

Yes, We Do STEM

Saturday, January 5, 2019

Charlotte Joseph
Program Vice-President



Do little girls grow up and do science? Yes they do!

On Saturday, January 5th, Marie Carroll of the Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena will be at our AAUW meeting to tell us all about women and science. Marie is a Configuration Manager who calls herself “the ultimate party planner”. She coordinates all of the STEM engineering areas to make sure that JPL’s “space-y” things get off the ground, and that they are working correctly, within budget, and on-time.



Marie is a local girl who went to St. Joseph’s High School (Go Jesters!) and then on to Whittier College for her undergraduate degree. She continued her education locally, obtaining her masters degree at CSU Fullerton. She will let us know how she ended up with this interesting “arrangements” position.

The American Association of University Women supports promoting and strengthening science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education, especially for girls and underrepresented populations.

Did you know that the AAUW Fund offers a Research Publication Grant in Engineering, Medicine, and Science? Funding awards of \$10,000–\$35,000 are given to successful applicants who are conducting basic research in engineering, medicine, or the physical or biological sciences and who have a doctorate degree in one of those fields. The grantee is required to publish their research in a scholarly publication and be listed as a primary author.

Come join us for the program and be prepared! Pat Ferrer will be conducting our annual “ask” to help raise fund for Tech Trek campers for the upcoming year. And if that isn’t inspiration enough, Tobi Balma will explain how “you too” could participate at Tech Trek Camp this summer, either as a Dorm Mom or Instructor. More information at <https://techtrek-irvine.aauw.net/>

At Tech Trek, girls are immersed in a world that empowers and encourages them to think about themselves as future scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and computer specialists.



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



- 1 —New Year's Day
- 6 —Three Kings Day
- 18 —Winnie the Pooh Day
- 21 —Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 25 —Robert Burns Night

Best wishes to January birthdays!

Shelley Arnold, Judy Kupchin, Cathy Rokicki, and Gerrie Schipske.
(Contact Diane Bradfield to let her know birthdays)

“What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness.”
— John Steinbeck

CALENDAR EVENTS

Meetings are the first Saturdays. January through June.

AAUW-LONG BEACH website:

www.aauw-longbeach.org



AAUW email address:

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We're on Facebook!

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<http://www.linkedin.com/groups/AAUW-Long-Beach-CA-Branch-7001584/about>

Great Decisions Discussion Group 2019

The Great Decisions discussions groups will start meeting in February. This interest group is designed to encourage debate and discussion of important global issues of our time. The Great Decisions book highlights nine thought-provoking foreign policy challenges facing America. Each chapter tackles a different challenge facing America today. The program provides materials that help people reach informed decisions and participate in the foreign policy process.

To participate, send an email to Rita and make your **\$25.00** check payable to: **Rita Powell**

Mail it to the address in your AAUW Yearbook. Groups and locations will be determined by January.

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: 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: January 14 —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



"Take up the issue that's closest to your heart and we'll connect you with the people, programs, and resources you need to make a difference in the lives of women and girls." - AAUW

Looking back to when I first joined AAUW, I remember being drawn to the people in the group. I discovered serious minded individuals who were passionate about the same things as me. We had righteous conversations and my heart sang.

As time progressed, I found that many in our branch were making it their mission to create equity for women and girls, across all categories. They actually planned and executed projects that were making the change I wanted to see.

Moving forward into the New Year, I'm challenging all of you to devise ways to bring about the equity that we so desire. I've heard great ideas from many of you. So work together, help one another, create new projects. We are the people who are going to make a difference in the lives of women and girls.
~ Shelley

Sonya Jackson and MaryAnn Takemoto
Co—Vice Presidents of Fund

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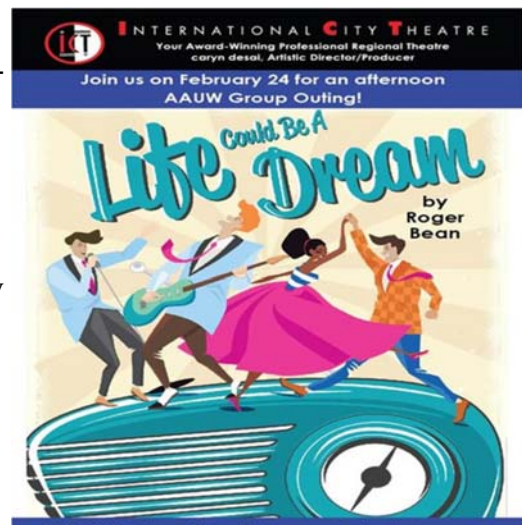
Come join the fun at our Spring 2019 AAUW Fund Theatre fundraiser at the International City Theatre!

This year we'll be attending, *Life Could Be a Dream* by Roger Bean. AAUW will attend on **Sunday, February 24, 2019** at 2:00pm. Take a trip with Denny and the Dreamers, a fledgling doo-wop singing group preparing to enter the Big Whopper Radio contest to realize their dreams of making it to the big time! Featuring such classic songs as "Fools Fall in Love," "Runaround Sue," "Tears on My Pillow," "Unchained Melody," "Earth Angel," and of course the title song, "Life Could Be a Dream." It's a musical trip down memory lane that will leave audiences laughing, singing, and cheering!

Tickets are \$49.00 with \$10.00 going to the AAUW Fund for each person attending. It's a great opportunity for season-ticket holders to invite friends, family members, and acquaintances to the performance, or do a direct donation to the Fund. Reserve by sending a check for \$49.00 per person payable to Mary Ann Takemoto.

For additional information, please email MaryAnn Takemoto at martakemoto@gmail.com

Parking is \$15.00 at 330 E. Seaside Way adjacent to the theatre—300 Ocean Blvd. Tickets will be available at Will Call on the day of the event. See you there!



STEM Career Conference Celebrates Sweet 16

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Mary Lamo, Frances Rozner, Raquel Sanchez

What is a career conference for 7th and 8th grade girls? It's an opportunity for girls to be on a college campus, to select and participate in two hands-on workshops presented by professional women, and to enjoy the extras that give each girl a more complete conference experience. They will travel by bus, receive two snacks, get a goodie bag, complete an evaluation and write a thank you note. The girls in attendance are selected because of their merit and aptitude in STEM classes. We will hold the event at Long Beach City College, Liberal Arts Campus for seven Long Beach middle schools.

Our **generous sponsors** make the conference possible. This year we are fortunate to have returning sponsors: AES, Port of Long Beach and TABC, Inc.; and new sponsors: Crimson Midstream, LLC, Ginny's Getaways, Long Beach Water Department, SCS Engineers and SCE. All together we have received enough in sponsorships to entirely cover the budgeted expenses for the 2019 STEM Career Conference.

There are two ways that you can help make this conference exceptional.

1) **Volunteer** at one of many positions by signing up with Darlene Daclan, STEM Volunteer Chair (darlene_daclan@yahoo.com). 2) **Help by finding items for goodie bags** for our 250 attendees. Do you know a company who would like to donate such items as lip balm, pens, notepads, etc? If you need assistance with asking for in-kind donations or in picking-up a donation, please contact Mary Lamo. Save the Date: **February 22, 2019**

Your volunteer efforts are critical to the success of this event. Thank you!

Anne Supple, Pat Ferrer
Tech Trek Coordinators

TECH TREK 2019

Our annual Tech Trek fund raiser is scheduled for the January 2019 Branch Meeting. We plan to send 10 girls to UC Irvine for a week of learning and fun! We need your help to pay for all 10 girls. We already have \$5255.50 on deposit for our 2019 campers. However, we need a total of \$10,000 to fund all 10 camperships.



All donations are tax deductible. All donation checks should be made payable to **AAUW CA SPF** with the **Branch Name and Irvine in the memo section**. Please mail your check payable AAUW CA SPF to Tech Trek, c/o Pat Ferrer, 365 Ultimo Ave, Long Beach, CA 90814 or bring to our January Branch meeting.

Thank you for supporting this important Nation-wide Program that encourages middle school girls to continue their STEM studies and pursue a STEM career.



OPPORTUNITY DRAWING at OUR BRANCH MEETING

Buy Tickets! Support Scholarships!

\$1 = 1 ticket * \$5 = 6 tickets * \$10 = 15 tickets

WANTED FOR THIS JANUARY EVENT

Shiny Sparkly Treasures that don't meet your needs, so we can keep the fun going.

*Those whose last names begin with **J, K, or L** please bring any unwrapped treasure you wish to donate*

The Work Continues

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Mary Lamo, Frances Rozner, Sharon Westafer

Seventeen women attended the November 8 evening workshop held at TNP (The Nonprofit Partnership), bringing the total attendees to 298. With 33 registered as of December 4 for the Saturday, December 8 workshop and an average of 58% attendance over the last five workshops, we'll definitely end 2018 at close to 315 total attendees – all now out there using the information they've learned to close the gender pay gap.



In mid-November, the three of us met with Salvador Barajas, Program Manager of Pacific Gateway, at their new Long Beach/Signal Hill Workplace in the business park at Spring and Clark. We now have a new classroom location for AAUW Work Smart, and Mr. Barajas will be speaking with AAUW about bringing AAUW Work Smart in-house for their clients seeking new employment. In another great development, we signed a new licensing agreement with AAUW, with a lowered fee, so that we can now offer workshop sponsorships to the community for \$600, down from \$850.

We are currently debating whether to hold a February workshop, but the following workshop is now available: **Thursday, January 24, 6:30pm - 8:30pm**, at the Junior League of Long Beach office, 3515 Linden Ave., sponsored by Wells Fargo. Registration is at <https://salary.aauw.org/longbeach>.

As we start a new year, please share with all the women, and men, you know that an AAUW Work Smart workshop is a perfect way to give themselves the gift of a more secure financial future. Plus, everyone living in Long Beach who completes the online version of AAUW Work Smart (<https://salary.aauw.org>) also counts toward our 5000-attendee goal.



LACIC MEETING – PROMOTING WORK SMART

Join us on **Sunday, January 13, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 pm.** at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital in Whittier as we discuss all things relating to Work Smart.

Donna Lilly, former AAUW CA President, State Board member, and San Diego branch member, will join us on January 13th to discuss all things relating to Work Smart, the AAUW salary negotiation program that helps women hammer away at the gender gap. Like its predecessor, Start Smart, the workshop, which is now available online, provides useful resources and tools to help women negotiate for a new job, a raise or a promotion. Work Smart is key to achieving one of the goals of AAUW's new strategic plan which is Economic Security. Half a dozen cities throughout the country have now signed on to making this training available to their workforce. The AAUW Long Beach branch was selected by National to present Work Smart to their community and has made strides in chipping away at that 10 million goal.

Susan Negrete and Sharon Westafer, Co-Chairs, Los Angeles County Interbranch Council



Interest Group Announcement – Calling all rental property owners

Make it one of your financial New Year's resolutions to check out the Residential Rentals Discussion Group. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, January 16th** at 10 AM, at the home of Ellen Mathis. We currently have about 10 members and share current information on the rental industry. We also 'come up with' ideas and support in dealing with both maintenance and Resident issues right at our meeting! It is just the group to increase your network of resources for the new year. Please Join Us. Contact information in the Yearbook. Ellen Mathis and Joan Gustafson

Board and Branch Business



Linda Westman, Co-Secretary

The following motions were made at the November 19, 2018 board meeting:

Motion made by Frances Rozner: By direction of the STEM Career Conference Research Committee/Task Force AAUW Long Beach enter into a contract with MissionQuest, Inc., paying \$5500 over three years, based upon the agreed-upon schedule, with MissionQuest, Inc. to provide services from November 19, 2018 through March 1, 2021. Said services will provide the necessary expertise to complete the AAUW LB STEM Career Conference research project which originated in 2015.

Motion by Frances Rozner: By direction of the STEM Career Conference Research Committee/Task Force up to \$3000 from the AAUW LB STEM Conference Fund at Bank of America be used to pay for 1) the \$2500 owed for 2018-2019 services from MissionQuest, Inc. and 2) for any other possible expenses (such as survey completion incentives) incurred to accomplish the tasks necessary to fulfill the AAUW LB STEM Career Conference research project.

Both motions were passed at the meeting and entered into the minutes.

Get on the Welcome Wagon!



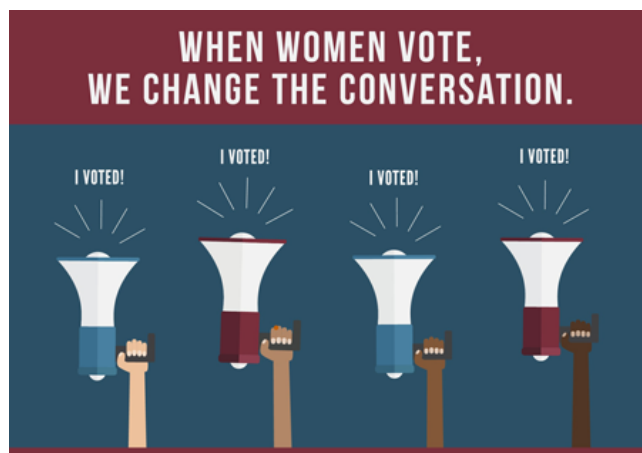
Would you like to welcome members to AAUW and make them aware of our events and programs? We need members to act as buddies to our new members. Our current New Members are: **Jan Deibert, Carol Clanton, and Lewette Fitzgerald.**

We provide a short checklist of reminders and information to share with a new member once a month for the 10 months that our branch is active during the year. You meet an interesting new person and help them get to know all the good things we do and how they can participate in our mission to support gender equity for women and girls. Sign up now for our Buddy Program. Call, text or email Dee Dee Catalano Membership VP catalanosmith@yahoo.com, 562-310-5292

Public Policy



Flo Pickett, Director of Public Policy



CONGRATULATIONS to the hundreds of WOMEN elected to Federal and State government positions in November!

WHEN WOMEN ARE ELECTED, THE CONVERSATION CHANGES.

Support AAUW Public Policy priorities. Follow the news from responsible media sources: radio, tv, print -and online when you know the source. AAUW is mobilizing a movement to close the gender pay gap by 2030. AAUW supports: Education, Equality, Civil Rights, Healthcare Choice.

Join the TWO-MINUTE ACTIVIST on the AAUW website.

<https://www.aauw.org/public-policy/two-minute-activist> It really does take only two minutes to weigh in on your most important issues!

AAUW Dues of \$105 a year add up to only \$8.75 a month to support and lobby for the policies you believe in. Join AAUW. Stay joined. Invite a friend to join!

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. See the flyer for January! Contact **JoAnn Koroda** at 562-429-6923 or 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 Rita Powell at 562 685 2096.



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 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 if interested. The book selection for January is *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee



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 are **January 16, March 20, and May 15th, 2019**. 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.



NEW ! - Movie Mavens enjoy each others company at a movie and then chat about it over coffee afterwards. December 30th film is "*On the Basis of Sex*". January 27th film is "*The Upside*". All are welcome! If you would like to be added to the email list please contact **Shelley Arnold** at 562-421-1759 or shelleyarnold1@aol.com



NEW! - Book Group - The "new" Book Club will meet the 3rd Saturday of the month at 2:00 PM at Bev Krivokapich's home in Los Alamitos. We will read a variety of genres. We have room for more members! Ask Beverly about the titles to be read. Contact **Beverly Krivokapich** 562-596-1826 or email bevkrivo@yahoo.com

Save the Date! Cultural Adventures offers a Tour of Long Beach...Historic Burial Sites!

Join Gerrie Schipske on the bus on Monday January 21st as she narrates and discusses last resting places. Box lunch is included in the \$35.00 cost. RSVP— See flyer for details.

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 Send to a Friend
so the branch isn't charged a fee.

**RESERVATIONS must be made
by December 27**

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

AAUW BRANCH MEETING Saturday, January 5, 2019

9:30 a.m. Check In and Mingle
10:00 a.m. Program
11:00 a.m. Business Meeting
11:45 a.m. Buffet Lunch

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

Meal: Buffet Lunch—Chicken or Vegetable
Wellington, Rice, Caesar Salad, Dessert

Price: \$28.00 per person

Remember to bring your Drawing Donation!!

Questions about the location?

Contact Charlotte Joseph
Email:

importantjoseph@aol.com

