor, at 630 PM. Contact Anne Supple for more information, 562 665 8361

Literary Ladies meet the second Monday of the month at Jean Aldrich's home 1PM. Our November book selection is "The Forger's Spell." Please contact Pat Ferrer at 562 597 4781 for more information.

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

Antiques and Collectibles Saturday, October 18, 2008, 8:30 am - 2:00 pm, Bethany Lutheran Church, 4644 Clark Ave, Corner of Clark and Arbor Road, in Lakewood Village, It is time for our annual visit to the Children's Benefit League's Fall Bazaar - new and used items --. For those attending, "Let's do lunch" at noon. Barbara Gleason 562 421-2206, for more information.

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

Other Wednesday Bridge	1 st & 3 rd Wednesday	Noon – 4:00 PM	Emily Elgin	562 498-0646
Friday Bridge	2 nd Friday	9:30 AM – 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, or disability.

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