

An Uplifting Look at Education

Saturday February 7, 2015



Raquel Sanchez and Jeane Caveness
Co-Program Vice-Presidents

Natalie Sartin, lecturer in the Department of Africana Studies, California State University, Long Beach (CSULB), is the featured speaker at the next meeting of the Long Beach branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW). Sartin's topic is: "Lifting as We Climb": The Relevance of the Critical Methods and Approaches of the Late Nineteenth Century Black Woman Activist to Educators Today.

Her doctoral dissertation looks at two Black women activists of the late 19th century, Anna Julia Cooper and Frances E. W. Harper, who employed several critical methods and approaches in their task of imparting skills for the regeneration of the Black



race. This is otherwise known as "racial uplift." Sartin argues for the relevance of these approaches to current educational leaders--how work by Cooper and Harper can inform pedagogical models of teaching African American students today. She will also point out how this work relates to the importance of culturally relevant education for other underrepresented minority students. In addition, the presentation celebrates the power and passion of these pioneering women.

The AAUW meeting will be held at Grace First Presbyterian Church, 3955 N. Studebaker Rd, Long Beach, CA 90808 beginning with a social at 9:30 a.m. and includes a business meeting at 10:00. The program will begin at 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch at noon. See back page for reservation information.

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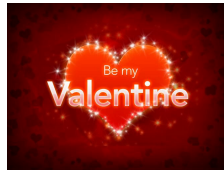
AAUW's Mission Statement: *AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.*

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

Branch News

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Courtesy **Best wishes to** **February birthdays!**



Love is in the air ...we also celebrate Presidents' Day and Ash Wednesday this month.

Jean Aldrich would love to hear from her AAUW friends— send mail c/o Rowntree Gardens 12151 Dale St. Apt. C309, Stanton, CA 90680 714-971-6708

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

**"Away in a meadow all covered with snow
The little old groundhog looks for his shadow
The clouds in the sky determine our fate
If winter will leave us all early or late."**

- Don Halley

CALENDAR EVENTS & NOTICES

Saturday, March 7, 2015

Branch Meeting—Lunch
The Grand

Thursday, April 2, 2015

Meeting—Dinner at The Holiday Inn

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<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: March 16

INCOMING / OUTGOING FULL BOARD MEETING

All current year and next year Board Members, Appointed Officers and Administrative Chairs are expected to attend Monday May 18

Board Briefs:

Regular board business was transacted at the November and December Executive Committee meetings. The following motion was approved by the Executive Committee at the December meeting:

By direction of the Finance Committee, Pat Ferrer moved that the \$83,000 in the Endowment Fund be rolled over into two, one-year Certificates of Deposit at One West Bank. \$33,000 would remain as the Endowment Fund. \$50,000 would be returned to its source, the Building Fund. All accumulated interest should be moved to the Endowment Holding Fund in the Bank of America checking account. Motion passed.





In January, we were inspired by **President Jane Close Connelly**, first woman president of CSULB, the Alma Mater of many of us. She chose as her topic "From Token Ineffectual to President" showing how women may begin careers as "the token woman", but can also rise to the occasion by team playing, persistence and tenacity--all qualities that most women have.

In Washington D.C. the new 2015 Congress begins it's work. The Senate has only 20 women members- out of 100. Let's work to make the Senate and all of Congress truly representative of the nation. 50% would be nice. There is no reason why we cannot find and elect 45 intelligent, tenacious women. Find more at AAUW.org/Take Action.

Sexual violence on campus has been a national topic of the last year. Title IX, advocated for and implemented by AAUW and other women's groups, demands that women have an equal opportunity for education. Violence on campus undermines women's education. Pay attention and encourage lawmakers and college administrators to solve this problem. Young women deserve better.

Jan 15th is the deadline for early registration for best rates for the national AAUW Conference in San Diego. It promises to be an outstanding conference (**June 18-21**) Log on to convention/aauw.org for details. Please let me know if you are thinking of attending. Register NOW!

The nominating committee of AAUW-LB will be knocking at your door soon. Please consider serving.
If everyone does a little, no one has to do too much.

Pat Ferrer running for AAUW CA CFO

Branch Budget Chair Pat Ferrer is demonstrating her commitment to AAUW by running for AAUW CA CFO -Chief Financial Officer! Elections are in April and we're counting on each of you to vote! We all know how important the position of CFO is to any board. AAUW California needs the best! We need you to vote for Pat in the upcoming election.

The office of CFO for the state board is the only position so far that has two candidates running for the job. Pat has served in nearly every budget position in AAUW Long Beach over the past years. She has also been Co-President of the Branch. Currently Budget Chair and Webmaster for the branch, Pat is also co-chair of the branch Tech Trek committee and serves as the Financial Liaison for the AAUW CA Tech Trek Executive Committee. From 2009-2011, Pat served on the AAUW National Finance committee. Pat performs tasks quickly and efficiently and promptly answers emails. As you can tell, she is well qualified for the job of AAUW CA CFO. Your vote is very important!!

There are branch members who will be available to show you how to vote and to answer your questions when the time comes.



Pat Ferrer Goal Statement:

I believe I have the skills and knowledge to help AAUW CA stay in good financial status. As Chief Financial Officer, I want to honor those that have held this position before me by doing the best work possible and providing outstanding financial advice to the President and her Board of Directors.

As our AAUW branch moves strongly into 2015, we recognize that it is our members who animate and energize the many programs and interest groups that are integral parts of our AAUW, Long Beach Branch. Through our members' commitment and support, our branch programs confront the many challenges that girls and women face in our society. Our **mission-related programs** like the STEM Conference, Tech Trek and our new scholarship program not only provide opportunities and support for at risk girls and women in college, they also are a major reason that many of our newer members joined our branch. Our **interest groups** that offer so many opportunities for connecting on a personal level with other active women and our mission-related branch programs combine to make our AAUW branch the dynamic and effective organization that it is.

Thank you to our members for your outreach and warm embrace of our newer members, and thank you to our newer members for joining us in our work for equity for women and girls.

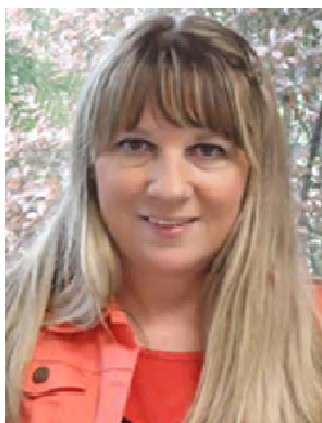
Sharon Westafer, Chair
AAUW CA Funds Committee

EO Grant Recipients



Long Beach Branch Endowment Interest Recipients—Final Installment

Our final two Long Beach endowment recipients for 2014-2015 receive interest money from the Ethel Black, completed in 2001, and the Long Beach Branch, Inc. endowment completed in 2008. Because only the interest money from the endowments is used to fund fellowships and grants, the endowments will last in perpetuity. The 2014-2015 recipients of funds from the Long Beach Research and Projects Grants are the following:



Elizabeth Marasciulo, studying under the Ethel Black endowment, is a Career Development grant recipient working towards a certificate in Allied Health at Edmonds Community College in Lynnwood, Washington. She hopes to become an emergency room technician and also works as an advocate for women attempting to remove themselves from domestic violence situations; she herself is a survivor. She provides resources such as shelter, counseling, and medical services so women and their families can remain safe during this dangerous transition. She has a 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.

Roxanne Lee, recipient of monies from the Long Beach Branch, Inc. endowment, is also a Career Development grant recipient. She is studying for a Masters in Landscape Architecture at the University of Washington in Seattle. Her projects focus on working with diverse communities to create meaningfully shared public spaces that encourage active participation between neighbors, environmental stewardship, outdoor play, and exploration for all ages. Her goal is to shape a healthy and diverse environment for people as well as animals, birds and insects.





Recognizing AAUW's incredible Title IX work

The Title IX Champion award celebrates the vital Title IX advocacy work of AAUW supporters across the country. In the 40 years since Title IX was passed, AAUW members and supporters have done amazing work to promote gender equity in education. They have investigated Title IX compliance, cheered on women athletes, supported educators who called for fairness, lobbied for equitable school policies, and helped teach students, parents, educators, coaches, and administrators about the law's requirements. We have much more work ahead of us to fulfill Title IX's promise, and AAUW Title IX champions inspire us to press on!

Cacilia Kim, AAUW Long Beach (CA) Branch

~ Nominated by Sharon Westafer, AAUW Long Beach (CA) Branch

As a senior staff attorney at the California Women's Law Center, Cacilia Kim has made a career out of championing Title IX. Together with fellow Title IX Champion Elizabeth Kristen, Kim represented student athletes who sued the Sweetwater Union High School District in California for violating Title IX. In 2012, a trial judge held that the school district had failed to provide equal athletic opportunities for female students. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals later upheld the ruling. Says nominator Sharon Westafer, "Cacilia works tirelessly to make sure women and girls have a fair chance."



ARE YOU READY! - STEM CONFERENCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are still 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! Consider donating your afternoon to this terrific program.

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 or call at 562/673-6909.*

2015 TECH TREK IS COMING!

There is still opportunity to contribute to Tech Trek camperships. For Summer 2015, we have six spaces reserved at UC Irvine. We have targeted two Title I area schools for candidates: Jefferson Middle School and Hamilton Middle School. Donations by the Rossmoor Woman's Club and your overwhelming generosity over the years have given us a good start for funding this year's campers. However, we still need almost **\$3,800** to fund all 6 camperships. Each campership is still **\$900**. If you wish to make a tax deductible donation to Tech Trek, please bring a check made payable to AAUW CA SPF to any branch meeting, or mail to Pat Ferrer, 365 Ultimo Ave, Long Beach, CA 90814.

Tech Trek is a math/science camp designed to develop interest, excitement and self-confidence in young women who will enter eighth grade in the fall. It features hands-on activities in math, science and related fields. All sleeping, eating, instructional and recreational facilities are located on a university campus where camps are held.

Learn more at www.aauw-techtrek.org.

"Tech Trek made me aware of all the possibilities in career choices. I realized how much of the world is dependent upon researchers and engineers."

—Former attendee



Great Decisions

Just about time for Great Decisions discussion groups. Books have arrived for those who paid at the end of the year.

Contact **Adele Brown** if you have questions. 562-594-6443

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 **Betty Thompson**, 562 - 430 - 8438 or bettythom@aol.com



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.



Contact **Adele Brown** at 562-594-6443 or email at 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 2nd 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 February book, *A Tale for the Time Being* by Ruth Ozeki



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 **February 19** - 5:30 to 7:00 pm at Shelley Arnold's house
4211 Marber Ave, Lakewood, 90713. Contact **Shelley Arnold** email shelleyarnold1@aol.com

Residential Rentals Discussion Group meets the 3rd 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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Send this registration and check payable to AAUW L B to **Judith Kaho**, 2790 Vuelta Grande, LB, CA 90815 562-429-2790

Member Name (s) _____

Phone _____

Guest / Note _____

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Yes— I'd like Vegetarian option _____

_____ reservation for the meeting and program only (NO MEAL)

RSVP by February 1st

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

AAUW BRANCH MEETING Saturday, February 7, 2015

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

Place: Grace First Presbyterian Church
3955 Studebaker Road
Long Beach CA 90808
(Corner of Los Coyotes Diagonal and Studebaker Rd.)

Meal: Turkey with stuffing Sweet potatoes
Mashed potatoes with gravy
Cranberries Green beans
Rolls and Butter Dessert
Coffee, Tea, Water, Iced Tea

Vegetarian request available.

Price: \$21.00 per person

Questions about the location ?

Contact Fay Denny email faydenny@yahoo.com

Or JoAnn Kuroda email sojoinlb@aol.com

