

## *Investing for a Lifetime*



Mary Lamo and Valerie Little  
Co-Program Vice-Presidents

Saturday October 3, 2015

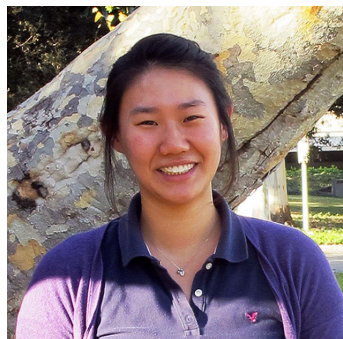
Investing is a word we readily use, from investing our time to investing our money. When we invest we *'provide or endow someone or something with a particular quality or attribute'*. AAUW, with the support of its members, has been investing in women and girls in our community since 1881.

We are fortunate in October to welcome two speakers who have benefited from AAUW programs. **Shannon Cholakian** is a fourth-year human development major at CSULB. She is secretary of the Student Government's president cabinet, is a third-year resident assistant, and is developing CSULB's first AAUW student affiliate branch. She hopes to found her own nonprofit one day.

Shannon is a member of the AAUW National Student Advisory Council which is composed of 10 college women from throughout the U.S. who demonstrate exceptional leadership. The program provides an opportunity for students to actively participate in women's advocacy, sharpen their leadership skills, and take action for women's equality on their campuses. Shannon attended Tech Trek camp when in middle school, returned as a peer counselor and served as a dorm mom this summer at the San Diego camp and one of the Santa Barbara camps.



**Keun Ah (Nari) Ryu** is an International Fellowship recipient from South Korea. Her Fellowship is partially funded by interest from the Long Beach branch Anna Stofflet Townsend International Endowment. Nari is working toward a Ph.D. in Chemistry at UC, Irvine. She works on modifying small molecules to control the activation of immune cells to better understand how immune stimulants, like vaccines, activate our immune system.



Ms. Cholakian and Ms. Ryu will speak about the impact of AAUW mentoring and financial support on achieving their goals. In today's fast-paced always-connected world, we will have the opportunity to hear from two young women who are aspiring to do great things.

The AAUW Long Beach branch meeting will take place on Saturday, October 3, 2015 at the Old Ranch Country Club, 3901 Lampson Avenue, Seal Beach, CA 90740. Continental breakfast will start at 9:00 a.m., followed by the program at 10:00 a.m., and continue at 11:00 a.m. with the business meeting. We look forward to seeing you.

**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.*

## Courtesy

### Best wishes to OCTOBER birthdays!

- 5—Shemini Atzeret
- 14—Islamic New Year
- 12—Columbus Day
- 22—National Nut Day
- 24— United Nations Day
- 31—Halloween



"Just before the death of flowers,  
And before they are buried in snow,  
There comes a festival season  
When nature is all aglow."

- Author Unknown

## CALENDAR EVENTS

All meetings are the first Saturdays, except in January and May (changed to avoid holidays). All speaker-with-business meetings will be held Saturday mornings at the Old Ranch Country Club in Seal Beach – 9am to noon.

October 3 – November 7 - December 5 \* – January 9  
February 6 – March 5 – April 2—May 14 \* – June 4

\* The December Wassail, held in the morning, and the \* May Garden Party, held in the afternoon, will be at private homes.

### AAUW-LONG BEACH website:

<http://longbeach-ca.aauw.net/>

### AAWU email address:

[AAUWLongBeach@gmail.com](mailto:AAUWLongBeach@gmail.com)



### We're on Facebook!

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Reserve your space for our **7th Annual Authors Luncheon** to be held on **Saturday, October 24, 2015** at Old Ranch Country Club.

Attention Interest Groups: The Authors Luncheon - *Luncheon Most Deadly* - is looking for Silent Auction baskets. We hope your interest group is willing to put together a basket of new, interesting items. You choose the theme of your basket and the value of the items you are submitting. Please let Judith Kaho, chair of the Silent Auction items, know about your basket. Judith's phone number is 562-429-2790 and her email is [gakjmk@aol.com](mailto:gakjmk@aol.com).  
Fay Denny, Chair Authors Luncheon

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**—All meetings will be held on the third Monday of the month, social time at 6:30pm with meeting at 7:00pm. All meetings will be at the Unitarian Universalist Church at Atherton and Bellflower Blvd. Room 2.  
Dates: November 16— December 14\*— February 15— April 18. (\*second Monday)

**FULL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS**—All meetings will be held on the third Monday of the month, social time 6:30pm with meeting at 7:00pm. Meetings will be at the Unitarian Universalist church, Room 2. Dates: October 19—January 18—March 21 – May 16



Has any of your contact information changed? Phone? Email? Address? Help us to keep you informed in a timely manner. Send your changes to Database Coordinator George Jackson, at [georgeljackson@gmail.com](mailto:georgeljackson@gmail.com) or call 562-377-1670.

Send any Branch news or Courtesy items to Editor: Rebecca Low [rlow1@hotmail.com](mailto:rlow1@hotmail.com)

# President's Message



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Frances Rozner – President

Many thanks to our Program Co-VPs and our Meeting Co-Coordinators, Lindsay San Miguel and Pam Rayburn, all four of whom are very new members of AAUW LB, for an engaging and interactive first meeting in September.

The October program will be equally inspiring, as we hear from two of the more than 12,000 beneficiaries of AAUW members' philanthropy over the century. Giving to the AAUW Fund is one of the most time-efficient ways to engage in advancing equity for women and girls. Please bring your checkbook or your check, made out to AAUW Fund, to the October 3 meeting. There are a myriad of programs in need of your generous support – our AAUW Fund Co-VPs will help you fill in the memo line, based on your interest.

Also in October and involving the AAUW Fund, are the always inspiring and engaging AAUW Fund Luncheon on October 18 honoring the 2016 California recipients of the Fellowships and Grants (coordinated by Sharon Westafer) and the fun and engaging AAUW LB Luncheon Most Deadly event on October 24 which raises funds for Fellowships and Grants (coordinated by Fay Denny). Registration information is included in this Vantage.

And there's more engagement...

For those of you unable to attend September's meeting, please join me in heartily congratulating our 2015 Connie Inskeep AAUW Leadership Awardee, Linda Patten, for her outstanding engagement at branch and state levels over the years.

We also recognize the engagement of those who contributed to the material for the 2015-2016 Yearbook and most of all to Ellen Mathis who compiled, formatted, edited, published and is now distributing the books to all our members. This is your go-to directory for finding fellow members' and leader contact information, meeting dates, historical information and the rules that guide the operation of our branch. Plus the label handy includes your membership number, so you can easily access the member site at AAUW National, and the date you first joined AAUW.

Eighteen of us were inspired by the August 26 Women's Equality Day commemoration at LB City Hall Plaza, hosted by Congressman Alan Lowenthal and Councilmember Lena Gonzalez (Missing from the photo: Cacilia Kim, Julie Nemechek and Lee Tsao). Note the new



vertical AAUW LB banner (design and purchase coordinated by Mary Lamo) and the AAUW historical poster created by Alex Bellenger.

Twelve members and friends cheered on the talented women of the LA Sparks basketball team at the September 6 AAUW CA fundraiser at Staples Center which highlighted Title IX. Events like these affirm for us why AAUW, and all the involved women and men we know, continue to work as we do for equity and equality.



### Membership Summary for FY 2015-2016

We are happy to report that the majority of members of the Long Beach Branch (approx. 130) have renewed their memberships. Additionally, as the new Co-VPs of Membership, we would like to thank everyone for helping us to recruit new members and helping us reach out to the Members-at-Large. We greatly appreciate your support and look forward to informing everyone about the new members we receive from your family and friend referrals.

### Prospective Members

Through our outreach efforts, we have several women interested in joining our branch. Please, look for them at our meetings and at our interest groups. Feel free to reach out to them and invite them to become involved in our many programs and activities.

### Women's Equality Day – August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015

AAUW, Long Beach Branch was among the organizations represented at Women's Equality Day, organized by Congressman Alan Lowenthal and City Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez. The turnout was good and we came away with a few prospects for membership. Look for photos on our Facebook page.

### Cypress Women's Conference

The Cypress Women's Conference was September 17<sup>th</sup> and as Co-VPs of Membership we attended to represent AAUW as well as to encourage the women in Cypress to join the Long Beach Branch.

### 50-Year Members!

At the meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be honoring Anne Graves and Margy Arthur for their 50-year membership to AAUW. Join us in honoring them at the October meeting!

## Public Policy



### **Pay Equity-California Moves Forward**

**"California's new Fair Pay Act...**may be the nation's most aggressive attempt yet to close the salary gap between men and women" L.A. Times Sept 2, 2015.

The bill closes loopholes that previously prevented enforcement of existing anti-discrimination laws. It awaits Gov. Brown's signature. The bill ensures that male and female employees who perform **'substantially similar' work receive equal pay, even if their job titles aren't the same or if the work is in different offices for the same employer AND employees would be able to ask about wages without fear of retaliation from employers.** Closing these two loopholes "makes California's law the most powerful in the nation".

**Hooray for AAUW** and other women's organizations and equality advocates who have been lobbying for closing loopholes for years! The effort is paying off. We must pay attention and take action whenever possible!

Public Policy Interest Group meets the 3rd Thursday (Sept 17 / Oct 15) 5:30-7:00 PM at Shelley Arnolds's home in Lakewood. Join us at the first meeting of the new year or any time to discuss current policies affecting women including **Title IX**.

### **AAUW Fund Luncheon in Southern California**

**Sunday, October 18, 2015**

The AAUW CA Fund Committee invites you to celebrate and honor the 2015-2016 California Fellowship and Grant Recipients. (SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA)

\$40 per person 12 noon to 3:p.m (Registration 11:30 a.m.) Irvine Marriott Hotel

Make your reservation online now! [www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org) or mail the reservation form with your check to AAUW CA, 1331 Garden Highway, #100, Sacramento, CA 95833

Contact **Sharon Westafer** if you have questions. RSVP Deadline: **October 6**

## INTERNATIONAL CUISINE

### The Red Leprechaun

4000 E. Anaheim St. (corner of Termino and Anaheim)  
Long Beach, CA 90804  
562-343-5560



Join us for a wonderful evening of delicious food and camaraderie as we gather to eat Irish food at The Red Leprechaun. You can choose from items such as Shepherd's Pie, Spicy Sausage and Mash, House Corned Beef or Fish and Chips.

**October 14, 2015**

**RSVP by Friday, October 9, 2015**

Fay Denny at 714-894-0416 or faydenny@yahoo.com  
Joan Gustafson at 562-329-3130 or jwg221@aol.com

## Luncheon Most Deadly

An American Association of University Women Long Beach  
branch fundraiser for fellowships and research and projects grants.

Date: Saturday, October 24, 2015

Time: Check-in begins at 11:00 a.m. Lunch at 12:00 noon.

Place: Old Ranch Country Club - 3901 Lampson Ave, Seal Beach, CA 90740

Cost: \$60 per person (of which \$30 is tax-deductible). Includes luncheon, program, silent auction, book sales and signing.

Old Ranch Country Club dress code is in effect: No jeans, denim, or strapless tops.

*Terri Nolan*

*Laurie Stevens*

*Alice Logg*

## Luncheon Most Deadly

RSVP By October 16, 2015

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please seat me with: \_\_\_\_\_

(We will try to seat you together, tables seat eight. Use back of form if you need more space.)

Special dietary needs or seating needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to AAUW Funds, and mail this form to:

Sharon Westafer, P.O. Box 291, Seal Beach, CA 90740. Phone number: 562-493-4749

Regular Board business was conducted at the August Executive Committee meeting.

The following motions were made and approved:

- By Direction of the Finance Committee, Deloris Mayuga moved that the Building #1 Fund CD, maturing on July 30, 2015, in the amount of \$43,000 be rolled over to a 6-month CD at OneWest Bank at the current rate of interest.
- Raquel Sanchez moved that the Branch permits fundraising for the AAUW Funds throughout the 2015-2016 year. The motion was seconded by Linda Patten.
- Pat Ferrer moved that Tech Trek be permitted to do its annual fundraiser for Camper Scholarships in January 2016. The motion was seconded by Raquel Sanchez.
- Deloris Mayuga moved that the Finance Committee recommends that AAUW-LB authorize Spectrum Asset Management, Inc. to change AAUW-LB's asset allocation by selling a pro-rata amount of GNMA Bond EFT, Vanguard Short-Term Fund and Prudential Short Term Corp Bond Fund and buy Schwab US Large Cap Growth EFT so that the equities would be approximately 30% of the allocation and bonds would be approximately 70% of the allocation.

## The AAUW Fund



### **One AAUW. One Mission. One Fund**

The October Branch meeting will focus on raising awareness and money for The AAUW Fund -- which advances AAUW's mission to promote equity for women and girls by *financially* sustaining all of AAUW's numerous programs and activities. The AAUW Fund has a new structure and motto this year: Greatest Opportunity, Greatest Need. This new structure encourages Branch members to give an unrestricted gift directly to The AAUW Fund, allowing AAUW to apply the gift to programs and activities with the most pressing financial need or where it is most advantageous strategically. Of course, Branch members can still direct their gift to fund their favorite program by specifically designating the program.

The AAUW Fund is currently targeting the following programs for greater financial support:

AAUW Advocacy	AAUW National Convention
Campus Action Project	Campus Outreach Grants
College/University Partners	Eleanor Roosevelt Fund
Elect Her – Campus Women Win	Fellows Alumnae Initiative
Legal Advocacy Fund	LAF Case Support Travel Grants
Legal Case Support	Member Leader Programs
National Student Advisory Council	New Program Development
Outlook	Regional Field Representative
Start Smart	Tech Savvy
Tech Trek	Younger Women's Task Force

National Conference for College Women Student Leaders

The Educational Opportunities Fund, including Fellowships and Grants, as well as all other AAUW programs are still an integral part of The AAUW Fund and can receive monetary gifts by specific designation. The October Branch meeting will enlighten members about these amazing programs and we ask for donations to keep them vibrant and growing... so bring your checkbooks!

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Group** meets weekly to discuss, share opinions and ideas on a critical global issue. A sign-up sheet for the



group(s) will be passed around at the October meeting. There is a fee of approximately \$25 for the Great Decision Booklets which will be collected at the November and December meetings.

Contact: Julie Taboada at 562-856-0709 or [jutaboada@verizon.net](mailto:jutaboada@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 planned for Oct 14— Irish Pub Food at the Red Leprechaun.

**Literary Ladies Group** meets to discuss and compare thoughts on a selected book, fiction or non-fiction. Each member takes a turn recommending and leading the group. The group comes together to hear thoughts and insights from others in the group. They meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 12:30 p.m. There is a maximum of 12, and a waiting list.



Contact Sharon Westafer, 562-493-4749 if interested. The October selection is *Maude* by Donna Mabry

**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.



The next meeting will be **Thursday, Oct 15** from 5:30 - 7 PM

Contact **Shelley Arnold** email [shelleyarnold1@aol.com](mailto:shelleyarnold1@aol.com) 4211 Marber Ave, Lakewood, 90713.

**Residential Rentals Discussion Group** meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of odd months year round, from 10:00–11:30 am. The 2015 dates are: May 20, July 15, Sept 16, and Nov 18. Anyone with an interest in residential rentals is welcome. We often have a topic/issue, share recent landlord experiences and work to keep current in the housing industry, in an informal setting.



An email or call to **Joan Gustafson** or **Ellen Mathis** lets us expect you.

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

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562-429-2790

Member Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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

***RSVP by September 24th***

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

*Dress code for the Old Ranch Country Club:  
no jeans, denim, or strapless tops.*

### AAUW BRANCH MEETING Saturday, October 3, 2015

9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast/Social  
10:00 a.m. Program  
11:00 a.m. Business Meeting

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

Meal: Breakfast Pastries, fruit  
Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea

Price: \$23.00 per person

Questions about the location?

Lindsay San Miguel  
lsanmig1@hotmail.com

or Pam Rayburn at  
pam.rayburn@csulb.edu

