

## Women in Higher Education



Raquel Sanchez and Jeane Caveness  
Co-Program Vice-Presidents

Saturday January 10, 2015

Jane Close Conoley, president of California State University, Long Beach (CSULB), will be the featured speaker at the next meeting of the Long Beach branch of AAUW on Saturday, Jan. 10. President Conoley will discuss issues women face in higher education and reflect on her own journey, rising through the faculty ranks to administrative roles, in a discussion titled “From Token Ineffectual to President.” Conoley took office as the seventh president of CSULB in July. Prior to this, she served as dean of the Gevirtz Graduate School of Education at the UC Santa Barbara and interim chancellor of UC Riverside from November 2012 to August 2013. She has also held leadership positions at Texas A&M University and University of Nebraska, Lincoln.



The author, co-author or editor of more than 120 books, articles and book chapters, Conoley also serves on numerous journal editorial and community service boards. She has received research, teaching and service honors during her career. Additionally, her research and development efforts in school safety, teacher quality and student achievement have garnered more than \$20 million in external federal, state and private funds.

The meeting will be held in The Centre at Sycamore Plaza in Lakewood, beginning with a social at 9:30 a.m.. The program will begin at 11 a.m. followed by lunch at noon. Everyone is invited to this special program.

**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 and girls have a fair chance.*

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# Branch News

## Courtesy

### **Best wishes to January birthdays!**



Thank you to Linda Patten for hosting the Wassail party in December and to all members for the generous donations of tasty holiday delights!

Send any news or Courtesy items to **Rebecca Low**  
**rlow1@hotmail.com**

**You are never too old to set  
another goal or to dream a  
new dream. ~ C.S. Lewis**

## **CALENDAR EVENTS & NOTICES**

**Saturday, February 7, 2015**

Branch Meeting—Lunch  
Grace Presbyterian Church

**Saturday, March 7, 2015**

Meeting—Lunch at The Grand

**AAUW-LONG BEACH WEBSITE:**

<http://www.aauw-longbeach.org>



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**We're on Facebook!**

<http://www.aauw-ca.org/blog/index.cfm/2010/8/5/Were-on-Facebook>



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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All meetings will be held on the third Monday of the month, social time at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:00 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church at Atherton and Bellflower Blvd. Room 2.  
Dates: 2/16 — 4/20.



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

All meetings will be held on the third Monday of the month, social time 6:30 p.m., and meeting at 7:00 p.m. Meetings will be at the Unitarian Universalist church, Room 2. Dates: January 19—March 16

## **WE WANT YOU! - STEM CONFERENCE VOLUNTEERS**

We are looking for volunteers to assist at the 12th AAUW Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Career Conference. 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 for tasks like facilitating speakers, helping with registration, preparing bags and refreshments, and, this year, we are looking for more photographers!



The Conference will take place **on Friday, February 27, 2015** at Long Beach City College - Liberal Arts Campus. *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.*



What a wonderful Wassail we had this year at the lovely home of Linda Patten who along with Program VPs Raquel Sanchez and Jean Caveness, Membership VP Lamis Hashem, Sharon Westafer and others were most wonderful hosts. And of course, we enjoyed Barbara Gleason's annual Holiday cider and the spirit of the season - a great start to the holidays!

Our next big event is our January 10 general meeting at Sycamore Plaza in the Lakewood Civic Center. Jane Conoley, President of CSULB, will be our speaker (see the article in this newsletter). Get your reservation in by Jan 1... it will be a well attended event!

As we close 2014, I am looking forward to an exciting new year of programs. And I am thinking about some resolutions we could make at AAUW: join a group or start another one -- Great Decisions, Book groups, Public Policy. Help out at the STEM Conference - Feb 27 event at LBCC (contact Darlene). Share your Vantage with friends. Email it to friends. We like new members! Let's set our aims high for 2015.



## International Cuisine



WEDNESDAY, JAN. 21, 2015, 6:30PM

### NATRAJ CUISINE OF INDIA

5262 E. 2ND STREET, LONG BEACH, CA 90803  
562-930--0930



Please join us for an Indian Restaurant venture. You will be treated to the exotic tastes of foods like Chicken Tikka Masala, Karahi Lamb or Mixed Tandoori Special. Who can resist the delightful nan bread?

Please RSVP to Joan Gustafson 562-439-3130 or email at [jwg221@aol.com](mailto:jwg221@aol.com) Carpooling is recommended.

Happy 2015 to everyone! Your Membership team wishes you and your families a wonderful year in 2015; a year that brings all good things to all of you.

We're happy to announce that our AAUW branch has two new members. Please look for them at meetings to welcome them and to invite them to branch groups and programs in which you are active. Here is the information about our two newest members:

**Julie Nemechek** Julie lives in Long Beach. She is retired and is active with the Committee of 300 (Long Beach Grand Prix and city) and is on the Board of Long Beach Heritage, where she has served as the Vice President of Public Relations. Her contact data is: (562) 437-2890 (H); (562) 706-2450 (C); ctwmn3@aol.com

**Leah Sakacs** Leah lives in Bellflower. She is a graduate student at CSULB working towards her MA in Applied Anthropology and she is also in the Air Force Reserves. She is very active in student and military organizations, having held the offices of President, Media Coordinator and Events Director of the Veterans Network, Treasurer and Social Media Coordinator for the Anthropology Graduate Student Association, and Secretary for the College of Liberal Arts Student Council. Her contact data is: (330) 261-2631 (C); leah.sakacs@gmail.com.

Happy New Year to all. Carol and Lamis



### **Meet More Long Beach Branch Endowment Interest Recipients**

Research and Projects Grants include Career Development Grants, which help women who seek to achieve upward mobility within their present careers or are trying to change careers.

The Long Beach branch has four completed Research and Projects Grants that honor three members: Joyce E. Clark, completed in 1990, Connie Wright Inskip, completed in 1995, and Ethel Black, completed in 2001. The fourth Research and Projects Grant honors the Long Beach branch and was completed in 2008. Two of the recipients of interest money from these endowments are featured here.

**Name:** Natalie Cooper

**Degree and Field:** M.S., Forestry **Institution:** University of Florida **Location:** Gainesville, Florida

**Award Year:** 2014-15

Natalie Cooper is pursuing a master's degree in forest resources and conservation with a concentration in tropical conservation and development and a certificate in Latin American studies. A former Peace Corps Volunteer, she aspires to continue working with tropical forest communities in Latin America to sustainably manage their natural resources through capacity-building development projects



**Name:** Sarah Pohlig

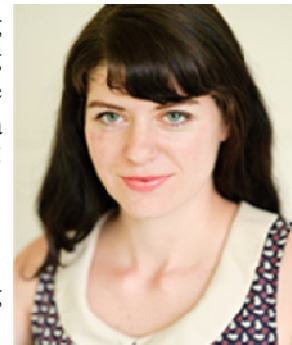
**Degree and Field:** Associate, Computer programming

**Institution:** Durham Technical Community College

**Location:** Durham, North Carolina

**Award Year:** 2014-15

Since graduating, Sarah Pohlig has cobbled together a patchwork of jobs to support herself and her daughter. She has a BA in English literature and a part-time position as a writer. She is pursuing an associate's degree in computer programming, a growing field where women are underrepresented. She finds that writing code, like writing poetry or prose, has an elegance all its own.





## Fellowships, Grants and Endowments:

AAUW recently announced that \$3.7 million in fellowships and grants was awarded to 244 scholars for the 2014-2015 school year. There are 25 recipients who will be studying in California during the year. Because this money represents the interest earned from completed endowments as the principal is never used, we encourage you to donate to the California unfinished endowments so they too can fund fellowships and grants. A list of the current unfinished endowments can be accessed by clicking on AAUW CA Funds at [www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org).

## LeadershipFund:

One of the goals of the Funds committee for 2014 was to have at least fifty students from California attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in June. Special appreciation goes to those of you who helped fund the **69** California students who attended the conference this year!



## IN THE NEWS FROM AAUW – CA President Kathleen Doty

This is also the time of year to start planning for the year ahead. AAUW CA has some exciting events coming up in 2015...

- Leadership Development Days will be held in Northern California on March 21, 2015 and in Southern California on **April 19, 2015**. Let everyone know of these events, especially those whom you want to encourage to step-up to leadership in your branch. Some practical, transferrable, leadership skills training is going to be provided.
- The AAUW CA Annual Meeting is going to be held **April 18, 2015** at the Manhattan Beach Marriott in Manhattan Beach, CA. This promises to be a day full of valuable information as well as the Speech Trek finals. And, in case you hadn't noticed, the Southern California Leadership Development Day is happening the very next day and will be at the same location – make it a package!

• And, DO NOT forget the National Convention will be in San Diego **June 18-21, 2015**. Registration is open now – Join the Wave!

As I think of the things for which I am thankful, AAUW is close to the top of the list. After all, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair chance.

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THROUGH ADVOCACY, EDUCATION,  
PHILANTHROPY, AND RESEARCH



## U.S. Supreme Court to Decide Another Important Case Impacting Women's Health – *Young v. UPS*

On December 3, 2014, the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments in *Young v. UPS* – a case that will decide the scope of the federal Pregnancy Discrimination Act and whether employers must accommodate pregnant workers. When Peggy Young, a delivery driver for UPS, found out she was pregnant, her doctor recommended that she not lift more than 20 pounds – but UPS denied her request for light duty, even though it offered similar accommodations to other drivers with non-pregnancy related limitations. As a result, Ms. Young was forced to take an unpaid leave of absence for several months and even lost her medical coverage from UPS during her pregnancy (when she needs it most!) because she did not work the number of hours required to maintain those benefits.

Under the Pregnancy Discrimination Act, employers are required to treat pregnant women the same as workers who are “similar in their ability or inability to work.” The question is which employees are “similar” to pregnant women? The lower court addressing this issue decided that pregnant women were not similar to workers with disabilities or those with on-the-job injuries – two groups of workers who are allowed to receive light duty assignments and accommodations under the UPS policy at issue. Keep your fingers crossed for the Supreme Court’s decision on this issue next year! This is an important case for all women, whether pregnant or not.

## Legal Advocacy Fund Donations

Thank you to all who donated to the Legal Advocacy Fund at the November 2014 branch meeting (and later by mail). As of December 3, 2014, our branch has raised over \$1800 for the fund! There are still a few more days left in the year to make a tax-deductible donation. Thank you again for your generosity!!

## Great Decisions

It's time to order your booklets for our Great Decisions discussion groups. The deadline for ordering books is December 31. Please make out your checks to **Adele Brown** for \$20.00 and send them to  
Adele Brown      12300 Montecito Road #10      Seal Beach, CA 90740



We welcome all members to join one of our three groups. We have a Tuesday morning group led by **Norma Grady** (562--596-2819). Another group meets on Friday afternoon headed by **Deloris Mayuga** (562-596-8902). Our evening group meets on Wednesday and is led by **Flo Pickett** (562-421-5348). Please contact any of these leaders for further information about their groups.

Great Decisions is a national, civic-education program sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association that encourages participants to learn about U.S. foreign policy and global issues and discuss multiple viewpoints in a group setting. Each year we cover eight topics significant to the U.S. role in the global community. Looking forward to you joining one of the groups.

# BRANCH INTEREST GROUPS

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Joining an interest group (or many) is a great way to get to know other members on a more personal level. Make friends while participating in fun, informative and educational activities. To start a new interest group, submit a description to the President and it will be passed to Ellen Mathis, Interest Group Coordinator for help with implementation.

**Antiques and Collectibles**, led by **Judith Kaho**, meets several times a year to share their love and appreciation of beautiful/interesting antiques, historical family items and collectables. Light refreshments are served by the hostess, sharing and conversation ensues; held at various homes or at a local retailer. Contact **Judith** at 562-429-2790.



**Book Chat Plus Group** members present the most interesting book they have recently read, film they have seen or the most exciting travel experience they have had. If time allows, all three! Light refreshments are served along with the intriguing conversation. We meet the 1st Tuesday at 10 a.m. Contact **Ellen Mathis for the new leader**, 562 - 433-6509



**Bridge Group** plays at the Petroleum Club in Long Beach on the second Friday from 9:30 - noon. To inquire about a seat at the group meeting, contact **Cathy Cunningham** at 562-424-3166; catherine\_j\_cunningham@yahoo.com.



**Cultural Adventures Group** plans trips to museums and other points of interest. It is usually a mid-week tour & lunch scheduled several times a year. Join a group that enjoys checking out museums and cultural interests. Contact **JoAnn Kuroda** at 562-429-6923 or email at sojoinlb@aol.com. Ideas welcome.



**Great Books Group** reads from an anthology published by the Great Books Foundation. It includes philosophy, poetry and fictional writing of prize winning and world renowned authors. Contact **Linda Patten** at 562-402-6831



**Great Decisions Groups** meetings are held in February and March. Members prepare by reading one chapter of the *Great Decisions* book; published by the Foreign Policy Association, about a situation of world importance. The self-moderated group meets to discuss the pros, cons, and issues of important topics. Each participant is encouraged to bring other sources of information. Everyone gets a turn/or pass, no one is "wrong" and all opinions are respected. One of the groups meets year round to discuss foreign policy. Each person pays for a copy of the book before Dec. 31. Contact **Adele Brown** at 562-594-6443 or email at [abrown511@verizon.net](mailto:abrown511@verizon.net).



**International Cuisine Group** meets and dines at restaurants of different ethnicity in the local area. It is usually scheduled every few months on a Wednesday within an easy drive of LB. Car pooling is an option. Come join a group who enjoys unique flavors of the world. Contact **Joan Gustafson** at 562-439-3130. The next adventure is being planned.



**Literary Ladies Group** meets to discuss and compare thoughts on a selected novel, fiction or non-fiction.

Each member takes a turn recommending and leading the group on a recently published book. The ladies come together to hear the thoughts and insights of others in the group. They meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 1:00 pm. There is a maximum of 12, and a waiting list. Contact **Sharon Westafer** at 562-493-4749 if needed, about the meeting location and January book, *The Storied Life of A.J Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin.



**Public Policy** meetings, explore, discuss and support the active legislative issues of AAUW, which underscore our mission of promoting equity and education for all women and girls. The group passes on knowledge and information to all branch members and encourage them to become involved with AAUW issues.



This month's meeting will be in **January** - 5:30 to 7:00 pm at Shelley Arnold's house 4211 Marber Ave, Lakewood, 90713. Contact **Shelley Arnold** email [shelleyarnold1@aol.com](mailto:shelleyarnold1@aol.com)

**Residential Rentals Discussion Group** meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month year round, from 10:00–11:30 am. Anyone with an interest in residential rentals is welcome. We often have a topic, share recent landlord experiences and work to keep our knowledge current. An email/call to **Joan Gustafson** or **Ellen Mathis** will ensure there is a chair at the table for you.



Any new ideas? Submit a plan to the President or to Ellen Mathis.

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Guest / Note \_\_\_\_\_

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Yes— I'd like Vegetarian option \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ reservation for the meeting and program only (NO MEAL)

**RSVP by January 1st**

*A meal reservation is a financial commitment and refunds shall not be made.*

### AAUW BRANCH MEETING

**Saturday, January 10, 2015**

9:30 a.m.	Social
10:00 a.m.	Business Meeting
11:00 a.m.	Program
12:00 Noon	Lunch

Place: The Centre at Sycamore Plaza  
Maple Room  
5000 Clark Ave. Lakewood  
(Parking in back of building)

Meal: Herb Crusted Salmon Salad - Bread and Butter  
Lemon Blueberry Cheesecake  
Coffee, Tea, Water, Iced Tea

Vegetarian request available.

Price: \$32.00 per person



Questions about the location ?

Contact Fay Denny email [faydenny@yahoo.com](mailto:faydenny@yahoo.com)

Or JoAnn Kuroda email [sojoinlb@aol.com](mailto:sojoinlb@aol.com)