

## Title IX: Equity Now!



Mary Lamo and Valerie Little  
Program Co-Vice-Presidents

Saturday, April 2, 2016

Title IX became a federal law in 1972. It addressed equity and equality in a comprehensive federal law stating "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." In 2016, Title IX equity based justice is still being pursued by strong advocates who work for the rights of those who are being discriminated against. We are fortunate to welcome an AAUW member and exceptional Title IX advocate and a supporter of equality for students as our April Program speakers.



**Jeane Relve Caviness** was appointed Title IX Coordinator/ Associate Dean of Students at CSULB on January 1, 2016. She has worked at CSULB for over 30 years in various capacities including associate dean of School-Based Programs and Director, Women's Resource Center (now Women's and Gender Equity Center). In 2014, Dr. Caviness successfully applied for a \$200,000 Campus Sexual Assault (CT) Program grant from the CA Governor's Office of Emergency Services. It provides for a full-time Sexual Assault Victim's Advocate, part-time Police Investigator, prevention education programming, and training and consultation for development of a Coordinated

Community Response Team. Dr. Caviness is a graduate of Scripps College and earned an M.A. and Ph.D. from Claremont Graduate University.

**Dr. Greg Peterson** is the Vice President of Student Support Services at Long Beach City College and oversees all non-classroom services for students from admissions to commencement. He oversees the college's student success agenda, including co-chairing the White House-recognized Long Beach College Promise and Promise Pathways, the expansion of k-16 career pathways, and the Lumina Latino Student Success grant. Dr. Peterson is a product of the community college system and completed a B.A. in English from Brigham Young University, an M.A. in Adult Education from Portland State University, and an Ed.D. in Administration from The University of Texas at Austin. We hope to see you at the many events in March and April that continue to support women's history.



**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

## Courtesy

Best wishes to  
APRIL birthdays!



## Public Policy

### Related Events:

March 23—Feminist Stories Film Screening,  
Art Theatre. Checks for \$10/ticket made out to  
AAUW LB can be mailed by March 18 to P.O.  
Box 19023, LB, 90815

March 31—Equal means Equal Premiere,  
Art Theatre

April 12th—Equal Pay Day

Everything is funny as long as it is happen-  
ing to somebody else. ~ Will Rogers

## 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.

April 2 — May 14 \* – June 4 \* The May Garden Party, held in the afternoon, will be at the home of Michelle Kiss

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<https://www.facebook.com/aauwlongbeachca>

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<http://www.linkedin.com/groups/AAUW-Long-Beach-CA-Branch-7001584/about>

**Melanie R. Werts**, will be the Soroptomist International of Long Beach Honoree for Woman of Distinction in Health. Melanie is retired from a career as an Occupational Therapist. She is also active in the Assistance League of Long Beach, Tichenor Orthopedic Clinic and Historical Society of Long Beach.

**Margaret Huebner** will be the Soroptomist Honoree for Woman of Distinction as an Economic Development Trailblazer. Margaret is employed at the Port of Long Beach. Both will be honored at Soroptomist's Women Who Make a Difference Brunch on May 7.

**Mina Naghavi** got a job, finally!! It's as a Software Engineer at Saviynt near LAX.

**Farrah Farhang** also found a position at the City of Long Beach. Congratulations to both!

**Lamis Hashem** was recently awarded the "Unsung Hero Award" by Access California Services. Lamis was given the award in honor of her tireless service for the development, enrichment, and empowerment of the community; the event's title was Preserving Dignity, Enriching Lives.

In February, Congresswoman Jackie Speier (CA-14) presented the inaugural "Protect Our Defenders Justice Awards" to **Cacilia Kim**, Special Counsel, and **Elizabeth Kristen**, Director of Gender Equity and LGBT Rights Program, at the Legal Aid Society Employment Law Center (LAS-ELC) in San Francisco.

**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. Date: **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](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



Frances Rozner – President

Our branch once again held a very successful STEM Career Conference – the girls were excited, the volunteers were so organized, the speakers were thrilled and the teachers were grateful. Many thanks to Sharon Westafer for her 10<sup>th</sup> and final year of co-chairing the event - we'll miss her at the helm. And for those of you volunteering, you may have noticed our new vertical banner at the event which came in handy when yours truly had no time to tell the girls what AAUW was. And the goody bags were emblazoned with our logo and name for the first time.



Which leads to another branding update. Our branch logo no longer has an “Inc” on it. For those of you using the logo in the future, you can log into the [aauw.org](http://aauw.org) site under your member account and find the various formats for our branch logo. Our official name with AAUW CA and with the California Attorney General's office (with which we communicate about our incorporation) is American Association of University Women, Long Beach Branch. There is no “Inc” in our name, so AAUW CA requested that we remove it from our logo to avoid confusion in the future.

**Fantastic news:** Long Beach is now a City of CEDAW.

The resolution in support of CEDAW - and to have a City Commission partner with CSULB to complete a gender analysis study and later to make recommendations for policy reforms to the City Council - passed 9-0 on March 1, close to 8pm. The atmosphere was heartwarming as everyone said their piece for women's equality and absolutely joyous when the vote was completed. It's a great feeling to be proud of your city – and we are! Many thanks to our members who represented AAUW LB: Farrah Farhang, JoAnn Kuroda (and Gil), Denise Montoya and Sunny Zia – and to Councilwoman Suzie Price for bringing it forward at the request of the Women's Intercultural Network's Cities for CEDAW Committee.

It is a full Women's History Month. Many of us attended ICWIN's International Women's Day Celebration on March 6. Please join us at LACIC on Sunday, March 20 with Elahe Amani speaking after her meeting at the UN with the Commission on the Status of Women - contact me if you would like to carpool. Then we have our branch's Wednesday, March 23 presentation of the Jennifer Hall Lee film at the Art Theatre and the following week, on Thursday, March 31, the Equal Means Equal film which our branch is sponsoring at the Art Theatre, presented by Pacific Shore NOW. See our website for details and ticket purchase options.

We know that Title IX expert Jeane Caveness and special guest Dr. Greg Peterson will provide an outstanding presentation on April 2. That day we also have a very important branch business meeting. We'll be voting for next year's slate of officers and approving the new bylaws. The proposed bylaws can still be found for review on our branch website at [www.aauw-longbeach.org](http://www.aauw-longbeach.org). Parliamentarian Leah Sakacs will be glad to answer your questions in advance. There will also be a Town Hall meeting, led by Sharon Westafer, to discuss next year's branch meetings. Thank you for continuing to engage in advancing equity in our community!

## CULTURAL ADVENTURES FOR MAY SAVE THE DATE



Join the visit to the **BROAD MUSEUM** on **May 19, 2016**.

This will be a bus trip - provided by Supervisor Don Knabe - and a Fundraiser for our Branch. More details will follow at the April meeting.

**Fay Denny and Joan Gustafson**



## Membership Summary for FY 2015-2016

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

Katie J. Von Grempp graduated from UCSB in 1990 with her degree in Communication and from CSULB in 2001 with her M.Sc. and Teaching Credential. She found about us through the internet!

Mitra Baghdadi is the Department Coordinator for the Anthropology Department at CSULB. Mitra has her M.A. in Linguistics from CSULB and has worked in different capacities in the field of immigration, notably as a social worker for refugees in Canada, then for the UN and, ultimately at CSULB. She is also an environmentalist and human rights activist.

We worked at a table at the Youth Exploitation and Safety Symposium (YESS) on the 20<sup>th</sup> and connected with quite a few people interested in AAUW! Thank you to all of our volunteers – Helene Goodman, Mary Lamo, Mina Naghavi, and Alex Bellenger – who helped out at the YESS registration and AAUW tables!

After March 15<sup>th</sup>, new members will have an extra three months added to their membership (good until 2017). Mark your calendars so you don't forget to renew in June.

M. Alex Bellenger

## **Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force**

Meeting Details: The Task Force meets every 1<sup>st</sup> 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 April 7th, 2016.

At the March meeting, the YESS event was discussed. The event was held at Long Beach City College and there were approximately 500 people in attendance. After this discussion, the meeting broke into the Prevention, Protection, Prosecution, Human Trafficking 101, and Labor Trafficking subgroups. I attended the Prevention group, where Lt. Dan Pratt with the LBPd's Human Trafficking Task Force discussed issues relating to Long Beach Transit. Long Beach Transit is the only transit system in the area that is not training their drivers on the warning signs of human trafficking. Los Angeles and Orange County both train their drivers to recognize human trafficking on their routes. Lt. Pratt is looking for local citizens he can contact to help lobby for Long Beach Transit educating its drivers on the issue.

## **Connie Inskeep Award Time**

Branch Members – please be ready to nominate your candidate for the 2016 Connie Inskeep Award at the April meeting. Forms will be available at the meeting or send an email to me now. The criteria are: demonstrated leadership consistent with the mission of AAUW; for the Branch, at the LA County Inter-branch or California / National level. We have many worthy women in our midst. With your participation we can identify and honor one at the June meeting. Prior honorees are listed in the Yearbook on page 11. Thank you, Linda Patten lindapatten@icloud.com

## **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. Although the interest earned is not huge, it is estimated to be less than \$100, the amount can be effectively used somewhere. It's time to think about which mission-related program or activity could benefit from the use of the interest earned. Past uses of the interest went to Tech Trek, advertising or STEM. If you have an idea, please exercise your responsibility as a Branch member and voice your preference. Recommendations from members are considered by the Board and will be voted upon at the May 16 Joint Board Meeting. Send your recommendations to Daphne Ching-Jackson, Budget Committee Chair at dchingjackson@verizon.net or call or text to 562.209.2221.

Darlene Declan  
Administrative Assistant

# Branch Business and Board Brief



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

The following motions were presented and passed:

- Deloris Mayuga moved that, by direction of the Finance Committee, the Building Fund CD of \$93,000 be reinvested for 1 year at OneWest Bank. 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.
- Deloris Mayuga moved that, by direction of the Finance Committee, the Endowment Fund CD of \$33,000 be reinvested for 3 months at OneWest Bank. This CD will be made up of the remaining \$33,000 maturing at OneWest Bank
- Deloris Mayuga moved that the 2015-2016 Operating Budget, REV8 which reflects corrections in the Building Fund and Endowment Fund Interest Income, be accepted. Seconded by Sharon Westafer.

## NEWS: 2016-2017 SLATE OF ELECTED OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following members to be on the slate of officers to be elected at the April meeting for the 2016-2017 Board of Directors:

President Elect/Vice President	TBA
Program/Vice President	Lois Ledger/Leah Sakacs
Membership/Vice President	Elsa-Karen Braden/Margaret Huebner
AAUW Fund/Vice President	Anne Ingalls/Valerie Little
Treasurer (2 year term)	Jessica Kober
Secretary	Farrah Farhang/Darlene Daclan

JoAnn Kuroda, Chair of Nominating Committee

Alex Bellenger, Margaret Huebner, Anne Ingalls, Mary Lamo, Lois Ledger, Denise Montoya, Anne Supple

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# Long Beach Branch STEM Career Conference February 26, 2016

Frances Rozner and Sharon Westafer, Conference Co-Chairs

LBCC Trustees and AAUW LB members, Ginny Baxter and Sunny Zia welcomed 206 7<sup>th</sup>-grade and 8<sup>th</sup>-grade girls to the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual STEM Career Conference, held at Long Beach City College Liberal Arts campus, before keynote speaker Ebony Pearson inspired the girls with her story. Ebony shared her challenges as the first in her family to attend college, encouraged the girls to focus on a goal, listed key elements for success which the girls dutifully recorded and had the girls recite a pledge to believe in themselves. After the keynote address, the girls each attended two 40-minute workshops featuring women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) careers. The workshops, with fun hands-on activities, were presented by:

- Marchell Bailey, Registered Dietitian, Little Company of Mary
- Deborah Der, Financial Advisor, Edward Jones
- Carolyn Duclayan-Vizmanos, Public Health Nurse, Orange County Health Care Agency
- Rhonda Gilyard, Chemical Engineer, TABC, Inc.
- Inez Martinez, Coroner, Orange County Sheriff's Department
- Megan Moscol, Sustainability Engineer, California State University, Fullerton
- Brianna Pagan, Environmental Scientist, Long Beach Water Department
- Kathy Rantowich, Structural/Civil Engineer, MHP Structural Engineers
- Raquel Sanchez, Automotive Production Engineer, TABC, Inc.
- Kim Vu and Thomas Strybel, Human Factors Researchers, CSULB

Partnering schools this year were Franklin Classical Middle School, Hamilton Middle School (member: William Feliciano), Jefferson Leadership Academies (member: Marisela Moreno), Muir Academy, Powell Academy for Success and Jackie Robinson Academy.

Thank you to the 60+ volunteers who helped to make this year's STEM conference the most successful and smoothly run to date! Volunteers stuff goody and snack bags, handle registration and distribution of materials, photograph the event, facilitate the speakers, act as traffic monitors, feed the volunteers, and thoughtfully represent the branch in all their roles. Special thanks to the chairs who spent many hours overseeing the details: Darlene Daclan (Volunteers), Norma Grady (Registration), Marie Kiss (Registration & Research), Michelle Kiss (Facilities), Jessica Kober (Food), and Deloris Mayuga (Program).

The Port of Long Beach, TABC, Inc. and Tesoro all gave generous financial donations, underwriting a substantial portion of the expenses of the conference. Their support is very much appreciated. For the donation of goody bag contents and the discounted use of facilities, we also wish to acknowledge Ginny Baxter and Long Beach City College, California State University – Chancellor's Office, Crimson Pipeline, LLC, Farmers & Merchants Bank, Long Beach City College, Museum of Latin American Art, Port of Long Beach, Shore Business Center, Linda Silver and University of Kansas.

The conference is very much a collaborative effort, and as evidenced by the enthusiastic responses from the young women who attended, an inspiring and rewarding experience for all who participate. The comments from the students on their evaluation forms and the thank-you notes they wrote to the speakers are testament to the value of this event. Our sincere thanks and appreciation to all the participants who made this a truly impactful event for the girls.

Please note that with Sharon becoming branch Co-President next year and running for a second term as an AAUW CA Director, she is unable to continue in the role she has held with the STEM Career Conference. It is with sadness that the committee sees her move on – yet is grateful for her leadership over the last ten years. However, we are very fortunate in her replacement – please join us in welcoming the multi-talented Mary Lamo as the new Co-Chair of the STEM Career Conference. Looking forward to another outstanding STEM Career Conference in February 2017!



# 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](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 other cultural interests. Contact **Joan Gustafson** at 562-439-3130 or **Fay Denny** [faydenny@yahoo.com](mailto:faydenny@yahoo.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.  
*To all Great Decisions Group members:* Great Decisions books are available at the meetings. If you 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](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 **JoAnn Kuroda** at 562-429-6923 or email at [sojoinlb@aol.com](mailto:sojoinlb@aol.com).



**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 book for April is *The Lace Reader* by Brunonia Berry



**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.  
NO meeting on March 17th - Contact **Shelley Arnold** [shelleyarnold1@aol.com](mailto:shelleyarnold1@aol.com)



**Residential Rentals Discussion Group** meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of odd months year round from 10:00-11:30 am. Our next meetings are in 2016: **Mar 16<sup>th</sup> and May 18<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

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

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and paid by March 28th***

*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 EVENT Saturday, April 2, 2016

9:00 am Social /Continental Breakfast  
10:00 am Program  
11:00 to 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?

Lindsay San Miguel  
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