

New Beginnings: Immigrant Women



Charlotte Joseph
Program Vice-President

Saturday, March 2, 2019

Women immigrants have played a dynamic role in transforming America socially, politically and economically. Women historically have accounted for almost fifty percent of immigrants and currently exceed that. Women's motivations for migration have been varied and complex. Gender has influenced migrant women's choices to immigrate as well as their opportunities and challenges upon arrival.

Today there are more than 20 million immigrant women and girls in the United States making up 52% of recent immigrants. Nearly 12 million immigrant (foreign-born) women are workers in the United States today,



comprising just over 7 percent of the total labor force. They are a formidable presence in U.S. society and the U.S. economy. Immigrant women workers are found at both ends of the educational spectrum; just over one-third have a bachelor's degree or more, while more than two-fifths have a high-school diploma or less. Immigrant women work in every occupation and despite their hard work and educational achievements, immigrant women earn less than foreign-born men, and less than native-born men or women.

Statistics alone, do not tell the story of immigration, people do. Since its inception, this nation has been continually infused with the energy of newcomers. Yet their assimilation has seldom been smooth. The challenges faced today are not new, only the stories are.

Sharing their stories with us will be a group of fascinating women who came to this country and are making their impact felt. **Chanden Chance** serves as President of United Nations Association, Organizing Group Long Beach - South Bay. **Sandy Grigsby** is a personal brand portrait photographer, author, and motivational speaker. **Gaia Valentino** was born in Avellino, Italy and now works in sales and marketing. **Bianca Vobecky** is the Founder, President & CEO of Vobecky Enterprises, Inc., a business dedicated to providing construction, construction management and nationwide trucking services. Join us on Saturday March 2 for another impactful meeting designed to allow immigrant women's stories to be heard.

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

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Courtesy

- 5 —Mardi Gras
- 10 —Daylight Savings day
- 17 —St. Patrick's Day
- 20 —March Equinox
- 21 —Purim



Best wishes to **March** birthdays!

Ann Chau, Daphne Ching-Jackson,
JoAnn Kuroda, Jacquelyn Levine,
Judy Logue, and Ellen Mathis.

Spring is nature's way of saying,
"Let's party!" ~Robin Williams

CALENDAR EVENTS

Meetings are the first Saturdays. January through June.

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www.aauw-longbeach.org



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BRIDGING THE GENERATION GAP

Join us on **Sunday, March 10, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 pm.**, at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital in Whittier. We'll hear LACIC branch members representing Traditionalists, Baby Boomers, Millennials, Generation X and Generation Z discuss the traits of their generation and how we can learn from each other about working together to forward AAUW's mission.

As branch membership declines or remains static, leaders look for ways to attract new members and ensure that they remain engaged and enthusiastic. The discussion will explore ways to meet the needs of different age groups in our branches and will offer the thoughts of various members.

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

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.

Date: 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

I was knitting the other day and I began to wonder “Who on Earth thought of cable knitting? Did some child drop their stitches, the mom hurriedly put them *not-quite-right* back on the needle, and the child continued on?” To investigate further, I went to the library (old-fashioned, I know). They did not have a book to give me for an answer, but I did find a secret, little gem called *No Idle Hands: The Social History of American Knitting* by Anne L. MacDonald (one copy at the Main Library).



I know it's weird but by looking closely at knitting, something that pretty much all women did back-in-the-day, it tells the history of America, but from the distaff side. Did you know that the women of the Revolutionary era were responsible for breaking the economic back of Britain? They refused to buy British textile goods because of the huge tariffs placed on them and instead carded, spun, and knit their own woolen items. Home-spun clothing became the preferred style. These women would often group together to work on their projects. They had a plan and they stuck to it. Britain had to respond. So, you tell me, who really decided America would be independent?

Here's what I learned from reading: We don't have to take up arms, form battle plans or any of that. We just have to say “No, I don't think so” and create an alternative way. To me, AAUW is sort of like those knitting groups. We are women bound together to create a better future for the United States of America. We refuse to let society or anyone else dictate what our girls can grow up to be. We are making equal pay for women the preferred style. We have our projects - AAUW Work Smart, Start Smart, Scholarships for CSULB and LBCC students, the STEM Career Conference, and Tech Trek - in place. We have a plan, and we're sticking to it.

Hope to see all of you at the next “knitting group” (I mean branch meeting). ~ Shelley

Nominating Committee Report

Sharon Westafer, Chair

The nominating committee is pleased to announce the following slate of nominated officers for the 2019-2020 branch year.

- Jeane Caveness and Stelet Kim, Co-Presidents elect
- Ginny Baxter and Charlotte Joseph, Co-Program V.P.
- Dee Dee Catalano, Membership V.P.
- Dianne Bradfield, AAUW Fund V.P.
- Linda Westman and Sandra Shelly, Co-Secretary
- Linda Patten, Investments V.P.



Thank you to each of you for taking these positions and for your energy and enthusiasm in supporting AAUW's mission to advance gender equity for women and girls. Thank you to Sonya Jackson, Mina Naghavi, Becky Low and Dianne Bradfield for serving on the committee.

Voting for the candidates will take place at the April branch meeting. If you or anyone you know is interested in serving on the board in any of these positions, nominations will be accepted from the floor. Dee Dee and Dianne would love to work with a Co V.P.

The following motions were made at the January 14, 2019 board meeting:

Motion by Daphne Ching-Jackson: The Vice-President of Investments and/or the Treasurer review the 12-month Certificate of Deposit currently with Banc of California at an interest of 2.5% or better on a \$93,000 deposit.

Motion by Daphne Ching-Jackson: The AAUW Long Beach Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Annual Tech Trek participation from October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019. Both motions were approved at the meeting and entered into the minutes.

Did You Know? American Women in Science – 1950s+

By Karen Jackle, AAUW-CA Public Policy Comm.

Women in science are still sometimes overlooked when they are partnered with a male in research, but the results of their research are not singular and often lead to additional new information which, when a scientist is passionate about what they do, brings knowledge in new directions. Many women in recent history are only recognized in their field as notable, here are a few.

Astronaut Judith A Resnik

As the 2nd woman to fly in space, her career ended with the explosion of the Challenger in 1986. She said she was the only girl in her mathematics class since calculus in her high school senior year. Her PHD in Engineering was put to good use in 1984 in the earth orbiter Discovery, where she operated the robotic arm (RMS) Remote Manipulator System.

Climatology Tamarak Ledley

Known for her research on the role of the Polar Regions in climate change, she worked to bring science to schools, presenting information to elementary school children as well as university students.

Genetics Elaine Fuchs

Her research on human skin genes, how they grow and produce keratin proteins led to findings on skin diseases caused by malfunction of the growth process. She is a molecular and cell biologist and geneticist with PHD in Chemistry.

Neurophysiology Candace Duenda Rent

Chemical receptors: where molecules of a drug or natural chemical can be used. She did research with her professor and was co-discoverer with him; it lead to discovery of endorphins, but he got the credit with the Laskey Prize, not her.

Nutrition Jane Ellen Brody

She writes magazine articles and books for general public to reflect the science of nutrition. She considers herself a science writer, not a scientist although she has a degree in biochemistry. She urges her readers to adopt a diet rich in complex carbohydrates, moderate protein and lower intake of fat, sugar and salt.

Toxicologist Elizabeth A. Weisburger

Her research on the mechanisms by which environmental chemicals cause mutations and cancer is the field known as chemical carcinogenesis. She originally wanted to go into biology until a professor told her she had to draw well to work in that field so she changed her major to chemistry.

Source: American Women in Science, 1950 to the Present, by Martha J. Bailey, There were 78 categories with 1-5 women in each, and these above are just a few random highlights. Initially, a children's book about women in science initiated research that resulted in the above choices and stories.

Twenty-three (16 women and 7 men) attended the January 24 evening workshop held at the Junior League of Long Beach office, bringing the total to 347 for AAUW Work Smart in Long Beach attendees.

Upcoming live workshops:

Sponsored by Wells Fargo:

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

Tuesday, March 19, 6:30pm – 8:30pm, at the Red Cross of Greater Long Beach, Jesse Ingram Room, 3150 E. 29th St., Long Beach, CA 90806.

Sponsored by LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn:

Thursday, April 11, 6:30pm – 8:30pm, at the Long Beach/Signal Hill WorkPlace, El Dorado Room, 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 - everyone living in Long Beach who completes the course counts toward our 5000-attendee goal.

To continue this important gender-pay-gap-closing effort, the program needs volunteers and \$600 sponsors. If you would like to be inspired regularly as a Facilitator or as a Workshop Assistant at the two-hour monthly workshops (3 to 4 times a year) or be involved organizationally as the Facilitator/Assistant

Coordinator or might have a sponsor lead, please contact francesrozner@gmail.com.

We have many rewarding involvement opportunities. Thank you!



Anne Supple, Pat Ferrer
Tech Trek Coordinators

Thank You, Thank You!

Anne Supple and I thank you so much for your generous donations to Tech Trek. We now have \$12,445.50 on account with AAUW CA Special Projects Fund for Tech Trek. Thank you for your generosity.

In addition to those thanked in the February Vantage, we would also like to thank the additional donations received of \$100 or more from the following: Daphne Ching-Jackson, Janice Diebert, Carolyn Eggleston, Anne Ingalls, Linda Patten, and Linda Silver.

We thank everyone for their donations—big or small. It all adds up!

We recently found out that due to a problem, not all branches were able to request spaces at UC Irvine. To be able to accommodate all branches with a need for spaces, our number of confirmed spaces was dropped from 10 to 8. Interviews of the girls start at the end of February.

Next year we hope to be able to still send girls to UC Irvine Tech Trek—but both directors are unable to continue in their roll in 2020. Without replacements, camp may be ended at that location. We hope to be able to maintain 8 to 10 spaces in 2020 but at Whittier or UC San Diego (which may be able to add another week.) It takes a village to run AAUW at all levels—without volunteers nothing gets done!



Public Policy



Flo Pickett, Arnedra Jordan Co-Chairs

The first Public Policy meeting of 2019 will be in March at the El Dorado Library—small conference room- on Studebaker between Willow and Spring Street. Topic for discussion: **Boards, Commissions, and Committees...How to get appointed.** Find out about the numerous local and state commissions that are open to applications from the public. Take an active role in participating with your local government. (We don't all have to run for Congress--yet!) A speaker from City Hall with advice to relate will be there. If you live in a surrounding area - Lakewood, Los Alamitos, Cypress etc,- the process is similar. Learn how to become involved. That's what AAUW is all about!

We are changing the date and time to accommodate both the speaker and members who were interested, but needed more notice. The new date will be the third week of **March 20th or 23rd**, Thursday eve. or Sat. afternoon.

Please let us know if you are interested and can attend one of those times. You can invite others - new members, friends etc.—who you think might be interested in learning about how to become active in city government.

We still want you to advocate today for the Paycheck Fairness Act on the AAUW National website. Take Action. www.aauw.org/what-we-do/

Flo Pickett 562 884-0459 Arnedra Jordan 310 722-6584

CSULB Women's and Gender Equity Center and the Career Development Center are hosting an **AAUW Start Smart salary negotiation workshop** for college students on **Wednesday, March 20th** from 4 pm – 6 pm on campus in the Career Development Center located in Brotman Hall 250.

CSULB students can RSVP with CareerLINK at www.careers.csulb.edu

For more information or to Volunteer, please call Pam Rayburn at (562) 985-8575.

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 **P, Q, R, S** please bring any unwrapped treasure you wish to donate*

AAUW Long Beach Member Biographies

Please complete the enclosed/attached Member Bio Survey and return it to **Stelet Kim** via email, mail, or in person at the March Branch Meeting (when we will also take your photo). Contact info can be found in the Yearbook.

Thank you! Stelet

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.

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 March is *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine*.



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.



Movie Mavens enjoy each others company at a movie and then chat about it over coffee afterwards.

March 24th is the next movie date. Title to be determined. 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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Friday, April 5, 2018.

Cultural Adventures will visit The Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in Los Angeles. See this years Oscar nominated costumes, as well as many memorable ones from the past. More details in the next Vantage!

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 February 25**

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

AAUW BRANCH MEETING Saturday, March 2, 2019

9:30 a.m.	Check In and Mingle
10:00 a.m.	Branch Meeting
	Past-President's Recognition
10:45 a.m.	Program
11:55 a.m.	Opportunity Drawing
12:00	Buffet Lunch

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

Meal: Western Buffet Lunch—Fried Chicken, Baked Beans, Corn on the Cob, Roll & Dessert
Vegetarian option available with RSVP

Price: \$28.00 per person

Remember to bring your Drawing Donation!!

Questions about the location?

Contact Charlotte Joseph
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