

Questions Anyone?



Lois Ledger
Co-Program Vice-President

Saturday October 1, 2016

It is that time of year for us to take a tour of the field of State Propositions and Ballot Measures. A ballot measure is a piece of proposed legislation to be approved or rejected by eligible voters. Ballot measures are also known as "propositions" or simply "questions".

Ballot measures differ from most legislation passed by representative democracies; ordinarily, an elected legislature develops and passes laws. Ballot measures, by contrast, are an example of direct democracy. The November 8 election will present us in California with Propositions 51 – 67. How can we best understand and vote?



Nancy Mahr, a leader in both AAUW and The League of Women Voters, will provide a review of the ballot measures. Nancy is immediate past president of the League of Women Voters LA County, Past President of the Palos Verdes Peninsula League of Women Voters as

well as member of the Palos Verdes Peninsula AAUW branch. Nancy is a newly elected director of AAUW CA. She co-chairs AAUW CA's Public Policy Committee and is Public Policy chair of her PVP Branch.

Join us at the meeting on October 1st at the Los Altos Branch Library - 5614 Britton Drive, Long Beach 90815 Coffee and Danish will be served starting at 10:15 am with the program starting at 10:30. A brief business meeting follows the program.

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!



10—Columbus Day

15—Sweetest Day or
White Cane Safety Day

17—Boss's Day

31—Halloween

It has always seemed to me that the most difficult part of building a bridge would be the start.

~ Clarence Darrow

CALENDAR EVENTS

Meetings are the first Saturdays, except in Sept., January, March and May (changed to avoid holidays).

October 1 – November 5

December 3* – January 7 – February 4 – March 9 (dinner)–
April 1 May 6 * – June 3

* 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/>



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AAUWLongBeach@gmail.com

We're on Facebook!

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

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

SAVE THE DATE for our 8th Annual Authors Luncheon to be held on
Saturday, October 22, 2016



AND

SAVE THE DATE November 9, 2016 for the next International Cuisine dinner. More information in the next Vantage.

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: Sept. 19, Nov. 21, Dec. 15, Feb. 20 and April 19

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: Oct. 17, Jan. 16 and March 20



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

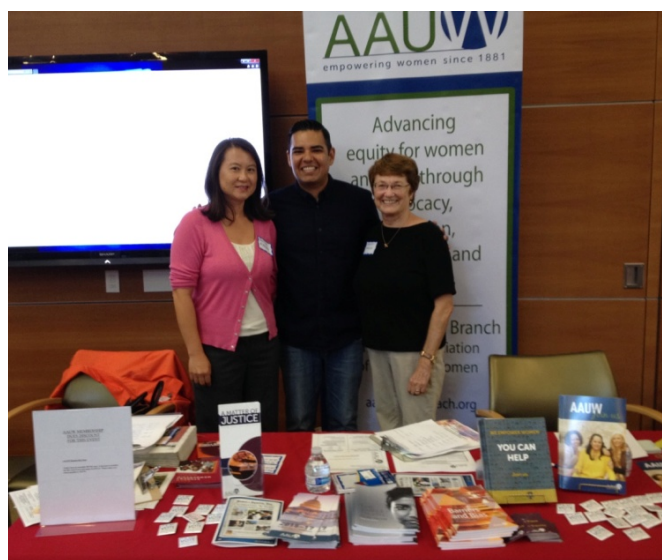


“I always wondered why somebody doesn't do something about that. Then I realized I was somebody” ~ Lily Tomlin

It was great to see the branch so well represented at the celebration of Women's Equality Day on August 26th. Inez Milholland was certainly someone who realized she was somebody who could do something, and we learned more about her at the celebration. The women who fought for suffrage were committed to women's right to vote, and many suffered for their efforts. Important decisions will be made when ballots are cast in November; you may have heard stories of elections being won or important ballot measures being defeated by just a few votes. Please remember to vote ~ you can make a difference!

Those of you who attended the September branch meeting were able to learn a little about how the “Hearing Loop” works to assist those who suffer from hearing loss. Thank you to Gail Morrison for arranging for Warren Willard to talk about the device, which provides access for persons with hearing loss. Unfortunately, due to technical difficulties, he was unable to demonstrate how it works, however we will be exploring this option for branch meetings. It was wonderful to meet some of the

branch scholarship winners from CSULB and LBCC. What interesting young women!



*Co-President Cacilia Kim, Mayor Robert Garcia,
Co-President Sharon Westafer*

October will be a busy month with the branch meeting featuring a presentation on the pros and cons of the state ballot measures, the Luncheon Most Deadly fundraiser for Educational Opportunities on the 22nd, coordinated by Fay Denny. Lastly is the AAUW Fund luncheon on October 23, where Fellowship and Grant recipients studying in Southern California will be introduced (coordinated by Sharon Westafer).

Cacilia Kim, Mary Lamo and George Jackson did a wonderful job compiling the information for the yearbook. They are committed to making sure members have access to member contact information, meeting dates and the

bylaws, policies and procedures and standing rules that guide the operation of the branch.



It's planning time for the 2017 STEM Career Conference and we have a few changes to announce. Darlene Daclan, Deloris Mayuga, Marie Kiss, Jessica Kober and Michelle Kiss are returning to the Planning Committee. Linda Patten will co-chair with Jessica and Anne Supple will co-chair with Michelle. In addition, please welcome our new branch member, Dr. Kimberly Johnson, who is joining the Conference Planning Committee in the role of LBUSD Liaison. Plus, after over a decade of handling registration on Access, Norma Grady is looking forward to devoting more time to her leadership role with Literary Women. Please join us in warmly thanking Norma for her amazing dedication over the years to ensuring that the girls who attended had an extraordinary experience.

We'll be splitting Norma's former role into two: please welcome Becky Low, who will be taking over as Registration Chair. The second position is a **Workshop Assignment Specialist** who will work with Becky. A new tracking system is being built using spreadsheets to replace Access, as the platform for the workshop assignment tracking process. The Specialist would be handling a short-term 3-week project in February 2017, culminating in the Conference on February 24. If you are interested, or know someone with the the following skills and interests, please have them contact Mary Lamo, marylamo@verizon.net or Frances Rozner, francesrozner@gmail.com. We can share a more detailed description; and as with any new process, lots of help will be available. Thank you!

Skills and interests required:

Knowledge of the basics of Excel spreadsheet (Google spreadsheets are closely aligned to Excel)

Willingness to learn more about Excel and Google docs

Ability to use Mail Merge or a willingness to learn how

Enjoys solving puzzles

Attention to detail

Desire that the girls have an extraordinary learning experience



Flo Pickett
Chair—Public Policy

Public Policy



Public Policy Discussion Group will have its first meeting on Thursday Sept 22 from 4-6 PM at member Judith Bergquist's house in El Dorado Park Estates. Light refreshments will be served.

Discussion Topic: 2016 Elections, California and 17 state propositions! Review the propositions and learn about their effect on women's issues.

Goals to Consider for the 2016-17 year:

Encouraging women to join city boards and commissions; teaching women to be active in local government.

Commission on the Status of Women in Long Beach—working with other women's groups for the benefit of all.

Sharing other issues you are interested in - for discussion at future meetings.

See you all there! It's an exciting year for Public Policy!

New Members Join Our Branch.



Over the summer and during September, the Long Beach Branch added the following new members:

Suzie Price, a member of the Long Beach City Council, Third District. She holds a J.D. degree from University of Santa Clara, and is an Orange County deputy district attorney. She resides in Long Beach with her family. She is an Honorary Member of the Board for the Long Beach Women's Shelter, and on the Advisory Board for the Ronald McDonald House. She is this year's Shape the Future Branch Member.

Enid Busser, a prior AAUW member, is a Long Beach resident, and is an alumnae of Occidental College ('58). She is a retired social worker and continues to be active in the community.

Kimberly Johnson, a Long Beach resident, received a doctorate in Organizational Leadership from Pepperdine University in 2013. She is currently an administrator for the Long Beach Unified School District.

Elise Roberts is also a Long Beach resident and works for the Port of Long Beach in Human Resources. She is a graduate of California State University, Fullerton (2015) with a degree in Communications. She has already volunteered for the WorkSmart Program and is the Chair, Program Impact Publicity.

Arlene Lazarowitz, a graduate of UCLA with a Ph.D. in History ('81).

Thanks and welcome to all our new members!



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA -SEAL BEACH

Sunday, October 23, 2016

12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.

(Registration 11:30 a.m.)

Old Ranch Country Club

3901 Lampson Avenue - Seal Beach, CA 90740

The AAUW California
Fund Committee
invites you to celebrate
and honor our
2016-2017 California
Fellowship and Grant



AAUW Fund Luncheon Reservation Form

Please check the luncheon you wish to attend and indicate the number of entrees needed.

Seal Beach Fund Luncheon RSVP Deadline: **October 11th** **\$40 per person**

Please indicate number of each entrée choice:

- **Morgan Salad**: mixed greens, grilled chicken breast, mango, papaya, seasonal berries

Regular Morgan Salad _____ Vegetarian Morgan Salad _____

Total number of reservations _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____ Branch _____

Your Name: _____

Guest(s) Names: _____

Register online at www.aauw-ca.org/FallFundLuncheon
Or mail completed form and check payable to **AAUW California** to 1331 Garden Hwy #100 • Sacramento, CA 95833



Luncheon Most Deadly

An American Association of University Women Long Beach Branch fundraiser for fellowships and research and project grants.

Date: Saturday, October 22, 2016
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. The room arrangement has been "looped" for the hearing-impaired.

Featuring Janet Lynn and Will Zellinger



Janet Lynn was born in New York and moved to California when she was 12. Initially interested in writing romance novels, Lynn discovered her true passion in mysteries, publishing her first novel, *South of the Pier*, in 2011. Since then she has published eight more mystery novels, including three more books in the *Pier* series, "cozy" mysteries including *Eggnog*, *Crepes Suzette* and *Charlotte Russe*, and her collaborative efforts with her husband, Will Zellinger.

Will Zellinger is a native of Omaha, Nebraska who transplanted to Huntington Beach as a teenager. A visual design artist by trade, he worked with his wife Janet in creating the 1950s detective Skylar Drake, who stars in such adventures as *Silvers of Glass* and *Strange Markings*. Zellinger's solo projects include *The Final Checkpoint* and the youth mystery *Something's Cooking at Dove Acres*, as well as the upcoming historical mystery *Bamboo Fences*.

www.themarriedauthors.blogspot.com

AAUW Long Beach: www.aauw-longbeach.org



Luncheon Most Deadly

RSVP By October 14, 2016

Name: _____

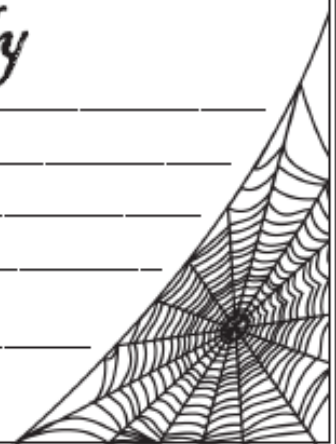
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Phone: _____ Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Please seat me with: _____
(We will try to seat you to gather, 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 with this form to:
Sharon Westafer, P.O. Box 291, Seal Beach, CA 90740. Phone number: 562-493-4749



BRANCH INTEREST GROUPS

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Joining an AAUW members-only 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.

Reminder: All interest group participants MUST be AAUW Long Beach members! Guests may attend a meeting group or an interest group a maximum of three times before they are required to join AAUW. Interest groups are for the benefit of



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



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 Ideas welcome for Fall.



Great Decisions Group meets weekly to discuss, share opinions and ideas on a critical global issue. *To all Great Decisions Group members:* Great Decisions book information is available at the branch meetings. If you plan to participate, you may also contact a group coordinator or 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 selection for October is *Whistling Past the Graveyard* by Susan Crandall.



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 Sept 22 - Contact **Flo Pickett**



Residential Rentals Discussion Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of odd months year round from 10:00-11:30 am. Our next meeting in 2016 is being planned. 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!

If you would like to 'Kick Off' a new Interest Group, contact Ellen Mathis, 562-433-6509 or emathis@verizon.net for help setting up an "interested people meeting" and to discuss details for meetings (what, where, time, etc.)

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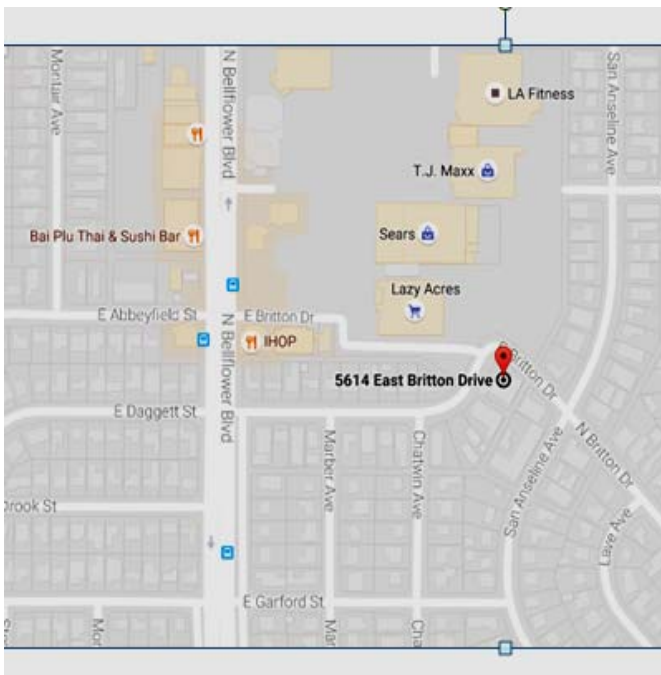
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AAUW BRANCH MEETING Saturday, October 1, 2016

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| 10:15 a.m. | Coffee & Danish |
| 10:30 | Program |
| 12:00 | Branch Announcements |
| 12:15 | Adjournment |

Place: **Los Altos Neighborhood Library**
5614 E. Britton Drive Long Beach, CA 90815

Note: Los Altos Neighborhood is located behind Lazy Acres on the south end of Los Altos Shopping Center on Bellflower Boulevard. Park behind Lazy Acres —across the street from the library. Street parking is available on San Anselme and East Britton Dr.

**Good News! No Charge for this meeting /
Donations accepted!**

Questions about the location?

Daphne Ching-Jackson at

dchingjackson@verizon.net or

Pam Rayburn at pam.rayburn@csulb.edu