

## *Honor and Duty to Country*

Lois Ledger  
Co-Program Chair

Saturday January 7, 2017



Our January meeting will offer a chance to learn about Women in the Military. Of the 1% of the United States population that serves in the military, 15% are women. AAUW Member Daphne Ching Jackson will moderate a panel of three women, Wilma Powell, Neya Gilliam, and Wendy Lewis, who will field questions about women's experiences as members of the military.

Wilma Powell received her degree in Management from the University of Redlands. She worked for the Long Beach port for 30 years and served as the Director of Trade & Maritime Services. She served as chair of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services and also as a board member of the Long Beach Chamber Women's Council. Powell also has received several awards and accolades including: Secretary of Defense Award for Outstanding Public Services (1994), U.S Coast Guard Distinguished Service Medal (1995), and Outstanding Women of the Year: American Business Women's Association (1994).

Neya Gilliam joined the Department of Veterans Affairs as a Program Support Clerk for the Department of Medicine at the Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System. In this role, Gilliam oversaw the day-to-day administrative activities for the Rheumatology Department.



Prior to joining Veteran Affairs, Gilliam served more than five years on active duty in the United States Air Force as a Personnel Apprentice. She had the pleasure of being stationed in Okinawa, Japan and Lajes Fields Azores, Portugal. After separating, she completed an Associate degree in both patisserie-baking & culinary arts at Le Cordon Bleu in Pasadena, CA.

Wendy Lewis served in the United States Navy for eight years and as a Staff Financial Manager under the United States Third Fleet Commander. Following her separation from the Navy, Wendy received her Bachelors degree in Nutritional Science from California State University Long Beach. While attending CSULB, she served as the student government Secretary of Veterans Affairs and was elected Treasurer during her final year. She also was Vice President of the Student Veterans of America chapter at CSULB and a member of two honors societies.

We look forward to seeing you at the AAUW meeting on Saturday, January 7, 2017 to learn about these incredible women's stories and experiences as members of the military and as veterans.

**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

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## Courtesy

### Best wishes to January birthdays!



- 1—New Years Day  
Last Day of Chanukah
- 6—Epiphany
- 16—Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 20—Inauguration Day

*It is with deep sadness that we send news of the passing of Mary Lamo's husband, Russ. If you would like to make donation, please consider the Long Beach Memorial Medical Center Foundation "The Bucket List Project" in memory of Russ Putnam.*

The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today. ~ H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

## CALENDAR EVENTS

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

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

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

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## SAVE THE DATE

Register now for the **AAUW National Convention!** Join us June 14–17 in Washington, D.C. to lobby Congress, hone your leadership skills, and network with AAUW leaders.

After this unprecedented election, AAUW's voice is needed now more than ever.

**Join the chorus of AAUW leaders who will take Capitol Hill by storm on June 15 at the 2017 AAUW National Convention Congressional Lobby Day.**

Together, 1,000 AAUW members from across the country will speak truth to power on Capitol Hill and advocate for AAUW's policy priorities for women and girls. What's more, convention will prepare you with the skills and training you need to keep fighting for equity back home.

**Make sure your voice is heard in the halls of power in June. [Register now!](#)**

**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: Feb. 20 and April 17

**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: Jan. 16 and March 20



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*"We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop."* ~ Mother Teresa

Happy New Year! As we bid farewell and reflect on 2016, we can be proud of our many accomplishments, including our successful STEM conference last February, the fun Luncheon Most Deadly fundraiser in October, completing three pilot workshops for Work Smart in October and November, and our continued success throughout the year in recruiting new members to our Branch. But while our successes are many, there is still much work to do – as the divisive 2016 election cycle clearly highlighted. Whatever our political leanings may be, we can all agree that the election, including the rhetoric surrounding the election, underscored the critical importance and continued need for our work in eliminating discrimination against women and other minorities, combating sexual harassment and assaults (including its disturbing pervasiveness), and enacting work and health policies that support families, including paid medical and family leave.



As we begin the New Year, let us charge forward energized—as the prior year has reminded us of the need and urgency of our mission. Let us unite around our common goal to ensure that women and girls in our community have equal and just access to all of life's opportunities. But let us also not hide but embrace our differences – in backgrounds, viewpoints and ideas and recognize that these insights are critical to building stronger and broader alliances both within and outside of our Long Beach community.

2017 beckons. Let's get to work!

### It's almost time for Great Decisions 2017

This will certainly be a year to discuss foreign policy! I hope you will be joining one of our Great Decisions groups—Wednesday evening, Friday afternoon, and Tuesday morning. I will be placing the order for the Foreign Policy briefing books soon—so I need your check for \$25 by December 20 if you have not already gotten it to me. Make out your check to Norma Grady and send it to 3591 Claremore Avenue, Long Beach, 90808-3104. Questions? Please call me at (562) 596-2819. All best wishes for 2017 to you and yours.

### Tech Trek Fundraiser

Anne Supple and Pat Ferrer

The January branch meeting is the time to bring your checkbooks to contribute to the Tech Trek Math/Science Camp for middle school girls. The camp is held on a college campus and the girls live in the dormitories for a week. They get the full college experience, taking math and science classes, going on field trips, and bonding with other girls with similar interests.

We hope to send 8 girls from our local middle schools; each campership is \$900. We appreciate your support!

# 14<sup>th</sup> Annual AAUW LB STEM Career Conference

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Darlene Declan  
STEM Career Conference

It's that time of year again!

We are still looking for volunteers to assist at the 14th AAUW Long Beach Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Career Conference. Volunteers for this event are needed to take on tasks like facilitating speakers, helping with registration, preparing bags and refreshments, and, photographers! You will not be disappointed volunteering at this Conference—see your AAUW mission at work.



**STEM** Science, Technology,  
Engineering, Mathematics

We are also seeking a Workshop Assignment Specialist - please contact Frances Rozner for details about this position.

The Conference is scheduled for **Friday, February 24, 2017** from 4:30pm - 7:00pm. (volunteers arrive earlier!) at LBCC (Liberal Arts Campus).

If you are interested in being a volunteer or have any questions about assisting at the STEM Conference, please email Darlene Daclan at [darlene\\_daclan@yahoo.com](mailto:darlene_daclan@yahoo.com) or call at 562/673-6909.

## Long Beach Branch - Board Brief

Darlene Declan  
Secretary

Regular board business was conducted at the November Executive Committee meeting. The following motions were passed:

- Deloris Mayuga moved that the following motion be substituted for the motion creating a reserve account that passed on October 17. The Policy and Procedures of AAUW-Long Beach Branch be amended as follows:

Policies and Procedures, Section 5. Budget

c. There shall be a Reserve Fund. The monies in the Reserve Fund may be used for branch activities, projects, and operations with Board approval.

Motion was seconded by Sharon Westafer.

- Deloris Mayuga moved that the Executive Committee recommend to the Branch that Standing Rules of AAUW-Long Beach Branch, Section 2, a. be amended as follows: Standing Rules, Section 2. Budget

Balances which exist in the general fund accounts at the end of the fiscal year shall be divided between the Convention Fund and Reserve Fund, with a minimum of \$500 transferred to the Convention Fund and the balanced transferred to the Reserve Fund.

Motion was seconded by Lois Ledger.

- Deloris Mayuga moved that \$2,000 be moved from the Convention Fund to the Reserve Fund.

Motion was seconded by Cacilia Kim.

# Public Policy

Flo Pickett, Public Policy Chair



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Lisa Maatz, Vice President of Government Relations-National provides us with a quote summarized from an online conference call to leadership.

*AAUW is a non-partisan organization and has been since its beginning. As an organization, we do and have always taken positions on political issues that are of interest and consequence to women. Therefore, we are political. We do lobby political leaders of any and all parties. We work with those who work with us on any of our issues. We encourage our members to be knowledgeable and support issues of consequence to women.*

While few of us agree on all aspects of every issue, it is more important than ever that we learn from each other. It is possible to discuss differences without taking or giving offense; perhaps we can learn a little team sport behavior...how to work together for common goals. It is more important than ever in today's world!

(Visit the website [aauw.org](http://aauw.org) - look for "Issues" and "Take Action" - to understand more about Public Policy in AAUW)

Please join us on the third Thursday at the January 19 Public Policy meeting.

Here's a note from my email inbox!! Rebecca Low

As one of the University of California, Irvine alumnae in AAUW's community, you should be among the first to learn this exciting news:

**UCI's own Linh Anh Cat, PhD Candidate in Microbial Ecology, has been selected for AAUW's 2016-17 National Student Advisory Council (SAC)!** Linh Anh's leadership on the University of California, Irvine's campus helped her stand out from the crowd. She is one of 10 leaders chosen from the competitive pool of applications that we received from campuses across the country.

By joining the SAC, Linh Anh now belongs to a leadership team that helps AAUW grow and connect with our student community. SAC members also play a key role at AAUW's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). **Linh Anh is a trailblazer on her campus — and now she'll help AAUW redefine leadership for the next generation of AAUW members and women everywhere.**

This incredible experience is made possible by AAUW's generous supporters. Your gift to the AAUW Fund will empower women leaders, from University of California, Irvine's campus to communities across the country. Support AAUW this year.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The

***International Cuisine Group***

will meet on Wednesday February 15, 2017  
Place and Time to be determined. (Ideas welcome!)

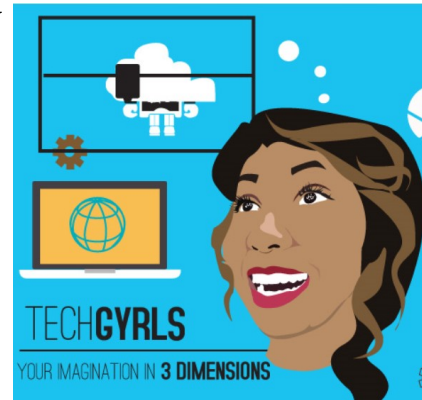
Contact JoAnn Koroda  
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Community Action Grants provide funds to individuals, AAUW branches and AAUW state organizations as well as to local community-based non-profit organizations for innovative programs or non-degree research projects that promote education and equality for women and girls.

This year, of the six AAUW Long Beach endowment money recipients one is located in California. You'll learn more about other recipients throughout the year.



The YWCA Pasadena-Foothill Valley is the recipient of interest from the Long Beach branch endowment. The project, TechGyrls, is a highly successful nationwide YWCA education program that exposes girls to new, relevant technology and inspires them to pursue STEM-related course work and careers. TechGyrls aims to grow underserved girls' interest and knowledge in STEM fields and to encourage them to pursue STEM studies and careers in the future. The curriculum covers Microsoft Office, mobile application building, coding, 3-D design, and more.

## Meet Our Newest Members

Sharon Westafer for Margaret Huebner and Elsa-Karen Braden, Membership V.P.s

Join Us!

We have two new members since October! Please join us in extending a warm welcome to:

**Helene Ansel** is a resident of Long Beach and is a Senior Advisor for Congressman Alan Lowenthal. She graduated from Temple University with a B.A. degree. Helen's many activities include involvement with the Long Beach Education Foundation, the Arts Council for Long Beach, Friends of the Colorado Lagoon, and the Long Beach Community Action partnership. Helene attended the branch Work Smart training session for facilitators and joined the branch because of her interest in our programs. She can be reached at [heleneansel1@aol.com](mailto:heleneansel1@aol.com)

**Cynthia (Cindy) Levy** has an MA from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and an MFA and PhD from Louisiana State University. She is a retired professor who worked for 20 years at Southern University in Baton Rouge and is now writing full time. Cindy moved back to the South from the San Francisco Bay area when she was 35 years old to collect the stories of "other radical Southern Jewish women before it was too late". She won writing awards and honors such as an Allen Ginsburg Award, a William Faulkner Gold medal award and \$30,000 from the National Endowment of the humanities. She is now getting three projects, that she has been working on for decades, ready to be publishable books. Cindy can be reached at [doclevy1@gmail.com](mailto:doclevy1@gmail.com).

# 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 along 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 AAUW members.*



**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)



**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 for Spring.



**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](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 10 and a waiting list. Contact **Sharon Westafer**, 562-493-4749 if interested. The book selection for January is *Hillbilly Elegy* by JD Vance,



**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 **Flo Pickett**



**Residential Rentals Discussion Group** meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



Contact Ellen Mathis, 562-433-6509 or [emathis@verizon.net](mailto:emathis@verizon.net) to discuss ideas or details for meetings (what, where, time, etc.).

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### RESERVATION by Dec. 28

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

### AAUW BRANCH EVENT Saturday, January 7, 2017

9:30 a.m.	Networking
10:00	Meeting
10:30	Program
11:30	Lunch

**Place: Calif. Heights United Methodist Church** 3759 Orange Avenue (at Bixby)  
Long Beach, CA 90807 Adjacent parking  
lot immediately south of the church

**Meal:** Pasta Primavera with Caesar Salad  
French Baguettes

**Dessert:** Chocolate Cherry Decadent Cake

**Beverages:** Ice tea, coffee, lemonade, water

**Price:** \$25.00

Questions about the location?

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