

Get Involved Locally

Charlotte Joseph
Program Vice-President

Saturday, April 6, 2019



The November mid-term elections were a watershed moment for women! Americans elected more women from throughout the country to hold positions in both the House of Representatives and the Senate, as well as in state and local levels. Women are taking their places in powerful positions in all levels of government.

Despite winning the right to vote almost one hundred years ago, we find that we are still surprised at the most recent election results. Since the 1960s, women throughout the country have been increasingly involved in local and state politics, and they have made a difference. We keep coming closer to having our first woman president, a goal already achieved by 56 other countries in the world. We remain hopeful that our time is growing near.



The speakers at our Branch Meeting will be locally elected women involved on school

boards and city councils. They are now part of the leadership in Long Beach and Lakewood. We look forward to hearing from **Megan Kerr** – Member of the Board, Long Beach Unified School District; **Sunny Zia** – President, Long Beach Community College District Board of Trustees; and **Lena Gonzales** – Long Beach City 1st District Councilwoman.



Please join us on Saturday April 6. Bring your daughters, granddaughters and your young friends who might have some political aspirations themselves. The doors are now opening wide for women in politics. Women will shape America and its leadership role in the world!

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 —Cesar Chavez Day
- 14 —Palm Sunday
- 20 —Passover
- 22 —Earth Day
- 21 —Easter Sunday



Best wishes to **March** birthdays: Juliet Ebner (sorry to be late) and **April**: Elsa Karen Braden, Adele Brown, and Sunelei Meylor. Please let Dianne Bradfield know what your birth month is so we can celebrate your birthday too!

*With deep sadness we report the passing of **Elaine Babbush** on Friday, Feb. 22nd. Elaine was a 50+ year member of our AAUW branch and held many positions during the years.*

April showers bring forth May flowers.

CALENDAR EVENTS

Meetings are the first Saturdays. January through June.

AAUW-LONG BEACH website:
www.aauw-longbeach.org



AAUW email address:
AAUWLongBeach@gmail.com

We're on Facebook!
www.facebook.com/aauwlongbeachca

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



Membership News – The Welcome Wagon

We already have four new members in 2019 - a great start for our recruitment this year. We want our new members to feel welcome and we need your help. How about volunteering to be a Buddy? Buddies get to know a new member and help them get connected with AAUW members, projects and events. We give you a monthly checklist of upcoming events, history and more to share by phone or email. It's that easy. Buddy quote - "it's so fun. I'm really glad I volunteered." Dee Dee Catalano, Membership VP, catalanosmith@yahoo.com, 562-310-5292

Connie Inskeep Award Nomination

Please nominate your candidate for the 2019 Connie Inskeep Award by **April 13, 2019**. Forms will be available at the April 6th meeting and/or sent by e-mail in March. The criteria are demonstrated leadership that is consistent with the mission of AAUW, at the Branch level, at the LA County Interbranch (LACIC) or Los Angeles District level, and/or at the CA or National level. We have many worthy women in our midst; with your thoughtful participation, we can identify and recognize the newest honoree at the June meeting. This is a once-in-a-lifetime award; prior recipients are listed in the Yearbook. Thank you! Dianne Bradfield, Selection Committee Chair

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 are 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



AAUW – Long Beach is an ambitious organization. Our 134 passionate Branch members have continued to advocate for gender equity for women and girls going on 108 years! We don't give up, we keep going, no matter the naysayers.



Retired NASA astronaut, Peggy Whitson waited 10 years to overcome the hurdles preventing her from going up into space on the International Space Station (ISS). She defied the naysayers, and not only became an astronaut, she commanded the ISS missions twice, and stayed up in space, 655 days total, longer than any US astronaut. Ms. Whitson is nicknamed "Space Ninja"!

In March, AAUW – Long Beach won two awards! These awards reflect the awesome ambition of our Branch members in our community.

The first was received from CSULB President's Commission on the Status of Women for our effective collaboration with the University and its students over the years. Most recently, we collaborated on "Getting the Vote Out". We continue to provide two scholarships per year. We supported the campus-based "Women's History Month", AAUW Start Smart, and had branch meeting programs addressing "human trafficking, gender-based harassment, and housing and food insecurity on campuses".

The second award came from AAUW CA in recognition of the AAUW Long Beach branch for our multi-year successful STEM Career Conference! This is the second time the project has been recognized by them. Over 50 Branch members volunteered to make it a success. So did our sponsors, as well as our collaborators at the Long Beach Unified School District and Long Beach City College.

The value of what AAUW – LB Branch brings to the community is unquestioned. In a way, we could all be nicknamed "Gender Equity Ninjas" for overcoming the various hurdles in our collective history of this ambitious Branch!
~ Denise Montoya

Nominating Committee Update

Sharon Westafer, Chair

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

- Denise Montoya , President
- Jeane Caveness and Stelet Kim, Co-Presidents Elect
- Ginny Baxter and Charlotte Joseph, Co-Program V.P.
- Dee Dee Catalano, and Daphne Ching-Jackson, Co-Membership V.P.
- Dianne Bradfield, AAUW Fund V.P.
- Linda Westman and Sandra Shelly, Co-Secretary
- Linda Patten, Investments V.P.

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.

Dianne would love to work with a Co V.P.

Use of Endowment Fund Interest

All AAUW Branch members have the opportunity to suggest how to use the interest proceeds from the Endowment Fund held in an investment account with Wells Fargo Advisors. The Endowment Fund consists of a principal amount of \$33,000. The fund was started many years ago by AAUW members who left a part of their estate to Long Beach Branch upon their passing. The fund is comprised of 3 such contributions from our late friends Ethel Black, \$25,000; Irene Holmes, \$3,000 and Neva Blust, \$5,000. The interest earned can be designated to a mission-based Branch activity.

In the past, it was suggested and approved that funds be used to purchase a projector and laptop for use with speaker presentations and for AAUW WorkSmart. Perhaps you have a good idea of how to use this interest?

Please give some thought to which activity you want to designate. Send your suggestions to Daphne Ching-Jackson at dchingjackson@verizon.net or call at 562.209.2221.

Long Beach Branch STEM Career Conference

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Mary Lamo, Frances Rozner and Raquel Sanchez, Conference Co-Chairs

February 22, 2019

LBCC Foundation Executive Director, Liz McCann, and branch Co-President Denise Montoya, with Co-President Shelley Arnold alongside her, welcomed 212 middle school girls to the 16th Annual STEM Career Conference, held at Long Beach City College Liberal Arts Campus, before Keynote Speaker Karina Fing, a CSULB grad with a B.S. in Molecular Cell Biology & Physiology, set the inspirational tone for the conference. Karina shared her struggles of not having identifiable role models, the loss of friends by choosing to focus on academics and the impact of bullying. In her emotional address, she described how her family pulled together to overcome the financial burden of attending college. Her message to the students was to never give up pursuing your academic goals, take advantage of opportunities and get involved.

After the keynote address, the girls each attended two 40-minute workshops led by women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) careers. The workshops, with fun hands-on activities, were presented by:

Karen Domarasky, Architect, Perkins + Will
Decker French & Rosalie McGurk, Astrophysicists, Carnegie Observatories
Tiffany Milohov, Coroner, Orange County Sheriff's Department
Jenny Kim, Environmental Engineer, SCS Engineers
Dieuwertje Kast, Marine Biologist, USC Joint Educational Project
Charlene He & Krishna Pullabhotla, Mechanical Engineers, AES Southland
Courtney Richards, Paleontologist, Paleo Solutions, Inc.
Elena Filatova, Software Engineer, Google LLC
Mika Storey, Speech-Language Pathologist, OC Health Care Agency
Kathy Rantowich, Structural Engineer, MHP Structural Engineers



Partnering schools this year were Franklin Classical Middle School, Hamilton Middle School, Jackie Robinson Academy, John Muir Academy, Powell Academy for Success, Stephens Middle School and Washington Middle School. We were fortunate to receive recognition in two local publications this year: the Long Beach Press-Telegram and the Grunion Gazette.

Thank you to the 50+ volunteers who helped to make this year's STEM conference a successful and smoothly run event! This year for the first time we held the plenary session in Building Q, the small gym, with much more space. We had a stage for the speakers and Mr. Cat Productions to handle the AV system. Volunteers stuffed goody and snack bags, handled registration and distribution of materials, photographed the event, facilitated the speakers, acted as traffic monitors, fed the volunteers, and thoughtfully represented the branch in all their roles. Special thanks to the Committee Chairs who spent many hours overseeing the details: Darlene Daclan (Volunteers), Becky Low (Registration), Karen Gustafson (Facilities), Linda Patten & Carol Llewellyn (Food), and Deloris Mayuga (Program).

The Port of Long Beach, Edison International, Toyota/TABC, Inc., Long Beach Water Department, SCS Engineers, AES Southland, Crimson Midstream LLC., and Ginny's Getaways gave generous financial donations, underwriting the expenses of the conference. Their support is very much appreciated. For the donation of goody bag contents we wish to acknowledge AES, AECOM, Caltech University, Carnegie Observatories, Farmers & Merchants Bank, Linda Silver, Long Beach Airport, LBCC Foundation, Long Beach Storm Water, Long Beach Water Department, Matthew Jenkins DVM, Port of Long Beach, TALB, Toyota/TABC, Inc., and the University of Kansas.

The conference is very much a collaborative effort, and as evidenced by the enthusiastic responses from the young women who attended, it was an inspiring and rewarding experience for all who participated. The comments from the students on their evaluation forms and thank-you notes they wrote to the speakers were testament to the value of this event. Our sincere thanks goes to all the participants who made this a truly impactful event for the girls. Here's to another outstanding STEM Career Conference on Feb.28, 2020!

Special Tour for AAUW Members

The curators of the wonderful exhibition at the Pasadena History Museum - **Emerging from the Shadows, a survey of women artists working in California, 1860-1960**, have offered to lead a tour for AAUW members. It will be on [Friday, March 22](#), at 12:00 p.m. The cost is \$9 for museum admission. We will be carpooling where possible. The works are amazing and the stories behind the women and their work are a great history lesson for International Women's Month. [Please email or call me to sign up.](#)

Dee Dee Catalano, Membership VP 562-310-5292 catalanosmith@yahoo.com

AAUW Work Smart

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Mary Lamo, Frances Rozner, Sharon Westafer

Sixteen (15 women and 1 man) attended the February 27 evening workshop held at the Long Beach/Signal Hill WorkPlace, facilitated by Charlotte Joseph, with Sharon Westafer assisting. This brings the total number of attendees to 363 for AAUW Work Smart in Long Beach. Sponsorships are needed so we can continue offering these valuable AAUW Work Smart Workshops.

Upcoming live workshops:

Sponsored by Wells Fargo:

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.

Sponsored by Wells Fargo:

Saturday, May 18, 1:30pm – 3:30pm, at the 3rd District Field Office/Conservation Corps Bldg., 340 Nieto Ave, Long Beach, CA 90803.

Registration is at salary.aauw.org/longbeach. A modified online version of AAUW Work Smart (salary.aauw.org) is available. We have found the online version to be an excellent supplement to the live workshops which are the best way for developing the confidence to use the techniques offered.

Many thanks to Anne Supple for continuing to handle the material and equipment logistics for each workshop and to our recent and soon-to-be volunteer assistants: Judy Willis, George Jackson and new members Tammy Kane and Barbara Hall. Also, please welcome member Arnedra Jordan to the ranks of our Facilitators which includes member Monica Waldau, who will be Facilitating in May. **Please contact francesrozner@gmail.com if you have a lead on a sponsor (\$600 per workshop or \$5000 for ten workshops) with a person to contact - or May 18 will be our last AAUW Work Smart workshop.**



Just Dues and More

Mary Lamo, Membership Treasurer



As Membership Treasurer I have been asked two questions: Why should I pay dues? What do I get for paying dues? I can easily give my response, but I wanted to know how National would answer these questions, and I found the following compelling reasons:

"Annual dues currently account for 13 percent of AAUW's annual budget. They help to sustain and grow AAUW's programs and work that advances equity for women and girls.

We believe we can do great things together and thank you for your continued support. When you join AAUW, you invest in yourself and in the power of a community." (source: AAUW website 02/25/2019)

In **April** you will receive an email with the subject "**AAUW Membership Renewal for Fiscal Year 2020**" from AAUW National. The email will contain specific information about your membership and will include the two pieces of information you will need to renew your membership: an MSD (Member Services Database) link to renew online and how to pay by check. You can use the link to update your member record and contact information (except name changes contact connect@aauw.org), make a contribution, track your membership, and get history for tax purposes. Additionally, you can view our branch's member roster and leader contacts.

2020 Membership Renewal will be \$105, with \$59 for National dues, \$20 for AAUW CA dues, and \$26 for LB Branch dues. The National Paid Life Member membership is a one-time tax-deductible amount of \$1180.

Undergraduate and graduate students who are enrolled in **AAUW partner** universities and colleges (which includes most of our local universities and colleges) benefit with FREE AAUW National and AAUW memberships.

Undergraduate and graduate students who are enrolled in **NON-AAUW partner** universities or colleges will pay \$18.81 in annual National dues, plus \$10 AAUW CA dues. These students can then join our Branch for only \$13.

The Long Beach Branch participates in "**Shape the Future**" campaigns, giving new members who join at a public event a 50% discount to National dues; and "**Give a Grad a Gift**" program which gives AAUW members the opportunity to gift one year of National dues to a recent college grad. If you have any questions please contact Mary Lamo.

Public Policy



Flo Pickett, Arnedra Jordan Co-Chairs

Imagine an America Without a Pay Gap by Nancy Mahr AAUW CA Public Policy Chair

Nearly 60% of women would earn more if working women were paid the same as men of the same age with similar education and hours of work. Nearly two-thirds (65.9 %) of working single mothers would receive a pay increase.

The poverty rate for all working women would be cut in half, falling from 8.0 to 3.8 percent. The very high poverty rate for working single mothers would fall by nearly half, from 28.9% to 14.5%. The U.S. economy would have produced income of \$512.6 billion more if women received equal pay: this represents 2.8 percent of the 2016 GDP. And the total increase in women's earnings under a regime of pay equity represents 16 times what the federal and state governments spent in fiscal year 2015 on Temporary Assistance to Needy Families.

American Masters is spotlighting peace activist Holly Near. "Experience the power of song in the struggle for equality through the story of feminist singer and activist Holly Near, who for the last 40 years has worked on global social justice coalition-building in the women's and lesbian movements." It is a beautiful and gentle introduction to the 1960's-70s grass roots movements. See it at: <https://www.pbs.org/wnet/americanmasters/holly-near-singing-for-our-lives/11250/?button=fullepisode> Enjoy and learn.

Board and Branch Business

Linda Westman, Co-Secretary

Executive Directors Meeting on February 11, 2019

The following motions were approved:

Motion by Daphne Ching-Jackson:

The Executive Committee approved Denise Montoya, Co-President, and Daphne Ching-Jackson, Investment Vice-President, as authorized signers for the \$93,000 CD at Banc of California.

Motion by Deloris Mayuga:

Outreach Account of \$12,520 to be closed and funds moved to the Reserve account.

CULTURAL ADVENTURES - SAVE THE DATE

THE FASHION INSTITUTE OF DESIGN AND MERCHANDISING MUSEUM

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2019 10:00AM - 2:30PM PRICE: \$10.00 PER PERSON



We will be visiting the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising Museum in Los Angeles on Friday, April 5, 2019. How exciting it will be to view the over 12,000 costumes, accessories and textiles from the 18th century through the present day, including film costumes in the annual Motion Picture Costume Design Exhibition at the gallery. After your self-guided tour, lunch will be on your own. The bus will leave at 10:00am from the Target Parking Lot, 2270 N. Bellflower Blvd., Long Beach 90815. For reservations call Joan Gustafson at 562-439-3130 or email at jwg221@aol.com. There must be a minimum of 25 passengers for the tour to go.

MONTHLY OPPORTUNITY DRAWING at OUR BRANCH MEETING

Buy Tickets! Support Scholarships! We made \$172 last month!

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

Bring Shiny Sparkly Treasures, so we can keep the fun going.

Last names beginning with T- Z please bring any unwrapped treasure to donate.



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.
Contact **Sharon Westafer**, 562-493-4749 if interested. The book selection for April is *Bear Town* by Frederik Bachman



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. **April 14th** 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

Please email your AAUW event photos to Shelley at shelleyarnold1@aol.com. She's putting together a slide show presentation of our yearlong activities for the May Garden Party.

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 March 29**

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

AAUW BRANCH MEETING Saturday, April 6, 2019

9:30 a.m. Check In and Mingle
10:00 a.m. Branch Meeting
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: Buffet, Salad, 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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