

America's First Ladies

Lois Ledger
Program Chair

Thursday, March 9, 2017



The March 9, 2017 Branch dinner meeting features Dr. Virginia "Ginny" Baxter, one of Long Beach's foremost community leaders, who was honored in 2011 as the Press-Telegram "Amazing Woman in Education". She will share her insights and presentation on **First Ladies in American History**. Adding to her many accolades, in 2014 Ginny was elected as a Trustee on the Long Beach Community College District Board and last year, was elected President of the Board. Ginny is now retired from her position as the Executive Director of the Long Beach City College Foundation, a position she held for 32 years. Her many years raising funds for Long Beach City College gave her special insights into their needs and how LBCC supports students.



Ginny earned her B.A. in History from Occidental College, and her M.A. in History from Occidental. In 1988 she received her Ed.D. in Educational Management from the University of LaVerne. Her dissertation was on "Role of Leadership in the Development of Successful Community College Foundations". She went on to distinguish herself as a community college foundation leader who raised millions for the college.

She has been a 30+ year member of AAUW and plays a big part by helping our branch make location arrangements for the annual AAUW STEM conference held at LBCC.

Her accomplishments have brought her distinguished honors from community organizations including the California Conference for Equality and Justice (CCEJ), New Hope Grief Support, and Long Beach Soroptimist "Woman of the Year (2004)". Ginny has served as a leader of many organizations in Long Beach, but she may be best known as the person who has led many educational tours to Washington, D.C., South America, Europe and Cuba for more than 32 years! This meeting also honors the Past Presidents of AAUW-Long Beach Branch making this an exceptional meeting that focuses on accomplished women and not one to miss! Join us for this special evening!

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 March birthdays!

7—Alexander Graham Bell Day

14—National Pi Day

16—St Patrick's Day

20—World Storytelling Day



Former AAUW president Winnie Nelson (1989 to 1990) passed away at Thanksgiving 2016. She was 95 and living in Attleboro, MA.

"Then you should say what you mean,' the March Hare went on. 'I do,' Alice hastily replied; 'at least - at least I mean what I say - that's the same thing, you know.'"
- Lewis Carroll

CALENDAR EVENTS

Meetings are the first Saturdays, except in Sept., January, March and May.

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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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, the 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: March 20, May 15



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“There are only two times. Now and too late.” Anh Do

The first two weeks of the Trump presidency have been tumultuous. Widespread dissension and civil protests, including several million women around the world who marched for women's equality and safety, have already marked President Trump's fledgling presidency. Turmoil further ensued on January 27th when President Trump issued an executive order that (among other actions) bans citizens of seven Muslim-majority countries from entering the United States for the next 90 days and suspends the admission of all refugees for 120 days. A federal judge in New York (and later in other cities) issued a temporary stay on parts of this executive order and legal scholars across the country have decried President Trump's actions as a violation of numerous protections in our Constitution, including due process, equal protection and freedom of religion.

Whether we support all, some, or none of President's Trump's actions, the sharp divisions in our country require every single one of us to take some form of action -- now. Significant policy decisions and actions have already been made and many more are on the way, including filling key cabinet positions with individuals that could jeopardize the health and safety of women and girls as well as their educational and employment opportunities. We can agree to disagree but before we can do that, we need to be fully informed about the impact of these decisions. And where strong disagreements still exist, we need to speak out and work together to find common ground and solutions that bring this country together, not further apart.

**THIS WOMEN'S
HISTORY MONTH**

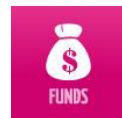
**DON'T JUST
CELEBRATE
HISTORY
MAKE
HISTORY**

There is much work to do. And AAUW is well poised to do it. Our national website provides a wealth of information on key issues that impact women and girls – including current cabinet nominations – and provides specific actions each of us can take.

On a lighter note, as we celebrate Women's History Month in March, we hope you will attend the meeting on March 9th when we will recognize past presidents of our Branch. This dinner meeting is another example of our program planners' attempts to provide a variety of meeting locations and meals.

Long Beach Branch Fellowship and Grant Recipients

Anne Ingalls
Fund Co-VP



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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.

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 2016-2017 is **VIOLET NDEDA**, who will tackle the decline in fish stocks and extinction of major commercial fisheries in Africa, focusing on Kenya. Her goal is to contribute to the taxonomy and identification of fish species utilizing molecular tools, ultimately understanding and preserving the genetic diversity of fish species in that region. She is working on an M.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas.

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.

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 2016-2017 is **FELICITY MUTH**, who seeks to explain how bumblebees adapt to multiple nutritionally diverse rewards, i.e., products from flowers. Her research will aid in understanding bees ability to learn and remember floral rewards. Muth, who works as a popular science writer for Scientific American, is a postdoctoral researcher at University of Nevada, Reno specializing in biology and animal behavior.



Public Policy

Flo Pickett, Public Policy Chair



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The next meeting is on Thursday, February 16, 4:00 PM at Judith Bergquist's house. Join us! **Show up, speak up, stand up. Protect women's issues!**

Take Action!

The Women's March in downtown Los Angeles was great! So many people gathered... including many AAUW members. Thanks to all who attended. Now for the on-going work! Visit the website aauw.org/public_policy to see how you can help.

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Healthcare - a woman's issue. Healthcare crosses all lines - gender, age, income, race. Everyone is involved. It is an issue on which we can join together with others. **It is an AAUW issue.** Women are the biggest losers if ACA, Medi-Cal, and Medicare get cut or reduced. Did you know? **The Affordable Care Act (ACA)** provides: healthcare for people with pre-existing conditions, no lifetime limit on benefits, coverage for basic preventative care that cannot be charged to the patients such as mammograms, pap smears, immunizations, birth control and screening for a number of childhood and adult diseases? Are you aware that ACA allows young people to stay on their parents' coverage until age 26; it expands Medi-Cal coverage for children and the low income which is especially important for young women of reproductive age, and for women from age 50-64 without good jobs that provide coverage. Medicare is for all people over 65-many do not get there. So let's talk about healthcare as an AAUW public policy issue. What can we do to inform ourselves and others and to keep healthcare for all?

Let's stop the push by the current Congress to repeal "Obamacare" which is really the **Affordable Care Act**. Let's protect healthcare for all. Let's join other developed countries in improving health care for all. See you Thursday night!



Work Smart

Mary Lamo, Frances Rozner &
Sharon Westafer

The Planning Committee has decided to proceed beyond the pilot. Next steps: tweaking the workshop script, raising funds (\$1000 per workshop) and recruiting more volunteers. The goal is to have the first 2017 workshop coincide with Equal Pay Day week in April.

We're looking forward to training 5000 women in 5 years – and that will require a larger energized and committed volunteer team. Please contact the following subcommittee chairs if you, or friends of yours, want to be involved in this super effective project: Facilities (Daphne C.), Fundraising (Frances R.), Facilitators/Facilitating (Judy W.), Marketing & Promotion (Elise R.). We're changing the equity equation – it's what we do as AAUW members.



The regular meeting of the full board took place on Monday, January 16, 2017 at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Long Beach. Regular business was transacted.

The following motion was passed:

"By direction of the Executive Committee Deloris Mayuga moved that the Standing Rules of AAUW – Long Beach Branch, Section 2, a. Budget be amended as follows: a. 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 balance transferred to the Reserve Fund."

WSSSC
Women's Symposium of Southern California
improving the quality of life, financial independence, and confidence of women in Southern California

In Honor of International Women's Day
Wednesday, March 8, 2017 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm
Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Drive, Long Beach

The Women's Symposium is a No-Cost Educational Event with Registration. For additional details and to sign up, go to:
WSSoCal.org

The event will include 4 Breakout Sessions with a Panel of Industry Experts and Professionals

- *Planning
- *Family Concerns
- *Small Business
- *Transitioning & Re-Inventing

Complimentary Refreshments with Cash Bar will be provided. Parking is Free.

Benefiting Organizations:

- UN WOMEN
United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
NATIONAL COMMITTEE UNITED STATES
- Peace & Love Sister
- S BEST for Women
Long Beach International of Long Beach
- Participating Agency:
U.S. Small Business Administration
SBA
Your Small Business Resource

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



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 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



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. Next event is scheduled for February 15



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 10 and a waiting list. Contact **Sharon Westafer**, 562-493-4749 if interested. The book selection for March is *Circling the Sun* by Paula McClain.



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 3rd Wednesday of odd months year round from 10:00-11:30 am. Our next meeting in 2017 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 to discuss ideas or details for meetings (what, where, time, etc.).

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RESERVATION by Feb 28

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

AAUW BRANCH EVENT Thursday, March 9, 2017

5:00 pm	Social
5:30 pm	Program/Speaker
6:30 pm	Dinner
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Meeting

Place: Recreation Golf Course Clubhouse
5001 Deukmejian Dr. LB, CA 90804

Meal: Italian Buffet—Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread
Pastas: Penne, Linguini, and Cheese Tortellini
Alfredo and Marinara Sauce w/Choice of Meatballs,
Italian Sausage, or Sliced Chicken Breast.
Assortment of decadent desserts
Beverages included **Bartender: Cash bar**

Price: \$36.00

Questions about the location?

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