

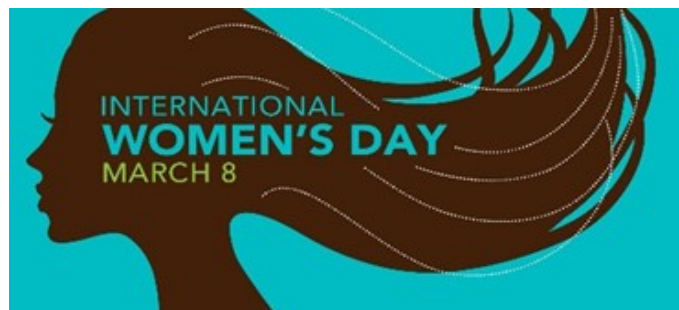
**Women at Work— in Art and Theatre**

Thursday March 8, 2018



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

*Sparking Curiosity* was a three year community based theatre research project directed by Andrea Caban, Head of Voice & Speech in the Theatre Arts Department at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB). Each year, a group of CSULB and Long Beach High School students were cast as researcher/performers. The group identified core questions, then interviewed and transcribed conversations with subjects to investigate and embody their research questions. Year one of the project focused on the family, specifically mothers. Year two expanded the scope to community. For year three, the project expanded further asking a global question: How do women around the world define, engage in and get compensated for work? *Caution: Women at Work* was the culminating theatrical event. Interviewees include a Swedish woman on the first international AIDS research team, an Iraqi lawyer, a homemaker from Botswana and a Chilean actress, among others. This arts-based research brings into consciousness inequities work-force women face and creates space for dialogue.



Our March program on March 8<sup>th</sup>, in honor of International Women's Day features Andrea Caban and four performers from *Sparking Curiosity* performing an excerpt from *Caution: Women at Work*. Please join us for dinner and a show. This is definitely a program that you won't want to miss!

**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 March Birthdays

- 1— Purim
- 2—Holi Hindu holiday
- 17— St. Patrick's Day
- 25—Palm Sunday
- 31 - Passover starts



We offer sincere condolences on the passing of **Helen Downing**. She had been a AAUW member in the 50's and early 60's and then again recently in the last few years. She died last Friday, February 2, 2018. She had been a teacher, a world traveler, and bridge player among many other vocations.

*March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. ~ Anonymous*

## CALENDAR EVENTS

Meetings are the first Saturdays, except in December and March 8 in the evening.

AAUW-LONG BEACH website:  
[www.aauw-longbeach.org](http://www.aauw-longbeach.org)



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**AAUW California's biennial convention** will be **April 27-29, 2018** at the Irvine Marriott (18000 Von Karman Avenue in Irvine). The convention theme is "Educated. Reasoned. Active.". There has never been a time in which we have been more challenged to advance our mission, nor has there ever been a greater opportunity.

Celebrate the advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research we do to achieve equity for women and girls! Meet state and national leaders. Attend revitalizing workshops. Hear inspiring and entertaining speakers, including plenary sessions on grassroots advocacy, women peacebuilders, advancing equity for all, and this year's Speech Trek competition: "How Can We Stand Up to Sexism?" And we will top it off with a celebration of the 20th anniversary of Tech Trek!

**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 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.  
Next meeting is March 19



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](mailto:georgeljackson@gmail.com) or call 562-377-1670.

Send any Branch news or Courtesy items to Editor: Rebecca Low [rlow1@hotmail.com](mailto:rlow1@hotmail.com)

## President's Message



*"You have to accept whatever comes, and the only important thing is that you meet it with the best you have to give" ~ Eleanor Roosevelt*

March is Women's History month and there have been so many women pioneers breaking ground for the advancement of women. Tenacity and perseverance were, and are, only two of many things required of these courageous women. One example is Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell, who was born in England in 1821 and moved with her family to the United States as a young child. She studied privately with male doctors who supported her cause. After being rejected by 29 medical schools, Blackwell was finally admitted to New York's Geneva Medical College as a joke. The admissions committee thought that a rival school had submitted the application as a prank. It was no joke when she graduated at the top of her class in 1849. This made her the first woman to graduate from an American medical school. Unable to find work because no institution would hire her, she won the support of the Society of Friends, called the Quakers, who began referring patients to her. Because no one would rent space to her, she purchased a house in New York and opened an office in 1852; four years later, this one-room dispensary became the New York Infirmary for Women and Children.



We hope you will attend the meeting on March 8th when we will recognize past presidents of the branch. These women are another example of dedicated women who worked diligently to make sure the branch thrived and grew.

It isn't too late to reserve a spot at the AAUW State convention. If you aren't able to attend the entire weekend, you can attend for one day, as it's conveniently located in Irvine and will be a short drive. Details are on the State website:

**[www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org)**. This is a chance to connect with state leaders and members of other branches,

attend thought provoking workshops, and meet AAUW CEO Kim Churches.

Pat Ferrer, Anne Supple  
Tech Trek Co-Chairs

## Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Anne and I thank you so much for your generous donations to **Tech Trek**. As a result of our fundraising this year, we have **\$12,505.50** on deposit with AAUW CA SPF. That is enough to fund our 7 guaranteed spots at Tech Trek at UC Irvine this summer, plus have a healthy carryover for camp in 2019. We will start our interviews of teacher recommended girls at Muir, Powell, and Tinchier in March.

We accept donations year-round, so you can still make a 2018 tax deductible donation to fund future Tech Trek camperships; please send your check, made payable to **AAUW CA SPF**, to AAUW Long Beach Tech Trek, c/o Patricia Ferrer, 365 Ultimo Ave, Long Beach, CA 90814. Please write Long Beach/Irvine on the memo field.

# AAUW Work Smart Project Update

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Mary Lamo, Frances Rozner & Sharon Westafer

At this time, we have workshops scheduled for February through April.

## The LUNA sponsored workshops:

Tuesday, **February 13**, 6:30pm-8:30pm, at the Junior League of Long Beach Conference Room

Saturday, **March 10**, 1:30pm-3:30pm, at the Conservation Corps Meeting Room

## The LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn sponsored workshop:

Tuesday, **April 10**, 6:30pm-8:30pm, at the Port of Long Beach Training room.

Your promotion of AAUW Work Smart in Long Beach workshops to the women you know in



all your circles of influence – one-on-one and through social media, is working well – please keep it up! As always, workshop details and registration can be found at [salary.aauw.org/longbeach](http://salary.aauw.org/longbeach).

We have the opportunity to share the two-page *Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap* with the 150+ attendees of the Women's Symposium of Southern California on March 8. It's our hope that this information will spur many of the women to attend a workshop since AAUW Work Smart is a suggested activity to individually address the gender gap.

The Committee is still challenged with finding classroom-style locations that are free, with parking, and available in the evenings or Saturday mornings or afternoons. Sponsors for workshops are also needed. Please be on the lookout – and if you find something of promise, please contact Frances Rozner. This is truly a branch project as we work together to close the gender wage gap in Long Beach. Thank you!

## Support us through AAUW Fund

You can...

Create change,

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Empower women and girls

With a single donation to AAUW Fund.

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## Use of Endowment Fund Interest

As was reported at the February 3 Branch meeting, all AAUW Branch Members should be thinking of how to use the Endowment Fund Interest. This is an annual opportunity to suggest to the Board and members of the Branch how the Branch can apply the interest earned on Certificates of Deposit. The interest is earned from a principal of \$33,000 in the Endowment Fund that's invested in a Certificate of Deposit with Banc of California. This CD will mature on June 3, 2018 and the interest is estimated to be **\$425**, based on 1.29%.

The fund was started many years ago by AAUW members who left a part of their estate to Long Beach Branch upon their passing. Please give some thought to which activity you want to designate. Some suggestions in past years include Tech Trek, STEM Conference, scholarships, using Facebook ads to promote the annual author's luncheon or to recruit new members. May 1, 2018 is the deadline to send your suggestions to **Daphne Ching-Jackson**. Email her at [dchingjackson@verizon.net](mailto:dchingjackson@verizon.net) or call at 562.209.2221.

# Help Wanted! Cultural Adventures Survey

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We are planning our bus trip for this year and would like your opinion on where to visit. Please mark or write your **first** choice out of the following places that you would like to visit:

1. Adamson House - Located in Malibu, this exquisite house is of the Spanish Colonial Revival Style and of the bygone Old California romance and craftsmanship and the view of the Pacific Ocean is priceless. You will see a Persian tile rug that stretches 60 feet along a hallway.
2. Autry Museum of the American West - This museum is dedicated to exploring an exclusive history of the American West. There is a wide range of exhibition, paintings, lectures and music.
3. Aimee Semple McPherson's Angeles Temple and Home - Visit Aimee's home and Angeles Temple of the most publicized Christian evangelists. Learn about the life of this fascinating woman who had a lifetime of mystery, preaching and romance.
4. King Tut Exhibit - The artifacts of the world's most famous boy king are brought back to Los Angeles, and many are new to the viewers, at the California Science Center. Visit would include the IMAX theater, which is across from the Science Center.

Other Suggestions \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

Please email your choice to Joan Gustafson at jwg221@aol.com (telephone is 562-439-3130), Fay Denny at faydenny@yahoo.com (telephone is 714-894-0416) or JoAnn Kuroda at sojoinlb@aol.com (telephone is 562-429-6923).

Thank you,  
Cultural Adventures Interest Group Committee

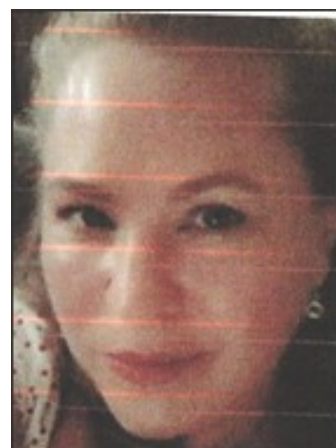
Lois Ledger, AAUW Fund VP

## AAUW Fund



Thank you to members who contributed to the fund at our November meeting and in December.

This month I would like to introduce **Carlene Wojcik** for award year 2017-18. She is based in Miami, Florida at Barry University. Her degree and specialization are B.S., Clinical Laboratory Science - Medical Technology. She hopes to work in innovative medicine to develop new approaches to speed up the diagnosis time for infectious disease. Her work would help curb worldwide pandemic dissemination of pathogens. Her goal is to someday work for the national Institute of Health. Wojcik is the mother of four sons.



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**New Member:** Please welcome the newest member of our branch, **Richard Smith**. Richard's contact data is (562) 404-4291(H); [dickee12@aol.com](mailto:dickee12@aol.com). Richard is a retired Children's Services worker for the County of Los Angeles and he's looking forward to participating in one of our Great Decisions groups.

**New Member Gathering:** On January 27, four of our newer members and one potential member joined our co-Presidents and a few other Board members at the home of **Lamis Hashem** for our Spring new member gathering. As we socialized during a delicious dinner cooked and served by Lamis, we had the opportunity to really connect and come to know each other. Our new member gatherings are lovely and relaxed times and are greatly enjoyed by all who attend them. We'd like to express our sincere appreciation to Lamis for her generous invitation to host the new member gathering in her lovely home, and for the wonderful dinner that she graciously cooked and served to those who attended.

## Board Brief



Daphne Ching-Jackson moved that the Mid-Year Budget Report and revisions to the 2017-18 Budget be accepted and filed for audit. The motion passed.

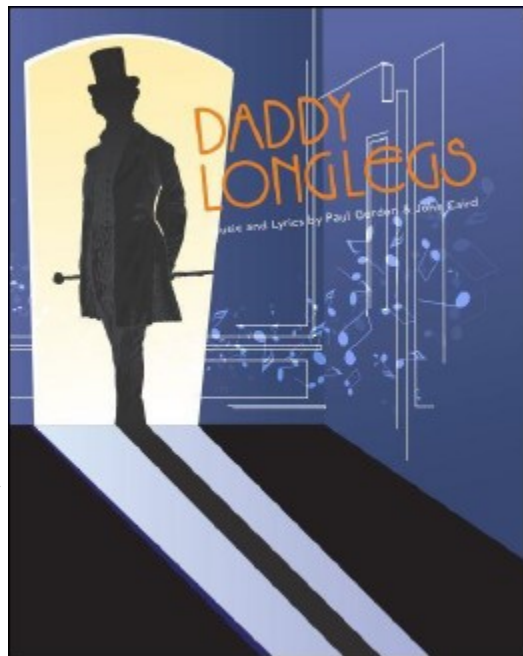
Daphne Ching-Jackson moved that the Board of Directors approve the following action: Accept the recommendation from the Finance Committee to terminate the \$93,000 Building Fund Certificate of Deposit currently at One West Bank and open a new Certificate of Deposit at Banc of California for a 12 month term with a rate of 1.5%. And that Sharon Westafer, Co-President, Daphne Ching-Jackson, Vice-President of Investments, and Deloris Mayuga, Treasurer, have Board authorization to complete and sign the Banc of California paperwork. The motion passed.

## AAUW FUND THEATRE PARTY

Plan to attend an AAUW Fund theatre party **Sunday March 4th** at 2 p.m. International City Theatre is offering "Daddy Long Legs" a Cinderella story which follows an orphan girl who is sent to college by an anonymous donor to be educated as a writer. The musical is based on the Jean Webster novel Daddy Long Legs that inspired the 1955 film with Fred Astaire and Leslie Caron. The will include a special talk-back with the cast and director.

The theatre will donate \$10 to the AAUW Fund for each person attending in our party. To attend, send a check payable to AAUW LB Fund for \$49 to Lois Ledger 1739 Appleton Street #7, Long Beach 90802. Checks must be received by February 23rd.

PARKING IS \$15.00 at 330 E. Seaside Way adjacent to the theater which is at 300 E Ocean Blvd. For additional information, call Lois Ledger [562 432-5822](tel:5624325822) or email [loisledger5@gmail.com](mailto:loisledger5@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 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](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 **JoAnn Koroda** at 562-429-6923 at email [sojoinlb@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:faydenny@yahoo.com).



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:sharwest1@hotmail.com) if interested. The book selection for March is *Mr. Penumbra's 24-hour Bookstore* by Robin Sloan.

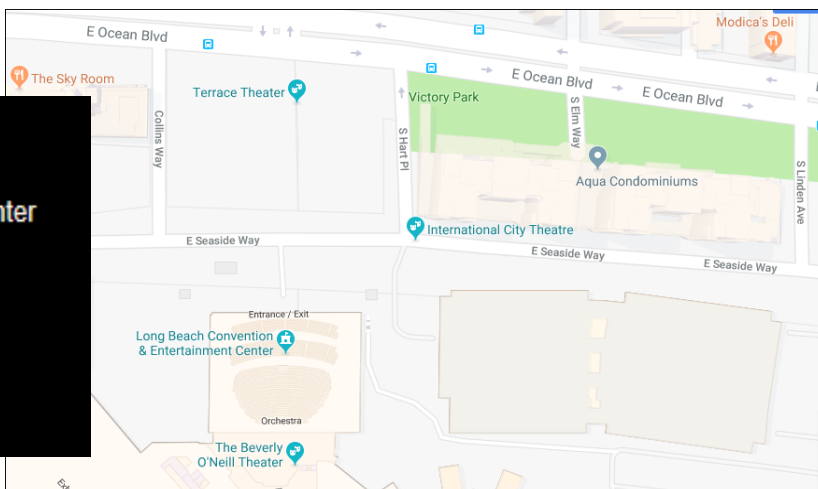


**Public Policy** meetings, explore, discuss and support the active legislative issues of AAUW, which underscore our mission of promoting equity and education for all women and girls. The group passes on knowledge and information to all branch members and encourage them to become involved with AAUW issues. Next meeting is Feb 15 - Contact **Flo Pickett** [flopickett@gmail.com](mailto:flopickett@gmail.com)



**Residential Rentals Discussion Group** meets the 3rd Wednesday of odd months year round from 10:00-11:30 am. Our next meetings for 2018 are March 21 and May 16. 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](mailto:epmathis@verizon.net) - and Joan Gustafson — [jwg221@aol.com](mailto:jwg221@aol.com) - invite you to check the group out.

**Theatre Address**  
ICT in the Beverly O'Neill Theatre  
at the Long Beach Performing Arts Center  
330 East Seaside Way  
Long Beach, CA 90802  
(at intersection of S. Hart Place)  
Box Office: [562-436-4610](tel:5624364610)



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**Make RESERVATION by March 1**

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

### AAUW BRANCH DINNER MEETING Thursday, March 8, 2018

**5:30 p.m.** Check-in and Mingle  
**6:00** Dinner Served  
**7:00** Research/Performance by  
"Sparking Curiosity"

**8:00** Meeting - Honoring Past  
Presidents

**8:30** Adjourn

**Location:** The Grand—Pacific Room  
4101 E. Willow St  
Long Beach, CA 90715

**Menu:** Lemon Rosemary Chicken breast/Lemon  
Caper sauce, Wild rice and green beans. Garden  
Salad, Vanilla Ice Cream with cookie/chocolate  
sauce. Coffee, tea, water.

**Vegetarian:** Pasta Primavera

**Price:** \$36.00

Questions about the location?

Daphne Ching-Jackson at  
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