

The Future of Higher Education

Mary Lamo and Valerie Little
Program Co-Vice-Presidents

Saturday, March 5, 2016



The featured speaker for the March 2016 AAUW Long Beach Branch meeting is Dr. Jane Close Conoley. Dr. Conoley is the first female president appointed to California State University, Long Beach in its 65-year history. Dr. Conoley's presentation is entitled, "The (plausible) Death of Public Higher Education." Her presentation will shed light on America's reputation as the premier higher education system in the world. Yet, many states are increasingly disinvesting in their higher education systems. This has led education economists to predict a complete withdrawal of public support within 50 years.



Dr. Conoley earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from the College of New Rochelle and a Ph.D. in school psychology from the University of Texas at Austin. She is the author of 21 books and her areas of primary interest are interventions with children with disabilities—especially serious emotional disturbance and aggressive children and youth—and family intervention. Dr. Conoley's book "Positive Psychology and Family Therapy" was co-authored with her husband, Dr. Collie W. Conoley in 2009.

The March 5, 2016 AAUW Long Beach Branch meeting will take place at the Old Ranch Country Club, 3901 Lampson Ave., Seal Beach, CA 90740. The social hour and continental breakfast will take place at 9:00 a.m., then our featured program at 10:00 a.m., followed by the branch meeting at 11:00 a.m. Reservations need to be made and paid by February 29th.



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 MARCH birthdays!



With great sadness we report that 50-year member and former branch President, **Jean Aldrich**, passed due to complications from bronchitis. She will be sorely missed. For those who want to send condolences to her family, please send to her daughter, Allison Aldrich, at 550 N Wake Forest Dr., Anaheim, CA 92801.

Mina Naghavi recently earned an M.S. in electrical engineering, with an emphasis in telecommunications. Her deadline is March 31 to find a position to remain in CA. Leads are most welcome - thank you!

Happiness is not a goal, it is a by-product.

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.

March 5 – April 2—May 14 * – June 4

* The May Garden Party, held in the afternoon, will be at a private home

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RECOMMENDATION FOR USE OF INTEREST FROM ENDOWMENT FUND

Each year the Budget Committee solicits recommendations from Branch members regarding the use of its interest earnings from invested Branch endowment funds. It's that time of year for you to think about where the interest earnings can be used for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Although the interest earned is not huge, it is estimated to be less than \$500, and the amount can be effectively used somewhere.

Give some thought to this. In the past the earned interest has gone to support Tech Trek, Convention fund, advertising or outreach to the community, or STEM. Is there a particular Branch activity you like that benefits the community? Think about it! Recommendations from members are considered by the Board and voted upon in May. Exercise your responsibility as a member and send recommendations to Daphne Ching-Jackson, Budget Committee Chair at dchingjackson@verizon.net or call at 562.209.2221. Deadline is May 9, 2016!

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: 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: **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 or call 562-377-1670.

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



This is truly turning out to be a year of activism for women's rights. And our branch is contributing mightily through its members' engagement in developing partnerships to affect change.

In January, we received word from Long Beach City College that it is now an AAUW College/University member. Rose DelGaudio, VP of Human Resources, has been assigned as the representative and the membership has been added to LBCC's list of institutional memberships for the future. Many thanks to members Ginny Baxter, Alex Bellenger, Mina Naghavi, and Sunny Zia for this successful outcome.

Remember CEDAW – the Committee to Eliminate Discrimination Against Women? Many years ago our branch sent a resolution for AAUW to use in the effort to get the U.S. to sign on. The Senate still has not, making the U.S. one of just six countries in the world not to have ratified it (Iran is the other large country). So a grassroots effort is underway in the U.S., led by the Women's Intercultural Network (WIN) of the U.N., to get U.S. cities to ratify CEDAW. On January 17, several of our members attended the Inaugural Brunch of the Iranian Circle of WIN (Alex B., Mina N., Marion Smith, Sunny Z. and me), invited by Elahe Amani, an AAUW national member, who will be speaking at LACIC on March 20 after her attendance at the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women meeting. Also speaking that day was former AAUW CA President, Kathleen Cha. AAUW was well represented. Councilwoman Suzie Price will be advocating that Long Beach ratify CEDAW this year.



In putting together our AAUW LB March 23 screening at the Art Theatre of *Feminist: Stories from Women's Liberation, 1963 - 1970*, the Public Policy group has been reaching out to other women's groups to sponsor the event. Being a sponsor involves no money - it means that the group will promote the event to their members and contacts. We have ten sponsors – all groups interested in promoting a better world for women. In turn, AAUW LB is sponsoring the March 31 screening at the Art Theatre by Pacific Shore NOW of *Equal Means Equal*, a current-day look at women's equality. Come celebrate Women's History Month and bring your friends.

Our STEM Career Conference continues to bring in partnerships. Crimson Pipeline LP is a generous new donor of items for the goody bag, thanks to Pat Ferrer. And we have a new monetary sponsor, Tesoro – thanks to Annie Duong. We are also thankful to William Feliciano who connected us to Dr. Kimberly Johnson, the LBUSD coordinator of the Female Leadership Academy, providing curriculum in the middle schools. She will be working with the committee in the future to help organize the recruitment of the schools and girls who attend. And of course, there's the Tech Trek partnership with Rossmoor Woman's Club, which donated two camperships, thanks to Pat Aldridge, Del Clark, and Sandy Tessier.

So much to look forward to - and much to be thankful for from the past. We'll be honoring our past Presidents and hearing about the future from CSULB President Jane Close Conoley in March. I look forward to seeing everyone at events throughout the month ahead!

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

~ From Pat Ferrar

Anne Supple and I thank you so much for your generous donations to Tech Trek. As a result of our fund-raising at the January Branch meeting, we received \$5,215.00! This is in addition to our carryover from 2015 of \$3,315 plus donations received during the summer. As a result of your generosity, we have 8 camper spots at UC Irvine fully funded and will be starting 2017 with a carryover of \$4,080.00.

We are especially thankful for our three branch member "Tech Trek Angels" that each paid for a full campership! Thank you so much Barbara Boswick, Margaret Huebner, and Ellen Mathis, for your generosity. We appreciate any donation, no matter the size, but we would also like to recognize the following members who donated \$100 or more towards 2016 camper scholarships: Jean Caveness, Fay Denny, Patricia Ellington, Joan Gustafson, Anne Ingalls, Joyce Lott, Deloris Mayuga, Lu Rae McArthur (in memory of her mother, Lois Schilling), Jere Millington, Flo Pickett, Frances Rozner, Lynn Shrum, Linda Silver, Mary Ann Takemoto, Betty Thompson, Sharon Westafer, and Judy Ann Willis. In addition to member donations, we also received \$1,800 from Rossmoor Woman's Club. If you were unable to contribute in January, you can still make a 2016 tax deductible donation to fund future Tech Trek camperships; please send your check, made payable to **AAUW**, to AAUW Long Beach Tech Trek, c/o Patricia Ferrer, 365 Ultimo Ave, Long Beach, CA 90814.

Anne and I have donated directly to the UC Irvine camp—it is one of the most expensive Tech Trek camps due to the fees charged by UCI and costs more than \$900 per student to operate. If you would like to help it meet its full funding needs and not have to cancel any field trips, please mail your check, made payable to **AAUW**, to the UCI Tech Trek Camp Treasurer, Linda Patten, 19615 Jeffrey Circle, Cerritos, CA 90703.



Regular Board business was conducted at the January Board of Directors meeting.

The following motions were passed:

- Budget chair, Daphne Ching-Jackson, presented a motion from the Budget Committee to approve presented revised budget. The motion as amended: By direction of the Budget Committee, I move the following: The Budget Committee recommends to the Board that \$275 be transferred from the Convention Fund to cover expenses for a) Other Postage/ Office Supplies (+\$150), b) Vantage Postage (+\$100), c) Dues Bills Postage (+\$25) plus transfer an additional \$500 to create a new expense item for Outreach under Administration for a total transfer of \$775 from the Convention Fund and \$39 to total \$814 to bring the budget in line. Second not required.
- Mary Lamo, Co-Vice President, Program, presented the following motion: I move that the following italicized additions be made to the **Policies and Procedures, 16. Duties and Composition of Standing Committees, b.:** Budget Committee shall be responsible for preparing an initial budget for review at the May Board of Directors meeting and final adoption at the June Branch meeting. Members of the Budget Committee shall be composed of the *Budget Chair as committee chair*, President, Vice President (President-Elect), Membership Vice President, Program Vice President, *Investments Vice President*, Communications Director, and Treasurer. The adopted budget shall be monitored by the Budget Chair throughout the year in consultation with the Treasurer. Changes, if any, should be presented to the Board of Directors at the January Board of Directors meeting. Motion seconded by Sharon Westafer.
- Cacilia Kim, Vice President, Co-President Elect, presented the following motion: By direction of the Executive Committee, I move that we advance \$450 to rent the Art Theatre for Wednesday, March 23 for a speaker and showing of the film "*Feminism: Stories of Women's Liberation*" by Jennifer H. Lee. Donations of \$10 per person will be charged to attendees. Second not required.
- Sharon Westafer, Vice President, Co-President Elect, presented the following motion: I move that the following be added, as 4b. to Policies and Procedures 4. Branch Records: "Original branch records, such as financials and meeting minutes, which are the property of the branch, must remain in the possession of the responsible officers or in branch storage at all times. Members may request duplicate copies of specific items, reimbursing said officer for the cost of duplication. Motion seconded by Linda Patten.
- Deloris Mayuga, Vice President Investments, presented the following motion: The Finance Committee recommends to the Board of Directors that the Building Fund CD of \$93,000 be reinvested for 1 year at either Ally Bank, Synchrony Bank, or CIT Bank, whichever has the best interest rate on the day of investment. This CD will be made up of \$43,000 maturing at OneWest Bank on 1/30/2016 and \$50,000 out of the OneWest Bank \$83,000 CD, matured on 1/25/2016. No second required.
- Deloris Mayuga, Vice President Investments, presented the following motion: The Finance Committee recommends to the Board of Directors that the Endowment Fund CD of \$33,000 be reinvested for 1 year at either Ally Bank, Synchrony Bank, or CIT Bank, whichever has the best interest rate on the day of investment. This CD will be made up of the remaining \$33,000 maturing at OneWest Bank \$83,000 CD, on 1/25/2016. No second required.

Magarian Scholarship Motion

On May 21, 2012, the AAUW Board of Directors voted in the affirmative to take the following two actions:

- 1) Recommend to the Branch membership that a scholarship titled the "AAUW-Long Beach Frances Magarian Scholarship" be established by transferring \$16,666.67 and interest earned to date from the Long Beach Branch Endowment Fund to a separate Bank of America Business Interest Maximizer account to fund the Magarian Scholarship for three years. The Magarian Scholarship is to consist of four separate annual scholarships as follows:
 - Two scholarships at \$2,500 to CSULB/California State University, Long Beach students
 - Two scholarships at \$500 to LBCC/Long Beach City College students
- 2) Recommend to the Branch membership that a 5-member scholarship advisory committee be established to research, design and evaluate the framework and procedures for awarding the Magarian Scholarship.

The motion to approve these two actions was brought before the June Branch Meeting on June 2, 2012 and was passed by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the meeting.

While the motion to approve the two actions was passed by the required majority, written notice to bring the motion at the June 2012 Branch meeting did not meet the specified requirements in the AAUW Long Beach Branch governing documents in effect at the relevant timeframe, here fiscal year 2011-2012.

As such, a motion to ratify all Board actions related to the Magarian Scholarship will be discussed at the February 6, 2016 Branch Meeting, notice given in the March 2016 Vantage and brought for a vote to the Branch membership at the March 5, 2016 Branch meeting to cure the procedural defect.

The motion is as follows:

"I move that all of the acts and transactions related to the Magarian Scholarship since June 2, 2012 be ratified, confirmed and approved by the AAUW Long Beach Branch membership. The acts and transactions to be ratified, confirmed and approved include the following:

- 1) Establish a scholarship titled the "AAUW-Long Beach Frances Magarian Scholarship" by transferring \$16,666.67 and interest earned to date from the Long Beach Branch Endowment Fund to a separate Bank of America Business Interest Maximizer account to fund the Magarian Scholarship for three years;
- 2) Establish a 5-member scholarship advisory committee to research, design and evaluate the framework and procedures for awarding the scholarships; and
- 3) Any other acts and transactions related to the establishment and awarding of the Magarian Scholarship."

Subsequent Board action on April 15, 2013 specified that the Magarian Scholarship will be awarded during the following 3-year timeframe: 2013-2014 to 2015-2016. After the 2015-16 fiscal year, the scholarship advisory committee will re-evaluate the establishment of the Magarian Scholarship and recommend to the Board whether the Scholarship and the scholarship advisory committee should continue beyond the specified 3-year timeframe and what, if any, changes should be made to the Scholarship framework and awarding procedures.

The State Governance Committee has certified the changes made to our branch's bylaws, which were done in accordance with the state mandated amendments and formatting. These changes make the document more succinct and allow for organizational flexibility (where it is appropriate). Further, items have been removed from the bylaws and are under consideration for incorporation into the policies and procedures (i.e. Management of Funds).

Since the document as a whole has been revised, the bylaws will be presented before the board for confirmation in March and, then, to the membership for final confirmation in April. Below are changes that the bylaws committee feel are most pertinent to bring to the attention of the board and membership. If you wish to view the updated bylaws in their entirety, they will be available on the branch's website. If you have any questions in regards to the bylaws, please contact Parliamentarian Leah Sakacs at: leah.sakacs@gmail.com

- The Immediate Past President has been removed from the Executive Committee (Article VIII. Section 1).
- The Meeting Coordinator and Administrative Assistant are no longer appointed officers; they now serve as administrative chairs (Article VI. Section 1.b).
- Each office may be filled by an officer or co-officers, under which circumstance each shall have a vote as it is provided by the California Corporate Code for incorporated branches (Article VI. Section 1.g).
- Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held on the call of the president or by written request of two-thirds of its members (Article VIII. Section 3).
- There shall be a nominating committee of seven members, elected by the members of this branch (Article V. Section 1).
- Between meetings of the Executive Committee, a written, conference call or electronic vote may be taken at the request of the president on any question submitted to all voting members of the Executive Committee provided that two-thirds of voting members of the executive committee participate in the vote. The vote shall be counted and shall have the same effect as if at an executive committee meeting. The result of the vote shall be recorded in the minutes of the next board meeting (Article VIII. Section 5).
- The branch shall hold an annual meeting to conduct the business of the branch, including but not limited to, electing officers, establishing dues, amending bylaws and receiving reports. This meeting shall be held between March 01 and May 30 (Article XI. Section 1).
- The quorum shall be fifteen percent of the branch membership. (Article XI. Section 6)
- Notice must be given at least ten days in advance for meetings (Article XI. Section 4), proposed changes to branch dues (Article IV. Section 5.a.1), and by-laws amendments requiring a branch vote (Article XVI. Section 3).
- A member may be suspended or dropped from membership for any conduct that tends to injure AAUW or to adversely affect its reputation or that is contrary to or destructive of its mission according to these bylaws, with action taken following policies and procedures adopted by the AAUW Board of Directors (Article IV. Section 6).





AAUW 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, and Community Action Grants. 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. The recipients of interest money from these endowments are featured here.

Name: Mary Crawford-Roberts (The Joyce Clark Endowment)

Award: Career Development Grant

Award Year: 2015-16

Institution: Lewis & Clark College

Location: Portland, Oregon

Discipline: Psychology

Degree and Specialization: M.S., School psychology

Mary Crawford-Roberts is entering her second year of an educational specialist degree in school psychology, as well as completing a certificate in eco-psychology at the Lewis and Clark Graduate School of Education and Counseling in beautiful Portland, Oregon. As a former student and teacher, she is looking forward to ensuring that the classroom is a safe learning space for all individuals.



Name: Yassaman Raouf (The Connie Wright Inskip Endowment)

Award: Career Development Grant

Award Year: 2015-16

Institution: Seattle University

Location: Seattle, Washington

Discipline: Education

Degree and Specialization: M.Ed., Student development administration

Yasi Raouf is focusing on working with low-income and first generation pre-major students. She works closely with youth ages 11–18 through the junior youth program in a neighborhood setting, helping them develop their intellectual, spiritual, and social capacities. In her group, she works with young middle schoolers to develop literacy, learn about their talents through service projects, and help them discern right from wrong in decision-making.



Name: Tiffany Woelfel (Long Beach CA Branch Endowment)

Award: Career Development Grant

Award Year: 2015-16

Institution: University of Washington

Location: Seattle, Washington

Discipline: Health and medical sciences

Degree and Specialization: M.P.H., Social work and public health

Tiffany Woelfel has more than 13 years of experience conducting research, clinical practice, and project management, primarily in the areas of health disparities, mental health, and ethics. She is obtaining dual master's degrees at the University of Washington in social work and public health while at the Seattle Veterans Affairs, where she serves survivors of military sexual trauma. Being a mentor to younger women is a privilege to Woelfel.



Recipient: The Lower Eastside Girls Club (The Ethel P. Black Endowment)

Project Director: Jennifer Sugg

Award: Community Action Grant

Location: New York, New York

Term: One-year

Award Year: 2015-16

Project Name: Between the Precinct and the Projects

LESGC's mission is to prepare under-resourced youth for the new digital age. Between the Precinct and the Projects is a unique, six-month program that tackles the educational challenges in our community by working on multiple levels: as applied STEAM education, maker and design workshops, and community engagement. Girls will design and fabricate multimedia interactive sound and light installations in partnership with local community artists.

Membership Summary for FY 2015-2016

As the new Co-VPs of Membership, we would like to thank everyone for your support and look forward to informing everyone about the new members we receive from your family and friend referrals. Below are our newest members:

Carol Llewellyn has been a Member at Large since 1996. She graduated from UCLA in 1969 with her BA degree. Before retirement, she worked as an Elementary teacher in the Newport-Mesa USD.

Eboney Pearson graduated from California State University Fresno in 2010 with her B.A. degree in Family Sciences. She is working as a testing coordinator at Long Beach Job Corps. She is also a member of Long Beach Democratic Club, Los Angeles Orange County Democrats United, and Leadership Long Beach.

Naida Tushnet graduated in 1961 from Grinnell College with her BA, in 1962 from Columbia University with her MA degree, and in 1975 from Washington University St. Louis with her PhD. She is also a member of Long Beach Area Peace Network.

Welcome to all!

Updates

The Younger Women's Task Force had its third meeting on Sunday, February 14th and will have its fourth meeting March 13th. Let us know if you are interested in joining!

We will be attending a table at the Youth Exploitation and Safety Symposium on Feb. 20th and will promote Long Beach City College's new AAUW student affiliate.

Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force

Meeting Details: The Task Force meets every 1st Thursday of the month from 11:30am to 1:00pm. All meetings are held in the basement of the Lutheran church at 905 Atlantic Ave, Long Beach, CA. The next meeting is March 3rd, 2016. At the February meeting, Lyndsey Christoffersen (one of our newer AAUW members and co-founder of the Task Force) and Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST) staff hosted a training on labor trafficking and how to identify it. It is estimated that there are 11.4 million women/girls and 9.5 men/boys being trafficked for labor.

Some of the indicators or red flags of labor trafficking are: Living and sleeping at place of work, documents not in individual's control, someone else speaking for a worker, worker always accompanied by another, changing story or "coached story"/ reluctance to speak, no ID documents, expressing fear of police or immigration as reason not wanting to speak, locks or barriers keeping people inside the house, limited accessibility to computers or phones, armed guards/weapons, signs of physical abuse, inhumane living conditions, and working to pay off a debt.

If you suspect someone is the victim of human trafficking, below are some resources available:

CAST Hotline: (888)539-2373 Department of Homeland Security: (562)624-3814

Redlight Traffic app: allows the user to send a message rather than call.

CULTURAL ADVENTURES

On March 22, 2016, at 4:30 pm, there will be a **Norooz (Persian New Year)** recognition and celebration in the Council Chambers at the Long Beach City Hall for the second consecutive year. Councilperson Suzie Price will give a short speech and Mayor Garcia will speak and join in to celebrate Norooz.



The program should be short, around 10 minutes, but very informative. There will be a traditional table (called Haft-seen) which consists of a few natural elements and an explanation of what each element refers to. We now have three Iranian-American members in our branch and this would be a good opportunity for other members to participate, learn about the rich Iranian culture and mingle with other Iranians living in Long Beach.

If you would like to go out to dinner after the ceremony, Mina has recommended a Persian restaurant called Peris, which has very good food, located at 12155 E. Carson Street., Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716. Please let me know if you will attend this ceremony and / or the dinner.

JoAnn Kuroda email: sojoinlb@aol.com Phone: 562-429-6923

AAUW LONG BEACH PRESENTS

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**FEMINIST STORIES
WOMEN'S
LIBERATION**

1963-1970 A FILM BY JENNIFER LEE

Come celebrate Women's History Month as we welcome Ms. Lee to discuss and screen her award-winning film

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2016
7:00 - 10:00 P.M.
ART THEATRE LONG BEACH
2025 E. 4TH ST.
LONG BEACH, CA 90814

AAUW LB's Public Policy interest group is excited to bring Jennifer Hall Lee and her film "*Feminist: Stories from the Women's Liberation*" to Long Beach on March 23. It's perfect timing for Women's History Month. The Art Theatre has 380 seats so we can truly think big. Please share the info far and wide - come yourself and bring your friends. Our sponsors are also promoting the film to their constituencies.

Electronically, folks can purchase the \$10 tickets through Eventbrite, using the link (http://bit.ly/Lee_Feminist) copied to an internet browser. Or they can send a check to our AAUW

PO Box (AAUW PO Box 15023, Long Beach, CA 90815). Looking forward to having a large and enthusiastic audience!

Flo Pickett & Shelley Arnold
Co-Chairs, Public Policy

Public Policy



Title IX is 40 years old this year. It has been criticized for benefiting girls at the expense of boys. It has been credited with the win of the US Women's Cup in Soccer! Title IX is actually a gender-neutral piece of legislation designed to ensure equality in education for all students by eliminating sex based discrimination. The regulations are working to provide equal access to better education and career options for both male and female students.

In a democracy, serious change takes a long time and a few very dedicated individuals. But change does come. We are beginning to see results. By prohibiting hostile and discriminatory behaviors, school campuses are becoming more friendly to women. Science, technology, engineering math, and athletics have opened up and women are stepping in. Sexual harassment and the hostile environment are being challenged on many fronts.

And pregnant and parenting students are finding acceptance and new opportunities also not your mother's high school and college campuses anymore!

Join us in looking into the effectiveness of the Title IX regulations in the Long Beach schools. We will first assess the situation. Who is in charge of informing the staff and students about Title IX? Do those people have time and resources to do their work? Do they have the authority to make changes? Once we assess, then we can ask what we do as community to help. Sometimes shedding a light on a problem is the beginning of finding the solution. Join us at the committee meeting on the 3rd Thurs 530-7 PM.

Be sure to join filmmaker Jennifer Lee Hall on **March 23** at the Art Theatre in LB for the showing of *Feminism: Stories of Women's Liberation 1960-73* organized and presented by AAUW-LB. This is a fundraiser for Tech Trek camperships. See above.



Los Angeles County Interbranch Council (LACIC) News

February/March 2016

Speaking Out for Women's Equality and Rights in the US & Globally

By Elahe Amani

Sunday, March 20, 2016

2-4 p.m.

PIH - Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital

12401 Washington Boulevard, Whittier, CA 90602



Elahe Amani is a gender, peace, and human rights activist having years of experience with organizations such as the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), Mediators Beyond Borders (MBB), and AAUW CA's In-ternational Interests. When we hear her speak, she will have just returned from CSW's 57th session in New York City, where she will partici-pate in two panels and present a workshop. In 2011 she presented a workshop entitled "Winning Strategies: Technology Tools for Next Gener-ation Organizing for Women's Equality" and in 2012 she presented a workshop entitled "Technology for Social Good of Indigenous Women & Women in the Global South" at CSW sessions.

Elahe has earned numerous awards, including:

Outstanding Staff Woman – California Women in Higher Education, 1994

Outstanding Staff of the Year – CSULB, 1998

Lillian Robles Award for Feminist Activism – Women's Studies Program, CSULB, 2007

Leading Change Heroines and Heroes – Women's Intercultural Network, 2010

A Lifetime of Activism – CSU Fullerton, 2012 (highlighted on the main CSUF webpage)

In her other life, Elahe is Director of Technology Services at CSU Fullerton.

BRANCH INTEREST GROUPS

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



Antiques and Collectibles, has gone dormant. If interested in starting up a group again, a list of interested members exists. Contact: **Judith Kaho** at 562-429-2790 or Ellen Mathis at 562-433-6509



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 other cultural interests. Contact **JoAnn Kuroda** at 562-429-6923 or email at sojoinlb@aol.com. See page 8.



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. *To all Great Decisions Group members:* Great Decisions books will be available from your Group leader. If you have NOT signed up for a discussion group but plan to participate, you may also contact a group coordinator. They are: Norma Grady -Tuesday mornings; Flo Pickett -Wednesday evenings; Deloris Mayuga-Friday afternoons. Contact: **Julie Taboada** at 562-856-0709 or 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 or **Fay Denny** faydenny@yahoo.com. See the article on page 8.



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 2nd 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 book for March is *The Nightingale* by Kristen Hannah.



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. For the next meeting - Contact **Shelley Arnold** shelleyarnold1@aol.com



Residential Rentals Discussion Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of odd months year round from 10:00-11:30 am. Our next meetings are in 2016: **Mar 16th and May 18th**. Anyone with an interest in residential rental is welcome. We cover current landlord/tenant topics, share experiences and work to keep current in the housing industry all in an informal setting. Ellen Mathis and Joan Gustafson Co-Chair and invite you to check the group out.

NEW!

Book Group AND Bridge Group forming. We (Linda Patten and Ellen Mathis) have a list of several names. If you would like to 'Kick Off' a new Group for either area, contact Ellen Mathis, 562-433-6509 or emathis@verizon.net for help setting up an "interested people meeting" to discuss details for meetings (what, where, time, etc.).

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

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Dress code for the Old Ranch Country Club:

AAUW BRANCH EVENT Saturday, March 5, 2016

9:00 am Social / Continental Breakfast
10:00 am Program
11:00—12:00 Business Meeting

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

Meal: Breakfast Breads and Fresh Fruit
Coffee, Tea, Juice

Price: \$23.00

Questions about the location?
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