

Literary Lunch and Fundraiser

Saturday October 14, 2017



Pam Rayburn & Lindsay San Miguel
Co-Program Vice-Presidents

It is that time of the year again! No, not Halloween, but something similar. In lieu of an October AAUW Branch meeting we encourage you to attend the annual AAUW fundraiser ***Luncheon Most Deadly***.



Join us for a literary talk featuring author Anne Parry. Anne is the international bestselling author of over fifty novels, which have sold over 25 million copies. The Times selected her as one of the 20th Century's "100 Masters of Crime". In 2015 she was awarded the Premio de Honor Aragón Negro. Her first series of Victorian crime novels, featuring Thomas and Charlotte Pitt, began with *The Cater Street Hangman*. The latest of these, *The Angel Court Affair*, is her most recent of many appearances on the New York Times bestseller list. Her latest effort encourages writers using a "Put Your Heart on the Page" slogan. Come hear more about this new area.

You'll enjoy both a delicious lunch and an opportunity to raise funds for AAUW fellowships, research and grants. Enjoy the Old Ranch Country Club setting as we meet at 11:00 a.m. and use the time to view baskets and silent auction items. Lunch will begin at 12:00 noon with the program to follow. Be sure to check the dress and other information on page 5 and RSVP as soon as possible.

AAUW has a long and distinguished history of advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the U.S. and around the globe. One of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women, AAUW is providing more than \$3.7 million for fellowships and grants to 250 outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in the 2017–18 academic year. Due to the longstanding, generous contributions of AAUW members, a broader community of women continues to gain access to educational and economic opportunities — breaking through barriers so that all women have a fair chance. Fellowship and grant recipients perform research in a wide range of disciplines and work to improve their schools and communities. Their intellect, dedication, imagination, and effort promise to forge new paths in scholarship, improve the quality of life for all, and tackle the educational and social barriers facing women worldwide. Your participation in this event supports these efforts.

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!

9—Columbus Day

24—United Nations Day

25—Native American women's
Equal Pay Day

31—Halloween

A memorial service for Barbara Bostwick is scheduled for Tuesday, September 26 at 2 p.m. at Grace First Presbyterian Church.

Frances Rozner's mother, Natalie, passed away in August. She was 92 1/2 and had been in poor health for a while. Our condolences to Frances.

If you cannot get rid of the family
skeleton, you may as well make it dance.
— George Bernard Shaw



CALENDAR EVENTS

Meetings are the first Saturdays, except in September, October, December and March.

Next Branch meeting is November 4 at the Grand .

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www.aauw-longbeach.org



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CRITICAL UPCOMING "EVERY MEMBER" VOTE

AAUW CA has a critical governance issue that must be addressed through an "every member" vote. It is important that every member of AAUW CA cast a vote in favor of changing the non-profit status from **Mutual Benefit to Public Benefit**.

On September 10, 2017, the polls will open for AAUW California members to vote on a change to AAUW CA's status from a Mutual Benefit to a Public Benefit entity. The vote will be taken online through Survey Monkey and all members with e-mail will receive an electronic notice of the vote and voting directions. Those members for whom we do not have an e-mail address will receive a postcard, prior to the opening of the polls, with instructions on how to vote by phone or online. Members will have until October 1, 2017 to cast their votes electronically or by phone.

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: September 18 — November 20— December 18— February 19— April 16.

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: October 16—January 15—March 19 – May 21



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 can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things".
Mother Teresa

The **Luncheon Most Deadly** will take the place of the branch meeting this month and we hope you'll support Fay Denny and her committee by attending this fundraiser for the Educational Opportunities fund, which supports graduate women working toward their PhDs, women changing or advancing their careers, women pursuing degrees in non-traditional fields for women, International students, and branches or organizations working toward equality in their communities. Anne Perry is a well known mystery author and we hope for a large attendance. You can help by inviting your family and friends to attend.

Also in October, the day after the mystery luncheon, the always inspiring and engaging AAUW Fund Luncheon, coordinated by Sharon Westafer, will be held, also at Old Ranch Country Club. Honoring the 2017-2018 California recipients of interest from Fellowships and Grants, this is a chance to hear about the work these scholars are doing and to see where your donations to the AAUW Educational Opportunities Fund are used.

Thank you to Pat Ferrer for negotiating a reasonable price for a table at the Wonder Woman Tech conference held at the Long Beach Convention Center in August, and for staffing the table the entire three days. Frances Rozner, Del Clark, Gay Witten and Sharon Westafer helped Pat at various times to staff the table as they answered questions and dispensed information about AAUW.

More thank you notes to Deloris Mayuga and Lois Ledger for arranging for branch members to attend *Silent Sky* at the International Theater in early September. The branch was given \$10 for each ticket sold to ten or more members. The play is the true story of 19th-century astronomer Henrietta Swan Leavitt, who when she began working at the Harvard Observatory, wasn't allowed to touch a telescope. She and her fellow female "computers" charted the stars for a renowned male astronomer. Much like *Hidden Figures*, this play is a wonderful testament to early women pioneers in scientific and social progress and came highly recommended.

Cacilia Kim, Mary Lamo and George Jackson did a terrific job compiling the information for the yearbook. They are committed to ensuring that 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. Thank you to each of them for their

Did You Know? by Daphne Ching-Jackson, Investment Vice-President

In July Co-President Sharon Westafer, and Treasurer Deloris Mayuga, closed the Endowment CD fund at One West Bank and I joined them to open a new CD at Banc of California. This is a small bank but its 1.29% on the Endowment Fund of \$33,000 prompted this move because we will earn a few more dollars in interest during the year.

As many of you know, banks have not been very generous with interest for smaller amounts especially since the economy imploded in 2009. It was time to consider whether or not to renew at One West Bank and the last year's Board supported the change to find something better. Past Treasurer Linda Patten found out about Banc of California and the decision was made to open a new CD account at Banc of California.

The Endowment Fund consists of gifts from former AAUW members Ethel Black of \$25,000, Irene Holmes of \$3,000 and from Neva Blust of \$5,000. These were members who left gifts to Long Beach Branch. These were members I can remember but many of our long-time members knew them very, very well. Their generosity lives on in the Endowment Fund CD in the amount of \$33,000. The interest from this CD provides funds to be use for mission-based activities. Thank you to Ethel, Irene and Neva!

In the September Vantage Membership Matters article we listed the names of many of our newer members. I'm sorry to say that we inadvertently left out the names of two additional newer members with whom you will want to connect and welcome to our AAUW branch.

The names of these two newer members are Joyce Burrell Garcia and Nancy Pire-Smerkanich. Welcome to AAUW, Joyce and Nancy. We look forward to seeing you and greeting you at one of our branch speaker meetings or at one of our many branch programs and interest groups.

To all of our longer-time members, please remember to seek out new faces at our meetings and speak with them. Welcome them to AAUW and to our AAUW branch and introduce them to other branch members--particularly those who lead programs or activities that each new member may be interested in joining.

Public Policy



We support education for all - especially opportunities for women. Join in the discussions about Title IX, fair and equal pay and treatment for women in the workforce, passage of the ERA, individual choice in lifestyle, reproductive freedom and control of our own bodies, and freedom from violence in our personal lives.

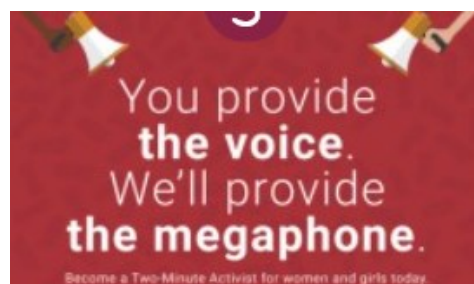
See aauw.org - public policy issues.

- Join us at monthly meetings to learn about and discuss current issues of interest specifically to women.
- Find out how your local governmental representatives vote on your behalf.
- Re-visit the discussion about Food Insecurity and Displaced Students on our local campus in LB (CSULB and LBCC).

Next Meeting is Thursday, September 21, 2017 4 p.m.

Questions, comments...call or contact me...

Flo Pickett 562 884-0459



Take Action Online

Make your voice heard in Congress!
Become an AAUW Two-Minute Activist.

Southern California
Old Ranch Country

Sunday, October 15th

RSVP by October 7th

Noon to 3:00 pm

Registration begins 11:30

3901 Lampson Avenue - Seal Beach 90740



**AAUW FUND
FALL LUNCHEONS**

\$45

Learn about the AAUW Fund and where your donations are used.

Find more info at
aauw-ca.org/fall-fund-luncheons



Luncheon Most Deadly

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

Date: Saturday, October 14, 2017

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 Anne Perry



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Her first series of Victorian crime novels, featuring Thomas and Charlotte Pitt, began with *The Cater Street Hangman*. The latest of these, *The Angel Court Affair*, is her most recent of many appearances on the New York Times bestseller list.

In 1990, Anne started a second series of detective novels with *The Face of a Stranger*. These are set about 35 years before the Pitt series, and feature the private detective William Monk and volatile nurse Hester Latterly. The most recent of these (21st in the series) is *Corridors of the Night* (April 2015).

Anne won an Edgar award in 2000 with her short story "Heroes". The main character in the story features in an ambitious five-book series set during the First World War. Her other stand-alone novels include her French Revolution novel *The One Thing More*, and *The Sheen on the Silk*, which is set in the dangerous and exotic city of Byzantium.

Moving into a different area, Anne has responded to requests for workshops and teaching by producing her first 'how to write' instructional DVD "Put Your Heart On The Page" and her much-loved tote bags which also carry that slogan. Both items are now available to buy direct from her website.

www.anneperry.co.uk

AAUW Long Beach: www.aauw-longbeach.org



Luncheon Most Deadly

RSVP By October 10, 2017

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Total amount enclosed: \$ _____


Please seat me with: _____

(We will try to seat you together, 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



AAUW Work Smart Project Update

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Mary Lamo, Frances Rozner & Sharon Westafer

There is a pressing need in our community for the AAUW Work Smart program, and AAUW LB is working to provide workshops. We have been contacting our city council and the business community to engage them as workshop sponsors. Altogether, since October 2016, 213 have registered, with 133 women and 4 men attending to learn the negotiating skills critical to increase their income and benefits packages.

The May 20 workshop, sponsored by District 3 LB Councilwoman, Suzie Price, had 7 attendees; the June 8 workshop, sponsored by District 2 LB Councilwoman, Jeanine Pearce, had 11 attendees; the July 11 workshop, sponsored by LUNA and held at the LGBTQ Center had 16 attendees; and the August 9 workshop, sponsored by LUNA and held at the LB VA Medical Center had 8 attendees. One woman drove 5 hours from Santa Maria to attend the August workshop.

Many thanks to those facilitating the past year's workshops: Espy Aceves, Alex Bellenger, Katie Gaston, Karen Gustafson, Margaret Huebner, Charlotte Joseph, Frances Rozner, Anne Supple and Judy Willis.



As we look to the future, Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn has recently funded one workshop for this new fiscal year – her second. District 8 LB Councilman Al Austin's office has confirmed that he will provide funding for a workshop this fall. Please refer to salary.aauw.org for upcoming dates and locations.

Our next step is to target the business community for their support. We connected with SpaceX in Hawthorne and ProCore in Carpinteria at the recent Wonder Women Tech event held in Long Beach and they are interested in holding workshops for their employees and/or communities. Since they are outside our area, AAUW will work directly with them.

Please contact the following if you, or friends of yours, want to be involved in this rewarding gender pay gap busting program: Facilities/Fundraising (Frances R.), Facilitators/Facilitating (Daphne C.), Logistics (Anne S.), Marketing & Promotion (Mary L.).

Thank you! *Advancing equity – it's our AAUW mission.*

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 the 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 **JoAnn Koroda** at 562-429-6923 at email sojoinlb@aol.com



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 will be available at the branch meetings. If you plan to participate, you may also contact a group coordinator or Norma Grady at nsgrady1@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 **Fay Denny** at 714-894-0416 at email faydenny@yahoo.com. See the notice for the October event on page 7.



Literary Ladies Group meets to discuss and compare thoughts on a selected book, fiction or non-fiction. The group comes together to hear thoughts and insights from others in the group. Each member takes a turn recommending and leading the group. They meet the 2nd Monday of the month at 12:30 p.m. There is a maximum of 10 and currently a waiting list. Contact **Sharon Westafer**, 562-493-4749 or sharwest1@hotmail.com if interested. The book selection for October is *Still Life* by Louise Penny



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** flopickett@gmail.com



Residential Rentals Discussion Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of odd months year round from 10:00-11:30 am. Our meetings for 2017 are September 20th and November 15th. Anyone with an interest (owner or not) 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. Co-Chairs Ellen Mathis—epmathis@verizon.net - and Joan Gustafson — jwg221@aol.com - invite you to check the group out.

International Cuisine invites you on a food adventure!

Date: **Wednesday, October 25, 2017**

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: **Delightful Crepes Café** 1190 N Studebaker Road Long Beach

It is located in the strip mall where the Fantastic Cafe is located. Delightful Crepes is situated at the end of the row of stores. Their menu features soups, salads, crepe dishes, and pasta with pricing between \$11 and \$20 for the entrees.

You can view their menu at <http://www.delightfulcrepescafe.com/> Please plan to join us.

RSVP: Fay Denny, faydenny@yahoo.com or 714-894-0416;
Joan Gustafson, jwg221@aol.com or 562-439-3130.

RSVP by Monday, October 23, 2017.



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Member Name (s) _____

Guest _____

Amount Enclosed _____

_____ (with MEAL) reservation for program

___ Indicate a Vegetarian, Vegan, Gluten Free preference

_____ Donation to AAUW Funds only

See the official Registration form on Page 5

RESERVATION by Oct. 10

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

AAUW BRANCH EVENT Saturday, October 14, 2017 *In lieu of meeting*

11:00 a.m. Check-in and Mingle
12:00 noon Lunch
1:00 p.m. Program

Place: Old Ranch Country Club
3901 Lampson Ave. Seal Beach, 90740

Meal: Special Salad
Vegetarian/Vegan Option without chicken
(please indicate choice with RSVP)
Beverages: Coffee, Tea, Water

Price: \$60.00
(\$30 is tax deductible)

Questions about the location?
Daphne Ching-Jackson at
dchingjackson@verizon.net

