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Gawking, Stalking, and Doxxing – Oh My!

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Gender-Based Harassment from the Street to the Screen

From catcalls on the street to comments from anonymous internet trolls, genderbased harassment permeates both physical and online public space. What does this mean for the ways in which women experience and navigate these spaces? How are women resisting and organizing against harassment? Our April program will explore these topics and more, and imagine a future in which harassment is no longer a daily lived experience. We are excited to have Dr. Nina M. Flores, Assistant Professor with the Social & Cultural Analysis of Education graduate program at California State



University, Long Beach share her research at such a notable time in U.S. social and political discourse. Her writing and research examines Awareness & Prevention issues of gender-based violence and harassment in public spaces, both on the ground and on-line. This year she is proud to be the Chair of the President's Commission on the Status

of Women at CSULB. Connect with Dr. Flores on twitter: @bellhookedme. Join us on Saturday April 7 at the Old Ranch Country Club for program and lunch.

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

<u>Courtesy</u> Best wishes to April Birthdays

- 1– Easter
- 7-Passover ends
- 13- Friday the 13th



- 22 Earth Day
- **30**—Walpurgis Night

We offer sincere condolences on the passing of Darlene Daclan's mother on Feb 12. Darlene gave AAUW her all for the STEM conference at a most difficult time. With thanks and our best wishes.

April prepares her green traffic light and the world thinks Go.

Christopher Morley



The proposed amendments address creating three-year staggered board terms, opening board service to those outside of the AAUW membership, and eliminating the degree requirement for membership. While rationale and details for each proposed amendment can be found on the <u>AAUW website</u>, the overarching motivation for these changes at this time is to uphold and advance AAUW's mission and ensure optimal execution at the national board level.

CALENDAR EVENTS

AAUW-LONG BEACH website: www.aauw-longbeach.org

AAWU email address:

We're on Facebook!

Meetings are the first Saturdays, except in December and

March 8 in the evening. Next meeting is May 5.

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www.facebook.com/aauwlongbeachca

http://www.linkedin.com/groups/AAUW-Long-

Follow AAUW on LinkedIn

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We encourage you all to engage in respectful debate that has always been

a hallmark of the AAUW community, exercise your vote, and encourage fellow members to do the same.

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 <u>georgeljackson@gmail.com</u> or call 562-377-1670.

Send any Branch news or Courtesy items to Editor: Rebecca Low rlow1@hotmail.com

Co-Presidents

Sharon Westafer-Cacilia Kim President's Message



"Only one man in a thousand is a leader of men – the other 999 follow women." ~ Groucho Marx

This is the time of year that we honor our past leaders and welcome the new. At the March branch meeting, 15 past Presidents were honored for their service and commitment to AAUW and leading the charge for gender equity in our community.

The following women have been nominated to carry that torch forward and lead our branch in the coming 2018-2019 branch year:

President:	Denise Montoya
President Elect:	Mina Naghavi
Program VP:	Charlotte Joseph
Membership VP:	Deidre Catalano Smith
AAUW Fund Co-VPs:	Mary Ann Takemoto Sonya Jackson
Treasurer:	
Investments VP:	Daphne Ching-Jackson (2-year terr

Stelet Kim and Linda Westman



Secretary: We are still looking for a few more leaders to join this amazing team. Please contact the Chair of the 2017-18 Nominations Committee, Cacilia Kim, if you are interested in serving. Branch elections will be held at the April branch meeting.

A hearty round of applause and accolades are in order for Frances Rozner and Mary Lamo, Co-Chairs of the STEM Committee, and the 60-plus volunteers that worked to ensure that the 15th Annual STEM Career Conference was another rousing success. Including this year's 234 students, over 2,200 young girls in Long Beach have now benefited from the hands-on STEM workshops that the Conference offers. The Conference received well-deserved media coverage from a number of local papers, including the Long Beach Business Journal and the Signal Tribune. Good work, team!

It's still not 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 right in our backyard (Irvine) and will be a short drive. Details are on the State website: www.aauw-ca.org.

Finally, you should have received an email from National regarding a bylaws amendment vote. The proposed amendments address (1) creating three-year staggered board terms; (2) opening board service to those outside of the AAUW membership; and (3) eliminating the degree requirement for membership. Details for each proposed amendment can be found the ĂAUW National website.

Connie Inskeep Award Nominations

Please nominate your candidate for the 2018 Connie Inskeep Award by April 15, 2018. The nomination form will be sent by email to members this month. We are looking for a member who has demonstrated leadership that is consistent with the mission of AAUW, solely or in combination, at the Branch level, at the Los Angeles County Interbranch (LACIC) or Los Angeles District level, and/or at the California or National level. We have many worthy women in our Branch. Help us identify who that newest honoree will be! Prior recipients include: JoAnn Kuroda, Joyce Clark, Jean Aldrich, Judith Kaho, Fay Denny, Deloris Mayuga, Daphne Ching-Jackson, Betty Ann Rauch, Joan Gustafson, Barbara Gleason, Ellen Mathis, Norma Grady, Elaine Babbush, Julie Mills, Sharon Westafer, Helen Sebring, Patricia Ferrer, Linda Patten, Frances Rozner, and Darlene Daclan.

AAUW Work Smart Project Update

Mary Lamo, Frances Rozner & Sharon Westafer

Great news! We received a \$5000 grant from Wells Fargo - and with a special pricing opportunity extended by AAUW, our branch will be able to fund ten more AAUW Work Smart workshops. To take advantage of this good fortune, the Committee is seeking classroom-style locations that are free, with parking, and available in the evenings, Saturday mornings or afternoons <u>or</u> nonprofit organizations having space with constituencies who would benefit from AAUW Work Smart.

The February workshop, facilitated by Katie Gaston, with 12 attendees, brings us to a total of 175 graduates. Workshops are scheduled at various times and days of the week to attract the most attendees. The registration numbers per workshop are gradually in-



creasing due to word-of-mouth from attendees and definitely from your promotion of the workshops via social media and your spheres of influence – your efforts are truly appreciated! Workshop details and registration can be found at <u>salary.aauw.org/longbeach</u>.

More upcoming workshops: Equal Pay Day coincides with the <u>LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn-sponsored</u> <u>workshop</u> on_Tuesday, April 10, 6:30pm-8:30pm, at the Port of Long Beach Training room, to be facilitated by Frances Rozner. The <u>Lynn Shrum-sponsored workshop</u> is Friday, May 11, 6:30pm-8:30pm, at the Red Cross of Greater Long Beach, to be facilitated by Charlotte Joseph.

In addition to workshop locations, more Facilitators need to be brought on board. Please be on the lookout – and if you find a promising location/nonprofit or know of an activist woman with a background in facilitation or training, please contact Frances Rozner at francesrozner@gmail.com. Thank you!

AAUW Fund



Lois Ledger, AAUW Fund VP

The AAUW Fund theatre party will be on Sunday June 20th at 2 p.m. at International City Theatre. (not the March or April dates) THE 39 STEPS play mixes a Hitchcock masterpiece with a juicy spy novel, and a dash of Monty Python. This is a fast-paced whodunit for anyone who loves the magic of theatre. This 2-time Tony and Drama Desk Award-winning treat is packed with nonstop laughs, over 150 zany characters (played by a ridiculously talented cast of 4), an on-stage plane crash, handcuffs, missing fingers and some old-fashioned romance. A riotous blend of virtuoso performances and wildly inventive stagecraft. This will be an afternoon of pure pleasure. The theatre will donate \$10 to the AAUW Fund for each person attending in our party. To reserve, send a check payable to AAUW LB Fund for \$49 to Lois Ledger, 1739 Appleton Street #7, Long Beach Ca. 90802 by May 31. More details to follow.

Use of Endowment Fund Interest

We're nearing the end of the window to submit your recommendations on the Use of the Endowment Fund Interest. As previously reported all AAUW Branch Members have an opportunity to recommend how this earned interest is used for consideration by the Board and Branch members.

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 30.2018. The interest is estimated to be **\$425**, based on 1.29%. The interest earned can be designated to a mission based Branch activity.

May 1, 2018 is the deadline to send your suggestions to Daphne Ching-Jackson, Budget Chair. Email her at dchingjackson@verizon.net or call at 562.209.2221

Long Beach Branch STEM Career Conference February 23, 2018

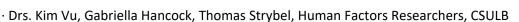
Mary Lamo, and Frances Rozner , Conference Co-Chairs

LBCC Foundation Executive Director Liz McCann and branch Co-President Cacilia Kim welcomed 234 middle school girls to the 15th Annual STEM Career Conference, held at Long Beach City College Liberal Arts campus, before Keynote Speaker Danielle Bridgewater, a soon-to-be graduate from CSULB with a BS in Psychology, inspired the girls with her story. Danielle shared her challenges as a teenager in the foster care system, her ongoing desire to receive an education, the support of the final foster family and friends who believed in her, and the power of believing in and pursuing your dreams. She encouraged the girls to stand up for themselves and to steadfastly pursue their goals.

After the keynote address, the girls each attended two 40-minute workshops led by women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) careers. The workshops, with fun hands-on activities combined with career information, were presented by:

· Marchell Bailey, Dietitian, Little Company of Mary

- · Anika Ballent, Environmental Scientist, Algalita Marine Research
- · Gabrielle Bullock, Architect, Perkins +Will
- · Jennifer Didlo, Mechanical Engineer, AES Southland
- · Joy Dunn, Aerospace Engineer, SpaceX
- · Jessie Han, Civil & Environmental Engineer, SCS Engineers
- · Rosalie McGurk, Astrophysicist, Carnegie Observatories
- · Courtney Richards, Paleontologist, Paleo Solutions, Inc.
- · Mika Storey, Speech-Language Pathologist, OC Health Care Agency



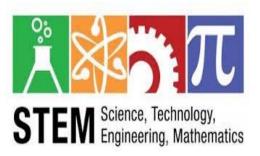
Partnering schools this year were Franklin Classical Middle School, Hamilton Middle School Jackie Robinson Academy, John Muir Academy, Powell Academy for Success, Stephens Middle School and Washington Middle School. We were fortunate to receive recognition in three local publications this year: The Long Beach Business Journal with a STEM initiatives article, the Signal Tribune (which conducted video interviews onsite), and the Beachcomber.

Thank you to the 50+ volunteers who helped to make this year's STEM conference the most successful and smoothly run to date! Volunteers stuffed goody and snack bags, handled registration and distribution of materials, photographed the event, facilitated the speakers, acted as traffic monitors, fed the volunteers, and thoughtfully represented the branch in all their roles. Special thanks to the Committee Chairs who spent many hours overseeing the details: Darlene Daclan (Volunteers), Becky Low (Registration), Karen Gustafson & Anne Supple (Facilities), Linda Patten & Carol Llewellyn (Food), Deloris Mayuga (Program) and Kimberly Johnson (LBUSD Liaison).

The Port of Long Beach, TABC, Inc. and AES gave generous financial donations, underwriting a substantial portion of the expenses of the conference. Their support is very much appreciated. For the donation of goody bag contents and the discounted use of facilities, we also wish to acknowledge AES, County of LA Sanitation Department, Farmers & Merchants Bank, Linda Silver, Long Beach Airport, Long Beach City College, Morgan Stanley, SCS Engineers, SpaceX, TALB and University of Kansas.

The conference is very much a collaborative effort, and as evidenced by the enthusiastic responses from the young women who attended, an inspiring and rewarding experience for all who participate. The comments from the students on their evaluation forms and the thank-you notes they wrote to the speakers are testament to the value of this event. Our sincere thanks and appreciation to all the participants who made this a truly impactful event for the girls.

Looking forward to another outstanding STEM Career Conference on February 22, 2019!



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Carol Smith & Denise Montoya Membership Co-Vice-Presidents **Membership Matters**



Increase in AAUW National Membership Dues: As many of you know, as of March 16, 2018 membership dues for AAUW National were raised from \$49 to \$59 per year. Because of this rise in AAUW National dues, as of March 16, 2018 yearly membership dues for regular branch members rose from \$95 per year to \$105 per year. The \$105 dues amount includes payment for membership dues in AAUW National, AAUW, CA, and our AAUW LB branch. Those who join as a regular branch member after March 16, 2018 will pay \$105 for their membership dues as well.

<u>Change in Student AAUW Membership Dues for Students Enrolled in an AAUW Partner</u> <u>College or University:</u> As of March 16, 2018, both undergraduate and graduate students enrolled either part or full time in AAUW Partner colleges or universities can join AAUW National and AAUW CA for free as e-student members, and can renew at this free dues status until graduation. If these students wish to join our AAUW branch they will pay only our branch student membership dues amount—set at half the dues amount that a regular branch member would pay (currently \$13 for students). Total yearly membership dues for this category of student would be \$13.

Change in Student AAUW Membership Dues for Students Enrolled in Colleges or Universities that are NOT an AAUW Partner school: As of March 16, 2018, both undergraduate and graduate students enrolled either part time or full time in colleges or universities that are NOT a partner with AAUW can join AAUW National for \$18.81 per year through graduation, \$10 for AAUW CA dues and our branch student dues amount per year until graduation. Our branch student dues amount is set at half the dues amount that a regular branch member would pay (currently \$13 for students). Total yearly membership dues for this category of student would be \$41.81.

<u>AduW's Give a Grad a Gift Program</u>: Do you know someone who will be graduating from college or university this year, or someone who graduated from a college or university recently? As an AAUW member you can give a currently graduating or recently graduated college/university graduate a FREE one-year membership in AAUW National using AAUW's Give a Grad a Gift (GAGAG) program. The recipient of your GAGAG free year of AAUW membership can be anyone who graduated from a qualified college or university—He/she doesn't need to be a relative or a friend ----it can be anyone you know who gualifies. Find out more at AAUW National's web site.

Help Wanted! Cultural Adventures Survey

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

1. <u>Adamson House</u> - 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. <u>Autry Museum of the American West</u> - 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. <u>Aimee Semple McPherson's Angeles Temple</u> 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. <u>King Tut Exhibit</u> - 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_

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 from the Cultural Adventures Interest Group Committee

BRANCH INTEREST GROUPS

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 <u>bettythom@aol.com</u>



Cultural Adventures Group plans trips to museums and other points of interest. It is usually a midweek 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.



Literary Ladies Group meets to discuss and compare thoughts on a selected book, fiction or nonfiction. 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 April is *Educated* by Tara Westover.



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. Contact **Flo Pickett** flopickett@gmail.com for next meeting.



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, May 16 and July 18. 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.

SAVETHE DATE



On April 24, the International Cuisine group is planning to meet for a luncheon at the Long Beach City College Bistro Cafe. The cafe offers an opportunity for students to show us the culinary arts they are learning and how to serve people. Mark your calendar and plan to join us. More details to follow. The Bistro is near the LBCC STEM Conference location.

- The International Cuisine Interest Group Committee

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Send registration and check payable to AAUW Long Beach to

Lee Tsao 4306 Fairway Drive Lakewood, CA 90712 lee.tsao@hotmail.com or 562-425-7613

Member Name (s) / Guest

Amount Enclosed for Meal

__ I choose the Vegetarian Salad \$5.00 reservation for meeting / program only

Use PayPal account to send \$\$\$ to <u>aauwlongbeach@gmail.com</u>. Select Family and Friends so the branch isn't charged a fee.

Make RESERVATION by March 27

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

AAUW BRANCH MEETING Saturday, April 7, 2018

Note Modified Schedule:		
9:30 a.m.	Check-in and Mingle	
10:00	Program	
11:00	Meeting	
11:30	Lunch	
12:30	Adjourn	
Location:	Old Ranch Country Club	
3901 Lampsoi	n Avenue Seal Beach, CA 90740	
	Sierra Salon (Upstairs)	

Menu: Plated lunch includes: Harvest Chicken Salad with baby mixed greens, grilled chicken breast, blueberries, strawberries, quinoa, toasted almonds, Feta cheese, with White Balsamic dressing. New York Cheesecake with raspberry sauce. Coffee hot & ice tea, and water. This salad is Gluten Free.

Price: \$33.00

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

