

A Reminder To Vote on November 6

Saturday October 6, 2018



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Program Vice-President

Do You Want to Get a Better Understanding of the Ballot Measures Before You Vote in November?



Our October guest speaker, Nancy Mahr, is well-qualified to share with the branch her knowledge of the 11 propositions on the upcoming ballot. Nancy is member of the AAUW Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch and is a California AAUW Director and Public Policy Co-Chair.

You may have received emails containing Nancy's summaries of bills proposed in CA over the last year. For example, in May of 2018, Nancy sent out a statewide advocacy email sharing AAUW's endorsement of SB1284, which would require large employers to "identify pay inequality through data collection". The data would be used to "compile and report aggregate pay data based on gender, race and ethnicity". Employers would be empowered "spot and correct pay imbalances internally", which is "good for women, families and the economy". As of August 16, 2019, SB1284 was in committee and under submission.

Her non-partisan overview of the state initiatives will provide you with a better understanding of how they came about, who proposed them, the most up to date pros and cons. Learn how AAUW decided whether to remain "neutral", "support", or take "no position" on each. Please join us to get answers to your questions from the AAUW perspective. We will meet again at the Best Western Golden Sails hotel banquet room and enjoy another delicious lunch. Members and guests are welcome to attend.



AAUW Mission:

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

AAUW Values:

Nonpartisan. Fact-based. Integrity. Inclusion and Intersectionality.

AAUW's Vision:

Equity for All

Branch News

Courtesy

Best wishes to OCTOBER birthdays!

8—Columbus Day

16—Bosses Day !

24—United Nations Day

31—Halloween



Ginnie Baxter is recovering from hip surgery and a broken leg—and missing some travel! Also a long-time member and past president, Jean Friedrichs passed away on August 23.

“ If you could only sense how important you are to the lives of those you meet; how important you can be to the people you may never even dream of. There is something of yourself that you leave at every meeting with another person. ”

— **Fred Rogers**

CALENDAR EVENTS

Meetings are the first Saturdays, except in September.

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**UNITED NATIONS
ASSOCIATION - USA**
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DIVISION

AAUW was honored to receive the 2018 Global Citizen Award from the United Nations Association of the United States of America, Southern California Division at the 11th Annual West Coast Global Forum.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS—All meetings will be held on the third Monday of the month, with meetings starting at 6:00pm. (No social time) All meetings will be at the Unitarian Universalist Church at Atherton and Bellflower Blvd. Room 2.

Dates: September 17 – November 19– February 18– April 15.

FULL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS—All meetings will be held on the third Monday of the month, with meetings starting at 6:00pm. Meetings will be at the Unitarian Universalist church, Room 2. Dates: October 15–January 21–March 18 – May 20 (year end meeting)



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



“VOTING IS MY SUPER POWER!” – as seen on protest signs at the Women’s Marches in Jan. 2018.

Looking back – greater numbers of women ran for office in 1992, who were angry about the sexist treatment of African-American law professor Anita Hill by an all-male, all-white Senate Judiciary Committee. They won a record number of congressional seats.



Moving Forward - backed by Maggie’s List (Republican) and Emily’s List (Democrat), female political candidate numbers have increased significantly since 2016. Republican senatorial candidate numbers increased by 163%, House candidates by nearly 19.5%, and 675% more Republican women are running for governor. Democrat senatorial candidate numbers increased by nearly 71 %, House candidates by 151 %, and 1,175% more women Democrats are running for Governor.

Additionally, the field of women running for office is becoming more diverse. If she wins, Deb Haaland, a Native American running for Congress in NM District 1 will be the first Native American ever to hold a congressional seat. Stacey Adams could become the first black female governor if she wins her race in Georgia; Vermont gubernatorial candidate Christine Hallquist could be the country's first transgender governor, if she wins in November; and Paulette Jordan could become the country's first Native American governor in Idaho. Nearly 50 black women are running for Congress as well. By electing women to political office, it paves the path for other women to follow. (Only 20% of congressional seats are currently held by women.) (<https://www.bustle.com/p/9-stats-on-women-running-for-office-in-2018-that-will-get-you-fired-up-10162366>)

Many younger women are running for office, because they are unhappy with their own political parties, and they’ve channeled their anger into planning a replacement of seasoned, multi-termed incumbent men. They may win, given their passionate desire to substantially change the way incumbents have done business in the past. Maggie’s List and Emily’s List are helping them to do that.

This passion-into-action strategy bodes well for the AAUW public policy Issues we advocate for:
Civil Rights – AAUW advocates for equality, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse society.
Education – AAUW supports a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity, and diversity.
Economic Security - AAUW advocates for all women to achieve economic self-sufficiency.
Title IX - AAUW vigorously supports enforcement of Title IX and all other civil rights laws pertaining to education.

Invite your family, friends, and people in your work/volunteer circles to the October branch meeting to learn and meet fired up, like-minded, forward thinking new friends! Lastly encourage them to find their “super powers” by registering and voting in November!

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING at OUR BRANCH MEETING

Buy Tickets! Support Scholarships! Bring a Guest!

\$1 - 1 ticket * \$5 - 6 tickets * \$10 - 15 tickets * 1 Guest = 5 free tickets for you & 5 for them

WANTED FOR THE OCTOBER MEETING

Shiny Sparkly Treasures that don’t meet your needs any longer, so we can keep the fun going. Those whose last names begin with A or B please bring to the meeting any unwrapped treasure you wish to donate.

Those with names ending C,D,E, or F get those treasures ready for November.



NEW BUDDY PROGRAM

Information on the national website led us to decide to implement one of their suggestions –**The New Buddy Program**. By pairing every new member with a current member, we give them a connection — someone they'll know in our group — who can make them feel welcome and part of their new AAUW community. There are only a few responsibilities for a buddy: contacting the new member, reminding them of upcoming meetings, maybe offering to carpool, and inviting the new member to programs and activities. Contact can be simple – a brief postcard, email, text or call once in a while. For instance, your new member might be interested in attending one of our interest groups or working on a specific project. Make a date for the Luncheon below!

I hope you will volunteer to be a New Buddy. I will try to match new members and current members as to interests, background, etc. and I'll offer the opportunity to you first so you can decide if you feel like a good match. Contact Dee Dee Catalano, Membership VP catalanosmith@yahoo.com 562-310-5292

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION – Save the Date

There will be a new member orientation on **Tuesday September 18 - 6:30 p.m.**, at the home of Joann Kuroda, 5991 Belen Street, Long Beach 90815

You are cordially invited to the

7th Annual AAUW Authors Lunch

Saturday, October 27, 2018 11:00 am - 3:00 pm



An NPR interviewer aptly described Edgar-Award winning local author Wendy Hornsby as "a genteel college professor by day, and by night a purveyor of murder most foul." After teaching History at LBCC for thirty-eight years, Wendy has abandoned all pretense of gentility in order to purvey her two great interests, History and writing, full time. Published internationally, Wendy is the author of fourteen novels and many short stories. Her new latest novel, *Number 7, Rue Jacob* (Daniel & Daniel/Perseverance Press, April, 2018) is available now from your local bookseller. "It weaves an engrossing story about bibliophiles, Russian history, and family intrigues."

Ellen Byron authors the Cajun Country Mystery series. *A Cajun Christmas Killing* and *Body on the Bayou* both won the Lefty Award for Best Humorous Mystery and were nominated for Agatha awards in the category of Best Contemporary Novel. *Plantation Shudders*, was nominated for Agatha, Lefty, and Daphne awards. *Mardi Gras Murder* is available for presale. She's written over 200 national magazine articles, and her published plays include the award-winning *Graceland*. She also worked as a caterer-waiter for the legendary Martha Stewart, a credit she never tires of sharing. Come hear the rest of the stories.





Another Opportunity to Use Your Voice – VOTE

We are again approaching a major election on November 6, 2018. This is a critical opportunity to support candidates and ballot issues that impact women, girls and their families.



To ensure appropriate access by eligible voters, the website of the Secretary of State's office outlines the rights and responsibilities of the voter. This site provides information on registration and pre-registration. You can register by mail or online.

The deadline to register to vote in the Nov 6 Election is **Oct 22, 2018**.

More information for all voters, including new voters, is available at 1-800 345-8683. Elections Division staff are available also at (916) 657-2166 or the website, SOS.ca.gov.

Mary Lamo, Frances Rozner, Sharon Westafer



We closed out the summer with 11 women attending the August 22 workshop, sponsored by Wells Fargo and hosted by the YMCA of Greater Long Beach, bringing us to 262 total attendees. Monica Waldau did an excellent job of first-time facilitating, and Shelley Arnold observed, in anticipation of becoming a Facilitator. One of the attendees is a Spanish-speaking career consultant who also plans to become a Facilitator in order to expand the material into the Latina community.

The next scheduled workshop is **Thursday, October 18, 7pm-9pm**. It will be held at the Jenny Oropeza Community Center and is sponsored by City Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez. Registration is open at salary.aauw.org/longbeach. November and December workshops are being scheduled.

AAUW has launched an online Skills Builder at <https://salary.aauw.org/skill-builder/index.html#/id/co-05>, which gives a quick intro to the skills being addressed. Plans are still in place to introduce an online workshop and a Spanish workshop version. Meanwhile, Kansas City just signed on to offer AAUW Work Smart, and CEO Kim Churches met in mid-August with San Francisco groups collaborating to get the program started in northern California.

Thank you, again, for your continued promotion of AAUW Work Smart via social media, with your friends, family and co-workers and through old-fashioned word-of-mouth. We're changing women's financial futures, one workshop at a time.



STEM Career Conference Celebrates Sweet 16

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Mary Lamo, Frances Rozner & Raquel Sanchez

Over the summer the STEM committee started planning the 16th Annual STEM Career Conference for 7th and 8th grade girls from predominately Title I middle schools, to be held on Friday, February 22, 2019. Raquel Sanchez is the newest co-chair, joining Mary Lamo and Frances Rozner. Raquel is a past STEM workshop speaker and will bring her enthusiasm, perspective, and professional skills to this role.



We will hold the event at Long Beach City College, Liberal Arts Campus, with a new location for the plenary and concluding sessions - the small gym. In 2019 we will again partner with the seven 2018 middle schools. At this point, we have guarantees for 9 of our 10 workshop speakers, with both returning and new speakers. The Chairs interviewed an impressive young woman for our Keynote speaker and she accepted. Her focus on determination, goal setting and helping others will deliver a powerful message to the attendees. The sub-committee chairs are meeting on September 26 to work out the details needed to deliver an inspiring conference that will give the girls the opportunity to learn about STEM



careers. The Chairs are presently securing sponsors for funding and 'goodie bag' items.

Your volunteer efforts are critical to a successful event. If you are interested in volunteering for the AAUW Long Beach STEM Career Conference, on Friday, February 22, 2019 please contact Darlene Daclan, STEM Volunteer Chair (darlene_daclan@yahoo.com).

Do you have a desire to chat with someone about that book you just read?



Would you like to get to know other AAUW-LB members better? Are you interested in helping to start a new reading and discussion group? Contact Beverly Krivokapich 562-596-1826 or email bevkrivo@yahoo.com Start the year off with a book!

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA -- SEAL BEACH

Saturday, October 13, 2018

RSVP: September 26, 2018

12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM

(Check In at 11:30 AM)

Old Ranch Country Club

3901 Lampson Avenue – Seal Beach, CA 90740

Meal Selection (choose one):

- Morgan Chicken Salad with Mango, Papaya
- Vegetarian Morgan Salad

Registration Link:

<https://seal-beach-fund-luncheon.eventbrite.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



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 *Towers of Gold* by Dinkelspiel



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 2018 are September 19th and November 21st. 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!

Where: Pho Long Beach

When: Thursday, October 18, 2018 6:30pm
511 West Willow, Long Beach 90806

The restaurant is located in the strip mall on the corner of Magnolia and Willow.
Parking is available in front and back of the restaurant.

Come join the group for dinner at a Vietnamese Cuisine Restaurant where you will enjoy their delicious pho bowls, full of rice noodles cooked in a very tasty chicken or beef broth. At the end of the meal you will be served a refreshing dessert.

RSVP: Fay Denny, faydenny@yahoo.com or 714-894-0416;

JoAnn Kuroda - 562-429-6923 or sojoinlb@aol.com RSVP by October 13, 2017.



AAUW Long Beach Branch

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in the organization, on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability



RESERVATION RETURN FORM

Send registration and check payable to
AAUW Long Beach to

Ellen Mathis 63 St Joseph Ave
Long Beach, CA 90803-3158
epmathis@verizon.net or 562-433-6509
(Or: Place envelope/check in mail slot to right of door)

Member Name (s) / Guest

Amount Enclosed for Meal _____

____ I choose a Vegetarian option

____ \$5.00 reservation for meeting / program only

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

**RESERVATION must be made
by September 30**

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

AAUW BRANCH MEETING Saturday, October 6, 2018

9:30 a.m. Check-in and Mingle
10:00 a.m. Program
11:15 a.m. Business Meeting
12:00 Luncheon

Place: Best Western Golden Sails Inn
6285 E Pacific Coast Hwy,
Long Beach, CA 90803

Meal: Luncheon Buffet
Salad, vegetables, cheese enchilada /beef fajitas, beans, rice and dessert.

Price: \$28.00 per person

Remember to bring your Drawing Donation!!

Questions about the location?

Contact Charlotte Joseph
Email:

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