



# AAUW-Long Beach VANTAGE

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Carolyn D. Magnuson, Programs

## Title IX and Athletes in Skirts Saturday, January 5, 2013



Title IX of the Education Amendments was enacted by Congress in June of 1972 and shortly thereafter signed into law. Its provisions were fairly simple and direct: it prohibited gender discrimination by all educational programs or activities that received any type of federal financial aid.

Over the ensuing 40 years, Title IX has been the subject of much political controversy and ongoing litigation. Despite repeated efforts to circumvent, limit, or repress implementation of its provisions, Title IX has provided women with protections against discrimination in education, which almost certainly would not exist if not for Title IX. Thus, AAUW has always vigorously supported women in claiming the rights granted by Title IX.

At the January 5, 2013 meeting of AAUW-Long Beach, the Readers Theater group of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch of AAUW will present an original play entitled "Athletes in Skirts." The production was written by a member of that AAUW branch and features four outstanding pioneering women athletes who were breaking down gender barriers in sports long before Title IX was passed; they are Annie Oakley, Gertrude Ederle, Babe Didrikson, and Billie Jean King.

Those who have seen the production have reported that the play is inspirational, entertaining, and educational. Come and enjoy it with us and bring a friend or two.

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**AAUW's Mission Statement:** *AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.*

**AAUW's Value Promise:** *By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.*

## Branch News

Courtesy from Mary Orr



Happy and Healthy 2013 to ALL.

Birthday greetings to all January honorees!

January was the birthday of the fabulous identical twins, Ruth and Margaret Astor, my mother and my aunt! Daily, I try to be worthy of my blessings from them. I had surgery in Nov. but shall be back in shape by the time you read this!

Thank you, **Dolores Mayuga**, for generously hosting the Wassail for us last month.

*"Happiness is nothing more than good health and a bad memory."* Albert Schweitzer

### CALENDAR EVENTS & NOTICES

**Saturday, January 5, 2013**

The Petroleum Club

**Saturday, February 2, 2013**

Long Beach Yacht Club

**Saturday, March 2, 2013**

Leisure World

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### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All will be held on the third Monday of the month, social time at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 6:45 p.m. All meetings will be at the Unitarian Universalist Church at Atherton and Bellflower Blvd. Room 2.

**Meeting dates: Third Monday in February, March, April**

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

All will be held on the third Monday of the month, social time 6:30 p.m., and meeting at 6:45 p.m. All meetings will be at the Unitarian Universalist church, Room 2. **Meeting dates: Third Monday of January, March, and May.**



### CALL FOR STEM CONFERENCE VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers to assist at the 10th AAUW Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Career Conference. The 2012 Conference will take place on Friday, February 22, 2013 at Long Beach City College, Liberal Arts Campus. At this yearly Conference, women with careers in math, science, technology and engineering present workshops to middle-school girls to excite them about the possibilities of such careers and encourage them to attend college. Volunteers for this event are needed to take on tasks like facilitating speakers, helping with registration, or preparing bags and refreshments and, this year, we are looking for more photographers!

*\*\* If you are interested in being a volunteer or have any questions about assisting at the STEM Conference, please email Darlene Daclan at [darlene\\_daclan@yahoo.com](mailto:darlene_daclan@yahoo.com) or call at 562/673-6909. \*\**

## President's Message



Pat Sargeant – President

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Wassail Party!! Wasn't that a grand way to start our holiday partying? Thank you to all who helped with the refreshments! Everything that I tasted was delicious. Team work can accomplish wonders. I also want to thank Deloris Mayuga for sharing her beautiful home with us!!

On Jan. 5, 2013, we will see a play "Athletes in Skirts" about Title IX presented by the Palos Verdes branch of AAUW. Several of our members saw it last year and recommended it to us. The meeting will be at the PETROLEUM CLUB to make use of their stage needed for the production. We saw one of their plays about famous president's wives several years ago that was outstanding! I hope you will try to join us for our first meeting of the New Year!

On Feb. 2, 2013, we will hold our meeting at the Long Beach Yacht Club. Our guest speaker came to this country from Egypt last July. He will explain to us what is happening in Egypt right now. This will be our International meeting for this year. How fortunate we are to have an expert who can explain the situations in the Middle East. This promises to be a most informative meeting!!

We hope to be able to purchase the DVD "The Invisible War". If we purchase the DVD, it will be used for our March 2, 2013 meeting, which will be held at Leisure World.

On Sat. April 6, 2013 we will be meeting at Rancho Los Alamitos so we can see the recent changes that have been made there. We will also enjoy lunch served on the Patio.

Our Membership Garden Party is planned for the home of Jean Aldrich on Sat. May 4, 2013. It is a great opportunity to meet new people and learn about the small groups offered in our branch.

The final event of spring will be our Installation which held at OLD RANCH COUNTRY CLUB on Sat. June 1, 2013. The Wilson High School Show Choir will be presenting our program. You can see that we have a grand variety of programs planned for you. I HOPE you will try to attend as many of these events as you can!!

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>! HAPPY NEW YEAR to you all!

A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

## The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund



Historical Note: In 1981, a group of female faculty members and coaches brought a class-action lawsuit against Cornell University, alleging sex discrimination in promotion and pay. To support the plaintiffs, members of the AAUW Ithaca NY Branch asked the national office to bank funds raised in support of the case. The AAUW Board of Directors agreed—and the Legal Advocacy Fund was officially born.

AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund has recently signed an amicus brief and is providing financial support to plaintiffs in a gender discrimination suit against Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

Since 1981, AAUW has contributed more than \$1.3 million in support to more than 100 cases involving individuals fighting sex discrimination in higher education through the LAF.

See AAUW’s 2012 Annual Report.

*Again, thank you to everyone for the LB Branch support of the LAF in 2012.*



### INTERNATIONAL CUISINE

Pat Ferrer, International Cuisine



### **A Night Out in Old Havana**

Join your fellow branch members for a dinner out dining on food from Cuba! We will be meeting at 5:30 PM at La Cocina Grill in Bellflower on Wednesday, January 16, 2013. La Cocina Grill is advertised as Cuban Mexican Fusion restaurant, but it really has Cuban entrees and Mexican entrees.

The owner has one parent from Mexico and another from Cuba and strives to highlight the best cuisine from both. I plan to bring one of my Cuban relatives (husband or one of his relatives) with me that night so you can ask a “native” about the food. La Cocina Grill is located at 10502 Artesia Blvd. Suite A, Bellflower, Ca 90706. It is in a small strip mall on the south side of Artesia, just west of Palo Verde Ave. The sign for the water store is more prominent than that of the restaurant.

Here’s a link to the menu: <http://lacocinagrill.com/menu> The Cuban items are primarily on the first page under SEAFOOD AND RICE Dishes and BEEF AND PORK Dishes.

Please RSVP to Pat Ferrer, [panderoh@aol.com](mailto:panderoh@aol.com) or 562 597 4781 NLT January 12, 2013.

Pat Ferrer, Tech Trek Co-Chair



## JANUARY IS TECH TREK MONTH!

Anne Supple, my co-chair, and I will be asking you to contribute for Tech Trek camperships at our January Branch Meeting. For 2013, we have six spaces reserved at UC Irvine. We have targeted two Title I area schools for candidates: Muir School and Washington Middle School. Your overwhelming generosity last year has given us a good start for funding this year’s campers. However, we still need almost \$3,400 to fund all 6 camperships. Each campership is now \$900, up from \$850.

If you wish to donate to Tech Trek **and** have a tax deduction for the 2012 tax year, please mail BY December 18, 2012, a check made payable to **AAUW CA SPF**, to Pat Ferrer, 365 Ultimo Ave, Long Beach. To be tax deductible for 2012, the checks have to be processed by Pat, then by the Tech Trek Irvine Camp Treasurer, and received by the SPF Bookkeeper by January 8, 2013. Any checks received later than December 24, 2012 , will be a tax deductible donation for Tax Year 2013. Hope to see you at our first branch meeting in 2013.

### PUBLIC POLICY NOTES

Issue advocacy isn't just about AAUW lending its name to an issue, or speaking up on Capitol Hill. Issue advocacy is about AAUW members and all citizens concerned with equity being knowledgeable and aware of the current status of important issues. AAUW’s federal policy agenda builds upon more than a century of advocacy by AAUW members at the local, state, national and international levels; strives to break through barriers so all women and girls have a fair chance; and moves us closer to true economic and educational equity for all.

- Have you visited the **AAUW Two-Minute Activist**, where **you can make your voice heard in Congress!** First, take one minute to read about the latest issue in Congress. Then, take one more minute to personalize a message and e-mail it to your member of Congress.
- Go to the **AAUW website** - <http://capwiz.com/aauw/home/> - to see how you can make a difference!

### AAUW CA Post-Election Update

Thanks to all of you who participated in the *It's My Vote – I Will Be Heard* project! AAUW CA Branches worked to register voters, educate them about women’s issues and the state propositions, and did phone-banking to remind women to vote. We can all be encouraged that “millennials” ages 18-31 made up 19% of the voter turnout nationally, in spite of pre-election polls that indicated this age group to be somewhat apathetic about the election! Interestingly, that is the same percentage of women 65 and over who voted.



## Your Educational Opportunity Fund Dollars at Work

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Linda Patten, AAUW Funds Co-Chair  
Sharon Westafer, AAUW Funds State Director

Good news! During the fundraising program we raised over \$2400.00. A special **thank you** to all the members who donated to AAUW Educational and Research family of funds; here is an example of the vital work your contribution supports:

Chen Wang, a Chinese national who completed a Ph.D. in Neuroscience from the State University of New York in Albany. She was awarded an Anna Townsend International Fellowship for 2012-2013 to pursue her interest in the regulation of a set of genes that are essential for the neural development of the nervous system and have been implicated in neurodegenerative disease. Her current research focuses on developing novel approaches that enable one to visualize this regulation directly in live, transgenic frog embryos. Further, she is an active proponent of higher education for young women in rural China.

As long-time members may know, Anna Townsend was AAUW Long Beach Branch President in 1937-1938! She also held offices of California State Division President from 1950-1952 and Association VP for the South Pacific Region from 1955 to 1963. Her endowment was established in 1953 and completed in 1968.

Look forward, next month, to reading about a Louise Arbogast American Fellowship recipient.





## AAUW National NEWS - Join Us in New Orleans June 9–12, 2013!

Plans are under way to make this the most exciting, energizing, information-packed, and fun-filled national convention ever. Keep an eye on the AAUW website for details.

### The Great Decisions groups will start meeting in February.

If you would like to order a copy of the Great Decisions book (published by the Foreign Policy Association), please mail a check for \$20 (made out to AAUW) to Helen Sebring at 1705 Bolsa Ave. Seal Beach, CA 90740. If you have any questions about joining this interest group, please call Helen at 562.596.0180, or Margy Arthur at 562.799.8479.

### AAUW BRANCH MEETING Saturday, January 5, 2012

Social: 9:30a-10:00a  
Meeting: 10:00a-11:00a  
Program: 11:00a-12:00p  
Lunch: 12:00p-1:00p

Place: The Long Beach Petroleum Club  
3636 Linden Ave.  
Long Beach, CA 90807  
562 - 427 - 7966



Menu: House Salad  
Chicken Marsala  
Potatoes and Vegetables  
Roll & Butter  
Vanilla Ice Cream  
& Strawberry sauce  
Beverages, Coffee & Tea

Price: \$ 30.00

**RSVP by December 31, 2012 (Required)**

Questions: Jean Aldrich, (562) 430-8688

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

### RESERVATION RETURN

Send your registration and check payable to AAUW Long Beach to Margy Arthur, 1102 Central Ave, Seal Beach, CA 90740 562 799-8479

**RSVP by December 31, 2012**

Member(s)

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Day) \_\_\_\_\_

Evening \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s)

\_\_\_\_\_

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Address:

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No. of Reservations \_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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

**RSVP by December 31, 2012**

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## INTEREST GROUPS

- Public Policy:** This group meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month – Please contact Flo Pickett 562-421-5348.
- Bridge Group:**  Friday Bridge, 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month 9:30-12:00 pm (contact) Cathy Cunningham 562-424-3166
- Book Chat Plus:**  Book Chat Plus meets at the home of Helen Sebring. The group meets to discuss your current reading, a great movie you have just seen, or an exciting trip you have taken. If interested call Helen for more information at 562-596-0810.
- Cultural Adventures** Visit interesting destinations! SAVE THE DATE – MARCH 21, 2013. Join us for the Grammy Museum Tour by bus to LA. More information, call JoAnn Kuroda, 562-429-6923 or email [sojoinlb@aol.com](mailto:sojoinlb@aol.com)
- Golf:**  Contact Pat Ferrer - 562 597 4781- [panderoh@aol.com](mailto:panderoh@aol.com) to set up a day/time for 9 holes of golf.
- Literary Ladies:**  Literary Ladies meet the second Monday of the month at Jean Aldrich’s home at 1 p.m. The January book selection is Secret Daughter by Shilpi Gowda. At this time, you can be added to a waiting list for this group. Contact Jean Aldrich, 562-430-8688, for information.
- International Cuisine:**  For information call Joan Gustafson. See the latest listing in this Vantage.
- Antiques and Collectibles:**  Meetings tba.
- Residential Rentals Discussion Group:** This monthly 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 10:00 am to 11:30 am gathering is a discussion group on topics relating to residential rentals. We most often meet at the dining room table at one of our homes. Ellen: [epmathis@verizon.net](mailto:epmathis@verizon.net). Might you inherit a rental property soon? Do you have a rental property someone else is managing? Have you thought about investing in a rental? Do you want to see how your property owner thinks? Come join us!