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Spring Garden Party!



Mary Lamo and Valerie Little
Program Co-Vice-Presidents

Saturday, May 14, 2016

Spring is here and it is time to celebrate with the AAUW Long Beach Branch's Annual Garden Party. Relax and socialize with members and meet our new members. This year's event will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the home of AAUW Long Beach Branch member Michelle Kiss.

All members are encouraged to bring a friend, colleague or neighbor, as well as any prospective member interested in partaking of this festive and joyous occasion. This annual event is planned for everyone to see the opportunities available as a member

of the branch. There will be display tables that showcase the organization's amazing programs and special interest groups. Also, a variety of lite snacks, desserts, and appetizing finger foods will be served to satisfy your cravings.

There is no reservation or cost required to attend this event. You will have the opportunity to come

and enjoy a beautiful Spring day with women who are committed to the goal of empowering women. We look forward to seeing you.

If you have any questions, please email the AAUW Long Beach Branch at AAUWLongBeach@gmail.com.



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
MAY birthdays!



We also celebrate:
May 1—May Day

May 10—Mother's Day

June 4—Branch Installation Meeting

June 16—DRC Awards Dinner

The Board of the Disabled Resources Center has chosen **Cacilia Kim** as the winner of the Disabled Resources Center's Civic Leadership Award. Congratulations! The two AAUW tables have already been filled, but more seats may be purchased separately.

There are two ways of spreading light:
to be the candle or the mirror that
reflects it. ~ Edith Wharton

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.

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

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We're on Facebook!
<https://www.facebook.com/aauwlongbeachca>

Follow AAUW on Linked In!

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

RECOMMENDATION FOR USE OF INTEREST FROM ENDOWMENT FUND

It's time to think about which mission-related program or activity could benefit from the use of the interest earned from the Branch endowment fund. Past uses of the interest went to Tech Trek, advertising or STEM. If you have an idea, please exercise your responsibilities 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.

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. Date: **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

President's Message



Frances Rozner – President

We are mighty working together! The branch's presentation of the film *Feminist Stories from Women's Liberation* on March 23, engaged over 120 attendees with 17 of our members volunteering that evening; garnered prospective members; made new contacts in the gender-equity community and raised \$820 in net proceeds for Tech Trek from the 143 tickets sold. Special thanks to Flo Pickett who recruited so many sponsors and volunteers and dealt with the theater; Shelley Arnold, who learned about and managed EventBrite; Elsa-Karen Braden who handled the check payments; Annabel Adams who created the eye-catching flyer; and all of you who brought friends, colleagues and family to be inspired.



With AAUW LB as a sponsor, five more of us attended the *Equal Means Equal* film on March 30. As with the earlier film, we were blown away by the facts we learned from this movie. The constitution states "We, the people of the United States...", but women have found that equality is not pervasive under federal law. Without a constitutional amendment about gender equality, there will continue to be uncertainty when issues of gender are brought under scrutiny before the courts.



As a direct consequence of our film screening, one of the sponsors, the National Council of Jewish Women – LB Section, asked our branch to write letters advocating passage of human trafficking bills they support. With approval from your Executive Committee, three letters were sent March 28 on behalf of the branch in support of AB 1760, AB 1761 and AB 1762. I invite you to continue the activism, on another issue, by participating in the Equal Pay Day March event on Saturday, April 23, 10am - noon – organized by member Alex Bellenger. Starts at Victory Park (Atlantic and Ocean) and concludes at City Hall.

Our April branch meeting brought together for the very first time the Title IX coordinators of our AAUW College/University Members: LBCC, Dr. Greg Peterson, and CSULB, Dr. Jeane Caveness. Having a seamless education about consent (with regards to sexual relations), from K-12, through city college to the university, would be helpful for students all along the continuum. Jeane posited that there may be a place for our branch in helping to facilitate the seamlessness. Just one more way we can make a difference with the AAUW tools and passion we possess....

The new proposed bylaws were approved, with several amendments, by the Board of Directors in March, with the branch vote scheduled for the June 4 branch meeting. The newly updated version can be found for review at www.aauw-longbeach.org. Updated Policies and Procedures will next be addressed by committee.

AAUW's mission is accomplished through many avenues. As a member, whatever works for you - advocacy, education, research and/or philanthropy - furthers the mission. So please remember to renew your membership by June 30. Your efforts truly do make a difference in ensuring that women and girls have equity. The May Garden Party is our opportunity to bring prospective members to see the many ways in which we are involved – and to ask them to join us. Looking forward to seeing you on May 14, if not earlier.

CULTURAL ADVENTURES FOR MAY 10

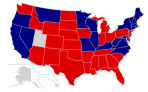
SAVE THE DATE

Join the group going to the **Getty Center / Museum**, 1200 Getty Center Drive, Los Angeles. The bus will leave the Target parking lot, Bellflower Blvd., near Stearns, at 8:30 a.m. and return sometime around 3 p.m.

Cost is \$10.00 which covers the driver's gratuity and donation to the Educational Opportunities Fund. Luncheon is on your own. To plan your visit go to www.getty.edu, click on "The Getty Center". There are a variety of exhibits, tours, gardens, views and the Café for you to enjoy.

For information or to add your name to the list: Fay Denny, faydenny@yahoo.com, (714) 894-0416,
Joan Gustafson, jwg221@aol.com, (562) 439-3130

Please note this is a change in date and venue from the announcement in the April Vantage.



If you are not yet participating, TAKE ACTION – JOIN AAUW'S ACTION NETWORK

One easy way for AAUW members, and their friends, to take action is to respond to the state *Action Alerts* and national *Two-Minute Activist* messages. Each call for action includes background information on the issue and language for you to use in sending a message. You can use the language provided, or you can add text of your own. Then click on a button and you have taken action.

It's easy to become part of AAUW's Action Network. Just go to the national website(www.aauw.org) and click on *What We Do*. Then select Public Policy from the sidebar menu on the left and *Two-Minute Activist* from the sidebar. Put in your email address and click on Sign Up.

When you sign up, give your street address or zip code and you will automatically be subscribed to the AAUW California Action Alerts as well as to the national Action Network.

The California 2016-2107 Public Policy emphasis will be on Pay Equity, STEM and Title IX – so expect to see alerts from California about these. The Public Policy Interest Group is back on track with a meeting on **Thursday, April 21**, 5:30pm at Shelley Arnold's home. See you there!

May 14 Garden Party & 2016-17 Dues

The annual Garden Party is a Branch social event designed to encourage outreach to potential new members, you know...your friends, coworkers, and family who may be curious about the advocacy efforts of AAUW Long Beach. It's your chance to show off the Branch, and recruit individuals who will bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm as new members. Those who join will be eligible for a reduced membership rate of \$70.50, effective through June 2017!

Ready to Renew! - Membership Dues for 2016-2017 – Due June 30th!

The sooner you pay your dues, the closer AAUW gets to meeting its Mission Statement – AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. That means that we can take on the projects which empower women and girls in Long Beach, the State of CA and the Nation to get the educations, careers, leadership opportunities, political strength they deserve, and support the need to protect their rights over their own bodies, as well as to live in a violence-free society. Let us work together to get the dues in on time this year, please.

Online Members: An Email Blast was sent April 2 to all members with email requesting their dues payments. Click on the personalized link, which will connect you with your dues renewal page. Please pay by credit card at this time. (It's a very straightforward process, you don't need to login, know your password, or membership number. The personalized link does the work for you!) National will send you an acknowledgment email response.

Members Not Online: You will be receiving a mailed invoice from me. Please remit payment at your earliest convenience, following the directions: (Your amount will be listed according to your Branch status)

- a) Make check out to AAUW (**Not to AAUW-Long Beach**),
- b) Submit by June 15, 2016,
- c) Mail to **Denise Montoya**, Membership Treasurer – 7114 E El Paseo St, Long Beach, CA 90815. Please call me with any questions, 562-596-2280.

Connie Inskeep Award Time

Are you thinking of your candidate for the 2016 Connie Inskeep Award? You still have time to send an email to me with your nomination. The criteria are: demonstrated leadership that is consistent with the mission of AAUW- for the Branch, at the LA County Inter-branch or District level, and/or California or National level. We have many worthy women in our midst; with your participation we can identify and honor her at the June meeting.

Thank you, Linda Patten lindapatten@icloud.com

Branch Business and Board Brief



Regular board business was conducted at the March Board of Directors meeting. The following motions were made and passed: Cacilia Kim moved that the AAUW Long Beach Branch Policies and Procedures, section number “2” identified as “Public Policy,” be amended as follows (specified in italics):

b. The Branch may join in coalition with other community groups with the approval of the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors; *the approval shall be based on a detailed written request describing the proposed coalition.*

c. *The Branch may collaborate with outside organizations to sponsor an event or create a partnership as long as the mission statement and goals of the outside organization adhere to the following requirements: (1) aligns with AAUW's mission and goals; (2) works to advance equality for women and girls; (3) is not political; and (4) is not religious. No monetary exchange is permitted. Approved partner organizations may use the Branch name and logo to publicize sponsored events and partnerships in various media forums, including but not limited to the following: organization's website, event announcements, and press releases. All communications to the public must be approved by the Executive Committee.*

The motion was seconded by Denise Montoya.

Gail Morrison moved the leadership of the Board actively pursue Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs) being available at branch meetings and using the support of AAUW Long Beach, assertively follow a strategy requesting that Old Ranch Country Club (ORCC) or any facility being used for a branch meeting with ALDs, install ALDs for the use of their customers.

The motion was seconded by Ellen Mathis.

By direction of the Bylaws Committee, Leah Sakacs moved that the Board of Directors adopt the newly revised branch bylaws.

1) Amending Motion by Fay Denny; seconded by Ellen Mathis: The Board of Directors moves that Article VIII. Executive Committee. Section 3. Meetings be amended by replacing the proposed bylaw, “Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held on the call of the President or by written request of two-thirds of its members” with the following text: “Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held monthly, except, June and July.”

Amending Motion by Cacilia Kim to the above Motion; seconded by Alex Bellenger. Approved as: The Board of Directors moves that the motion to amend Article VIII. Section 3. to read “Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held monthly, except, June and July” be amended to “Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held monthly unless decided otherwise by the president.”

2) Amending Motion by Fay Denny; seconded by Sharon Westafer: The Board of Directors moves that Article XI. Meetings of the Members, Section 2. Membership Meetings, be amended by replacing the proposed sentence, “The branch shall hold at least four meetings during the fiscal year,” with “The Branch shall hold a minimum of 8 monthly regular meetings of the membership between September and June of each fiscal year.”

Friendly amendment by Fay Denny to the above Motion. Approved as: The Board of Directors moves that the motion to amend Article XI. Section 2. to read “The Branch shall hold a minimum of 8 monthly regular meetings of the membership between September and June of each fiscal year” be amended to “The branch shall hold at least four business meetings during the fiscal year”

3) Amending Motion by Fay Denny; seconded by Ellen Mathis: The Board of Directors moves that Article XI. Meetings of the Members, Section 4. Meetings Notices be amended by replacing “Notice of meetings shall be sent to all members of the branch at least ten days prior to the meetings,” with the following text, “Notice of meetings shall be published in the Vantage and sent a minimum of 15 days prior to the next meeting of the membership.”

Amending motion by Sharon Westafer to the above motion; seconded by Denise Montoya. Approved as: The Board of Directors moves that the motion to amend Article XI. Section 4. “Notice of meetings shall be published in the Vantage and sent a minimum of 15 days prior to the next meeting of the membership” be amended to “Notice of meetings shall be published in the Vantage and sent to all members of the branch at least ten days prior to the meetings”.

By direction of the Bylaws Committee, Leah Sakacs moved that the Board of Directors adopt the newly revised branch bylaws, with amendments.

Additionally

At the March 5 Branch meeting, the following motion made by Cacilia Kim and seconded by Fay Denny was approved : "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."



Membership Summary for FY 2015-2016

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

Angella Brooks joined us as a Student Affiliate through the national website. She is a sales professional with over eight years of experience. She is getting her degree to transition out of sales and into marketing full-time.

M. Suzanne Korinke graduated from Franklin University, Columbus, Ohio with her Business Associate Degree in 1965. She is working as a VP of Complex Systems at IBM Corporation. She's been involved in Life Long Learning at Pebble Creek, Goodyear, Arizona, and a local Professional Women's Organization.

Mia McNulty is currently pursuing her Doctorate in education at Alliant International University and will be graduating in July 2016. She was a member of our branch before.

Clothesline Project

CSULB is hosting the Clothesline Project, where survivors (or family/friends) of sexual assault and domestic violence decorate shirts and hang them on the clothesline to "air out the dirty laundry of violence." AAUW will be there and we need volunteers. The Clothesline Project (or Break the Silence Fair) is April 20th from 10:00am to 3:00pm on the Speaker's Lawn (in front of the Bookstore). Please contact Alex Bellenger or Mina Naghavi if you want to volunteer.

Equal Pay Day March

Mark your calendars! On April 23rd from 10:00am to 12:00pm, we will march from Victory Park (Atlantic and Ocean) to City Hall to protest and raise awareness of the gender pay gap. Mayor Robert Garcia and City Councilwoman Suzie Price will be speaking on the topic.

AAUW Fund AAUW Long Beach Endowment Recipients

Sharon Westafer

2015-2016 Final Installment

Each year the endowments established by California Branches in honor of state presidents, branches or branch members honored by their branches, fund women with very worthwhile projects. Only the interest earned from the endowments is used to fund Fellowships and Grants so the endowments will last in perpetuity. You recently learned about four of the recipients of interest money from the Long Beach branch endowments. Here are the final two recipients:

International Fellowships are awarded for full-time graduate or postgraduate study or research to women who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents. The recipient of the Anna Stofflet Townsend International Endowment interest for 2015-2016 is **Mahnaz Rezaie**. Supplemental grants support community-based projects in the recipient's home country. The Long Beach branch established the Anna Stofflet Townsend International Endowment in 1953 and it was completed in 1968. Anna was California State Division President from 1950 to 1952 and Association VP, South Pacific Region from 1955 to 1963.

Institution: George Washington University **Citizenship:** Afghanistan **Location:** Washington, District of Columbia **Discipline:** Arts **Degree and Specialization:** M.A., The new photojournalism.

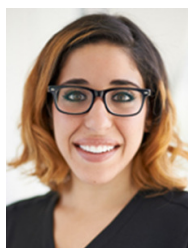
Mahnaz Rezaie is an Afghan filmmaker who was honored at the 2014 Women in the World Summit in New York City for her short film that explores how wearing a hijab affected her relationships when she first came to the United States. Currently, Rezaie is working toward a MA from the Corcoran School of Art and Design and working on her novel. She wishes to become a successful documentary maker and writer.



American Fellowships support women doctoral candidates completing dissertations and scholars seeking funds for postdoctoral research leave or for preparing completed research for publication. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. The Long Beach branch established and completed the Louise Ruth Arbogast American Fellowship Endowment in 1986. The recipient of the Louise Ruth Arbogast American Fellowship Endowment interest for 2015-2016 is **Mariam El-Ashmawy**

Institution: University of Texas, Dallas **Location:** Dallas, Texas **Discipline:** Biology
Degree /Specialization: Ph.D., Cancer biology

Project Name: Protecting Healthy Cells against the Negative Effects of Radiation in the Lung. Mariam El-Ashmawy has been investigating ways to protect healthy cells against the negative effects of radiation therapy. Her studies have led her to pursue translational medicine, where she can directly affect cancer patients' lives. When she's not working, she teaches and performs improvisational comedy.



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 the President and it will be passed to Ellen Mathis, Interest Group Coordinator for help with implementation.



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 **Joan Gustafson** at 562-439-3130 or **Fay Denny** faydenny@yahoo.com
Plan for the May 10th tour to the Getty Center.



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



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.



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 May is *Nora Webster* by Toibin



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 on April 21st - 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 meeting in 2016: **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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AAUW BRANCH EVENT Saturday, May 14, 2016

1:00 to 3:00 pm *Annual Membership Garden Party*

Place: Home of Michelle Kiss

Meal: Light delicious refreshments will be provided!
Coffee, Tea, Water and Iced Tea

Cost: Priceless! NO Reservation needed!

Friends and prospective members are encouraged to attend!

Questions about the location?

email the AAUW Long Beach Branch at AAUWLongBeach@gmail.com

