



Women, Wealth, and Power

Saturday, February 2, 2019



Charlotte Joseph
Program Vice-President

Emerging Faces of Change

The amount of wealth influenced by women and the rate at which it has been increasing are remarkable. Women are responsible for approximately \$18.4 trillion in consumer spending and hold approximately 30 percent of global wealth. They are the sole financial decision-makers for one-third of households in the United States, *72% of Millennial women are primary decision makers for financial planning* and 95 percent are involved in their households' financial decisions¹.

American women start 70 percent of all businesses, have a lower unemployment rate than men, dominate nine of the 10 fastest growing occupations, and benefit from improving wage equality². During the past eleven years, while the number of women-owned businesses surged 58%, firms owned by women of color grew at nearly three times that rate (163%).

AAUW's February 2nd meeting will feature a diverse panel of women who are making a difference, by helping women learn how to increase their wealth and leverage their power. This discussion promises to be filled with lively interaction and valuable information. Join us and meet **Nicole L. Wells**, **Sathya Chey**, **Marveina Peters Johnson**, women who have succeeded in remarkable ways. Come hear their stories.



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



- 2 —Groundhog Day
- 5 —Chinese New Year
- 12 —Lincoln's Birthday
- 14 —Valentine's Day
- 18 —Presidents Day

Best wishes to **February** birthdays!

Lois Ledger, Flo Pickett, Marion Smith, Judy Strauss, and Naida Tushnet

Recovering from accidents are Judith Berquist and Adele Brown. *Get well soon!*

Love isn't Love until you give it away.

~~ John D. McDonald

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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Great Decisions Discussion Group 2019

Great Decisions (GreatDecisions.org) is a discussion group sponsored by The Foreign Policy Association (www.fpa.org) Many civic or educational organizations throughout our country sponsor the discussion groups each year. It started in 1920s to encourage Americans to learn more about the rest of the world. Our Branch groups will start meeting in February.

The cost of the book with the CD to share in each group is \$30. If you already paid for your book, please contact or send your \$5 to Rita Powell (562 595-6042). If you have not paid yet, please send \$30. Questions? Please call Rita Powell.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS—All meetings will be held on the third Monday of the month, with meetings starting at 6:15 pm. (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 6:15 pm. Meetings will be at the Unitarian Universalist church, Room 2. Dates: 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



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Planning ahead is a
measure of class. The
rich and even the
middle class plan for
future generations,
but the poor can
plan ahead only a
few weeks or days.
”
— Gloria Steinem

Our February branch meeting topic addresses banking and lending practice disparities regarding gender, race and age. Making the money to begin with is another challenge. Working women receive disparate pay due to the gender pay gap, which differs from state to state.

“The gender pay gap is the result of many factors, including occupational segregation, bias against working mothers, and direct pay discrimination. Additionally, such things as racial bias, disability, access to education, and age come into play. Consequently, different groups of women experience very different gaps in pay.” (AAUW National Website Jan. 9, 2019)

The US Census Bureau reports that people age 65 and over will make up 20% of the population by 2030. More individuals in this age group will experience an increase in poverty than any other. Twice as many women included in this group are going to experience poverty than men. The Women's Law Center says that “poverty rates are especially high for African American, Hispanic and Native American women”. AARP data shows that “there are more older adults who work full time but live in poverty than there are older adults who are unemployed. Over 13 million older working adults as classified as low income.”

Despite the economic gains in 2017, women continue to lag behind men. Sixteen million women live in poverty. Women hold two-thirds of the lowest paying jobs, and 50% are women of color.

Level the playing field for women's earnings by supporting stronger equal pay legislation. Advocate today for the [Paycheck Fairness Act](#) on the AAUW National website. While you're there, sign up for the Action Network emails and the Action Fund! <https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/>

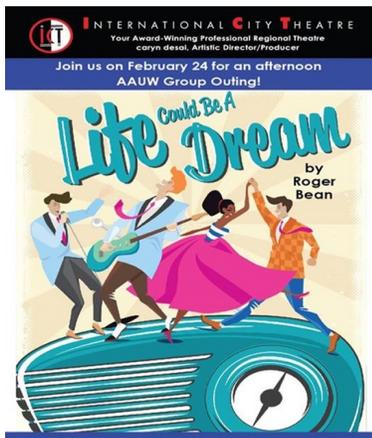
Sonya Jackson and MaryAnn Takemoto
Co—Vice Presidents of Fund

Support the FUND



DONATE

Come join the fun at our Spring 2019 AAUW Fund Theatre fundraiser at ICT



Have you bought tickets yet for *Life Could Be a Dream* 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! 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 ASAP by sending a check for \$49.00 per person payable to Mary Ann Takemoto OR use the PayPal aauwlongbeach@gmail.com.** (Send to friends and family for no cost to AAUW)

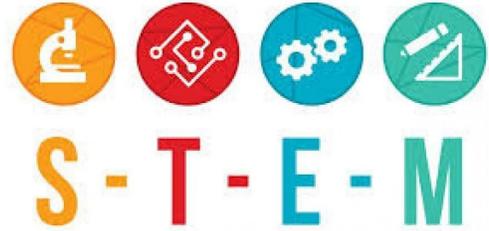
Reservations & checks for the event must be received by **February 16, 2019**. For additional information, please email MaryAnn Takemoto at martakemoto@gmail.com Parking is \$15.00 at 330 E. Seaside Way adjacent to the theatre—300 Ocean Blvd. Long Beach. Tickets will be available at Will Call on the day of the event. See you there!

STEM Careers Help Girls Flourish

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Mary Lamo, Frances Rozner, Raquel Sanchez

Getting girls excited about STEM careers builds confidence and creates more role models – from elementary through high school. In the long run, it will help **shrink the gender pay gap** by increasing access to higher paid STEM positions, which will become more plentiful as technology careers continue to grow.



We are looking for volunteers to assist at the **16th AAUW Long Beach STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Career Conference**. Local women in STEM careers present workshops for middle-school girls to excite them about the possibilities of such careers and encourage them to attend college. This year we have up to 250 girls, eight sponsors, seven schools, one keynote speaker, ten workshop speakers, and sixty+ volunteers. Our speaker line-up includes: architect, astrophysicist, speech-language pathologist, paleontologist, coroner, mechanical engineer, environmental engineer, environmental scientist, software engineer and marine biologist.

Volunteers for this event are needed to take on tasks like facilitating speakers, helping with registration, preparing conference bags and refreshments, and photographing key elements. Volunteering at this Conference is definitely inspiring! Some of the **volunteer opportunities** occur on days leading up to the conference. If you are interested or have questions about assisting at the STEM Conference, please email Darlene Daclan at darlene_daclan@yahoo.com or call 562/673-6909.

We are also looking for quality **conference bag** items. If you know of a company willing to donate 250 items (e.g., lip balm, pens, note pads) we will work with you; please contact Deloris Mayuga at dmayuga@verizon.net. The Conference is scheduled for **Friday, February 22, 2019** from 4:30pm - 7:00pm (volunteers arrive earlier!) at Long Beach City College Liberal Arts Campus.

Get on the Welcome Wagon!

Look who joined our AAUW Long Beach Branch in December!

Carol Clanton—Valerie Armstrong—Lewette Fitzgerald—Trish Denny

Help us welcome new members and keep them informed of news and upcoming events in the coming year. We need new Membership Buddies to be a part of our Welcome Wagon. A checklist with information and announcements is given to each Buddy every month to make it easy to support new members.

Sign up at the next meeting for our Buddy Program. Call, text or email or call Dee Dee Catalano, Membership VP, catalanosmith@yahoo.com, 562-310-5292.



OPPORTUNITY DRAWING at OUR BRANCH MEETING

Buy Tickets! Support Scholarships! \$1 = 1 ticket * \$5 = 6 tickets * \$10 = 15 tickets

WANTED FOR THIS FEBRUARY EVENT



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

Last names beginning with M, N, O please bring any unwrapped treasure you wish to donate

Mary Lamo, Frances Rozner, Sharon Westafer

Twenty-six participants (23 women and 3 men) attended the December 8 afternoon workshop held at Councilwoman Price's District 3 Field Office, closing out 2018 with a total of 324 AAUW Work Smart in Long Beach attendees. We are positively affecting women's economic security!

If you would like to be a Facilitator for AAUW Work Smart, please contact francesrozner@gmail.com. In early 2019, AAUW will be offering Facilitator training through either a webinar that meets our Pacific Time requirements or an online course. We need more Facilitators with the ability to lead workshops in the evening. We are also looking for \$600 sponsors and free classroom-style spaces for the AAUW Work Smart workshops. Please pass on any leads to us.



Upcoming live workshops, both sponsored by Wells Fargo:

Thursday, January 24, 6:30pm - 8:30pm,
at the Junior League of Long Beach office,
3515 Linden Ave., Long Beach, CA 90807

Wednesday, February 27, 6:30pm – 8:30pm,
at the Long Beach/Signal Hill WorkPlace,
4811 Airport Plaza Drive, 1st Floor, Long Beach,
CA 90815.

Registration is at salary.aauw.org/longbeach.

The modified online version of AAUW Work Smart (salary.aauw.org) is also available and everyone living in Long Beach who completes the course counts toward our 5,000-attendee goal.

In participant surveys six months after attending a Work Smart workshop, AAUW found that *both hourly and salaried workers got a boost, with hourly employees receiving an additional \$2 to \$3 per hour, and salaried workers earning 20 to 30 percent more.* Please share with all the women, and men, you know that an AAUW Work Smart workshop is a perfect way to give themselves a more secure financial future. Thank you!

Anne Supple, Pat Ferrer
Tech Trek Coordinators

TECH TREK 2019

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Anne Supple and I thank you so much for your generous donations to Tech Trek. As a result of our fundraising for the January Branch meeting, we received \$3,290! This is in addition to our carryover from donations made prior to December 1, 2018 of \$8,215.50. As a result of your generosity, we have our 10 guaranteed camper spots at UC Irvine fully funded and a nice start for camp year 2020.

A special thank you to our Tech Trek Angels: SCE donated \$3,000 due to Frances Rozner's fund raising efforts, the Rossmoor Woman's Club donated \$1,900, and Ellen Mathis who donated \$1,000, enough for a full campership! We appreciate any donation, no matter the size, but we would also like to recognize the following members that donated \$100 or more towards 2019 camper scholarships: Shelley Arnold, Enid Busser, Fay Denny, Janice Furman, Karen Gustafson, Joan Gustafson, Lamis Hashem, Charlotte Joseph, Deloris Mayuga, Denise Montoya, Frances Rozner, Mary Ann Takemoto, Betty Thompson, Sharon Westafer, and Judy Willis.

If you were unable to contribute at the January meeting, you can still make a 2019 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 in the memo field.



Public Policy



Flo Pickett, Director of Public Policy

The Public Policy group will meet on a Saturday in February at a local LB library conference room. Location and time will be announced at the Branch meeting or in a notice to follow. We will begin coordinating the public policy topics with the general meetings. Most of our monthly meetings are about women's education, history, economics and civil rights, the vote and in keeping with our vision of equity for all and our values of being non-partisan, fact-based, and inclusive.

Public Policy focuses on all of these issues and what actions we all can take to help create and keep laws, on state and national level, that are friendly and beneficial to women. We work to empower all women. of all ages, abilities, races and ethnicities. Join us. PLEASE go online and join the TWO MINUTE ACTIVIST at

<https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/> to discuss AAUW issues, topics and policies of interest to women.

A NEW YEAR FOR PUBLIC POLICY

Nancy Mahr, Director, Public Policy Committee Chair, publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org

Thanks to the more than 500 who contributed to the AAUW California Public Policy Priorities revision and renewal. The Public Policy Committee is reviewing member input. Look for the proposed new priorities documented in the winter edition of the Perspective.

January begins the new state legislative session. Legislators will be introducing bills through February 22. Our advocate and the Public Policy Committee will be determining which bills address issues relating to our mission. As bills are selected for further action by AAUW, they will be posted online. You can access the bill list from the AAUW California website, under Advocacy, Bill Tracking.

AAUW California signed on to a letter from AAUW National urging the new Congress to take the next step toward equal pay and make passing the Paycheck Fairness Act a priority. You will be hearing more about this effort from AAUW National.

Make 2019 a big year for Public Policy in your branch.



INTERNATIONAL CUISINE

CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR AT SAM WOO SEAFOOD AND BBQ

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2019 AT 6:00PM

19008 SOUTH PIONEER BLVD., CERRITOS

We will be celebrating Chinese New Year on Feb. 5, at a restaurant that will delight you. The food is very tasty. You will be with friends who like to go out and enjoy new foods. Conjure in your mind the smell and aroma of the dishes being served and join us to celebrate!

RSVP: Fay Denny at 714-594-0416

Or email: faydenny@yahoo.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



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 Kuroda** 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 books will be available at the 3 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. Call for the February event information.

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 February is *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng.



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 **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.

February 17th 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

Thank you to Gerrie Schipske for offering the LONG BEACH history tour... a visit to the historical cemeteries of the city! **January 21 10:00—2:30** bus transportation and box lunch included for \$35. Contact Joann Kuroda about a waiting list for the trip.

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
aauwlongbeach@gmail.com. Select Send to a Friend
so the branch isn't charged a fee.

**RESERVATIONS must be made
by January 25**

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

AAUW BRANCH MEETING Saturday, February 2, 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—(V) Pasta Primavera,
Chicken Marsala, Salad, Roll & Dessert

Price: \$28.00 per person

Remember to bring your Drawing Donation!!

Questions about the location?

Contact Charlotte Joseph
Email:

importantjoseph@aol.com

