

## It's a Garden Party!

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

Saturday May 7, 2018



Spring is here and it is time to celebrate with the AAUW Long Beach Branch's Annual Garden Party. Relax and socialize with members and meet our new members. This year's event will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the home of AAUW Long Beach Branch member Janice Furman.



All members are encouraged to bring a friend, colleague or neighbor, as well as any prospective member interested in partaking of this festive and joyous occasion. This annual event is planned

for everyone to see the opportunities available as a member of the branch. There will be display tables that showcase the organization's amazing programs and special interest groups. Also, a variety of light snacks, desserts, and appetizing finger foods will be served to satisfy your cravings.

There is no reservation or cost required to attend this event. You will have the opportunity to come and enjoy a beautiful spring day with women who are committed to the goal of empowering women. We look forward to seeing you.

**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 May Birthdays

- 1— May Day
- 5—Cinco de Mayo
- 13— Mother's Day
- 16 - Ramadan starts
- 28—Memorial Day



We offer sincere condolences on the passing of Lamis Hashem's husband. The service for Anne Graves will be on Friday, April 20, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 525 E. 7th Street in Long Beach.

*Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,  
and summers lease hath all too short a date.*

~ Shakespeare

## CALENDAR EVENTS

Meetings are the first Saturdays, except in December and March 8 in the evening. Next meeting is June 2.

AAUW-LONG BEACH website:  
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AAUW  
NATIONAL BYLAWS AMENDMENT  
**VOTE**  
2018

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 [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org), 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. Voting begins April 25.

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. Next meeting: 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: 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](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



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***“Every action you and I make moves women forward, takes them back or maintains the status quo.”***

Gloria Feldt – Professor, Author and Women's Advocate

Members throughout the history of AAUW have worked to move women forward, and continue to do so. Long Beach branch members are a prime example.

Congratulations to Anne Supple, Pat Ferrer and the Tech Trek student selection committee for obtaining 10 student spots at Tech Trek. With 11 girls interviewed, it's wonderful that all of the girls will be attending, with one alternate. The scholarship committee, Mary Ann Takemoto, Darlene Daclan, JoAnn Kuroda, Sharon Westafer, Linda Westman and Judy Willis will soon be interviewing applicants, for the Long Beach Magarian scholarships, at CSULB and LBCC.

Congratulations to Cacilia Kim and the nominating committee for the current slate of amazing women for 2018-2019; and kudos for recruiting a president-elect! We appreciate those of you who stepped forward to serve on next year's board. You are moving our branch forward with your dedication and commitment. Thank you.

We applaud the students and their supporters who marched against gun violence on March 24<sup>th</sup>. This isn't a political issue but rather a human rights issue: the right to feel safe at school and in the workplace.

We'll look forward to seeing you at the garden party on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

The following is an UPDATED list of the women who have been elected to carry the torch forward and lead our branch in 2018-2019:

Co-Presidents: Denise Montoya and Shelley Arnold  
President Elect: Mina Naghavi  
Program VP: Charlotte Joseph  
Membership VP: Deidre Catalano Smith  
AAUW Fund Co-VPs: Mary Ann Takemoto and Sonya Jackson  
Treasurer: Deloris Mayuga  
Investments VP: Daphne Ching-Jackson  
(2-year term)  
Secretary: Stelet Kim and  
Linda Westman



# AAUW Work Smart Project Update

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Mary Lamo, Frances Rozner & Sharon Westafer

We're closing the gender pay gap – one negotiation-ready woman at a time! Thirteen women attended the Saturday, March 10 workshop at Suzie Price's District 3 field office, bringing the total attendees to 188. And what amazing attendees they are. Two have indicated they will become AAUW Work Smart Facilitators and one has recently helped us strategize and broaden our marketing. Plus, some are already new branch members and others are potential new members.



We have the Lynn Shrum-sponsored workshop occurring on **Friday, May 11, 6:30pm – 8:30pm, at the Red Cross of Greater Long Beach.** On one attendee's advice, we contacted **DeVry University**

and they are hosting the **Wednesday June 20, 6:30pm – 8:30pm**, workshop, the first one to be sponsored by Wells Fargo. Workshop details and registration can be found at [salary.aauw.org/longbeach](http://salary.aauw.org/longbeach).

Thanks to the efforts of Mary Lamo and Daphne Ching-Jackson, we have two more locations willing to host: The Guidance Center on Pine Ave. and the YMCA headquarters on Long Beach Blvd. Our members' continuing promotion of AAUW Work Smart via social media and their spheres of influence is helping to boost attendance. One more favor to ask: if you are on Nextdoor and would be willing to help post the workshops in your surrounding neighborhoods (and aren't already), please contact Frances Rozner at [francesrozner@gmail.com](mailto:francesrozner@gmail.com). Thank you!

## AAUW Fund

Lois Ledger, AAUW Fund VP



The AAUW Fund theatre party will be on Sunday June 24th at 2 p.m. at International City Theatre. *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 four), an on-stage plane crash, handcuffs, missing fingers and some old-fashioned romance. You will enjoy a riotous blend of virtuoso performance 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. (Daphne mentioned that many members are also theatre patrons and already have season tickets. Daphne said she and George would be sending Lois \$20 for the Fund. Other season ticket holders might do likewise!)

Reserve by sending a check for \$49 per person payable to AAUW Fund LB to Lois Ledger, 1739 Appleton St.

#7, Long Beach, Ca. 90802 by May 31. Parking is \$15 at 330 E. Seaside Way adjacent to the theatre - 300 E. Ocean Blvd. For additional information call Lois Ledger at 562 432-5822 or email [loisledger5@gmail.com](mailto:loisledger5@gmail.com).





## # MeToo Hits Middle Schools from *C.S. Monitor* Feb 5, 2018

**American Association of University Women reported in 2011.** K-12 students filed at least 17,000 official reports of sexual assault by their peers between 2011 and 2015. Also 56% of girls and 40% of boys in grades 7-12 in a national survey reported that they had experienced sexual harassment. "This problem is very prevalent in K-12 schools; it is just something that a lot of people are either not aware of or are reluctant to admit," says Sabrina Stevens., a senior manager at NWLC\*, which is partnering with SSAIS\* on the #MeToo K-12 campaign.

**Why It Matters...** Sexual misconduct can deprive students of their equal right to an education. Research has found that this affects thousands each year, including those as young as 5 or 6 year old. "Under Title IX, schools are supposed to promptly investigate and address reports of sexual harassment and assault and work to prevent a hostile environment. Among K-12 schools **Title IX is perhaps the least enforced of the education laws,**" says Bill Howe who oversaw Connecticut's Title IX compliance until 2015 and is currently an educational Consultant in Hartford, Conn.

Some of the systemic problems in enforcement are:

- An attitude that since Title IX doesn't come with its own extra federal funding, it's a low priority to enforce it.
- A lack of training and a practice of having people who are Title IX coordinators "in name only".
- Title IX coordinators who are also attorneys for school boards or hold other roles that create a conflict of interest, because they have incentive to protect the reputation of the district.

Most schools already have a lot of demands to meet tight budgets. Most administrators and faculty want to do the right thing. The #MeToo K-12 Campaign acknowledges that and is promoting resources including tool kits and a video made with students and experts, to help inform schools, parents and the public about harassment. The public must raise the issue at meetings of the school board and PTAs. Inform in the media and insist on enforcement. The children are waiting.

\*NWLC National Women's Law Center

\*SSAIS-Stop Sexual Assault in Schools

## Busy Session—Branch Advocacy Needed



The AAUW-CA Public Policy committee met last month with our policy advocate, Shannon Smith-Crowley, and reviewed the bills that have been introduced into the CA current legislative session. With Shannon's expertise and the committee members' research, we narrowed



the list down to 31 bills. We will be sponsoring two, supporting others and watching a few to see how they evolve over the next few months. You can view the list in our [bill tracking feature](#) on the AAUW California website.



**New Members:** We're very happy to welcome two new members to our branch this month. Please look for them at our meetings and welcome them to AAUW and to our AAUW branch:

Sarah Fitzgerald, [sarahmwolk@gmail.com](mailto:sarahmwolk@gmail.com), (805) 320-6373 (C). Sarah is the Curator at Rancho Los Cerritos Historic Site in Long Beach, and she is also working towards her PhD at UC, Riverside.

Ann Chau, [achau22@ucla.edu](mailto:achau22@ucla.edu), (562) 253-8029 (C). Ann is a Development Coordinator at CSULB, and she is also working towards her Masters Degree in Public Policy and Administration at CSULB.

**May Garden Party:** Our annual May Garden Party is coming up soon. It's a wonderful time to bring your friends and colleagues to meet our members and to learn more about our many branch programs and activities. The Garden Party is a membership outreach event for our branch, so non-members who join AAUW and our branch as a regular member at the Garden Party will be able to join for reduced membership dues.

**Graduate and Undergraduate Membership in AAUW and in our AAUW branch:**

The changes in AAUW dues that were effective on March 16, 2018 greatly reduced the dues for graduate and undergraduate students enrolled in local colleges and universities. Please tell the college and university students that you know through family, friends, neighbors and colleagues about this and invite them to the Garden Party to learn more about our branch programs and activities, and to learn how they can become members of our branch.

**AAUW Long Beach** was very successful recruiting new members at meetings and events this year. These new members earned a 50% National dues discount for joining at that time, and for every two new members who joined in this manner, the branch earned one free National membership. Luckily, we now have 4 free National memberships we may use to recruit new members before the opportunity expires June 30, 2018.

The process we use is to identify people in the community who have supported the mission of AAUW and the Long Beach branch. We are looking for potential members with leadership skills, community connections, business acumen and/or financial experience. Please speak to people you know who could contribute their many talents to our branch. Branch Membership Co-VP's Carol Smith ([carolj1212@gmail.com](mailto:carolj1212@gmail.com)) and Denise Montoya ([dmontoyah@aol.com](mailto:dmontoyah@aol.com)) would love to hear from you as soon as possible, because the timeframe is short.

## **Bus Trip to the Adamson House**

**Tuesday, June 5, 2018**

A wonderful bus trip to the Adamson House awaits you on Tuesday, June 5. A tour of the house includes a beautiful view of the Pacific Ocean and you are treated to the Spanish Colonial Revival and bygone Old California romance styles. You will see a Persian tile rug that stretches 60 feet along a hallway.

Price: \$15.00 person (includes bus ride, entry fee and tour and gratuity for the driver)

Pick up: Target Parking Lot on Bellflower Blvd.

Time: 8:30am

Reservations: Please call Fay Denny at 714-894-0416 or email [faydenny@yahoo.com](mailto:faydenny@yahoo.com)

Joan Gustafson at 5620439-3130 or email [jwg221@aol.com](mailto:jwg221@aol.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 May is *Amy Snow* by Tracy Rees



**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](mailto: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 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](mailto:epmathis@verizon.net) - and Joan Gustafson — [jwg221@aol.com](mailto:jwg221@aol.com) - invite you to check the group out.



?? Do you have a desire to chat about that book you just finished? Care to meet and get to know other AAUW members? Are you interested in starting or attending a new book reading and discussion group?? Contact **Beverly Krivokapich** 562-596-1826 or email at [bevkrivo@yahoo.com](mailto:bevkrivo@yahoo.com)



**The International Cuisine interest group** will have lunch at the Long Beach City College Bistro Café on Tuesday, **April 24, 2018**, at 12:30pm. Taste food prepared by students of the Culinary School and served by the aspiring chefs. Location: 4901 East Carson, Long Beach, CA 90808. Parking entrance is off Clark Avenue where the STEM Conference was held. We recommend carpooling.

Cost: \$15.00 which includes tax and tip. The price includes a tour of the culinary facilities.

Call **Fay Denny** at 714-894-0416, email [faydenny@yahoo.com](mailto:faydenny@yahoo.com); or **Joan Gustafson** at 562-439-3130, email [jwg221@aol.com](mailto:jwg221@aol.com). Deadline is April 18, 2018.

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Friends so the branch isn't charged a fee.

### NO RESERVATION NEEDED!

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

### AAUW BRANCH MEETING Saturday, May 5, 2018

Join AAUW members at this annual social! Bring a prospective member and get acquainted with other AAUW members in a casual environment at the lovely home member Janice Furman. Please check the AAUW Branch Directory for the address.

**2:00 - 4:00 pm** Refreshments  
and Social Time

**Place:** Home of Janice Furman  
Park Estates, Long Beach 90815

Refreshments by Donation

**Price:** Priceless!

Questions about the location?

Daphne Ching-Jackson at  
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