

Celebrate the Season!

Ginny Baxter, Program Vice President



The tradition of wassailing falls into two distinct categories: the house-visiting wassail and the orchard-visiting wassail. The house-visiting wassail is the practice of people going door-to-door, singing and offering a drink from the wassail bowl in

exchange for gifts; this practice still exists, but has largely been displaced by caroling. The orchard-visiting wassail refers to the ancient custom of visiting orchards in cider-producing regions of England, reciting incantations and singing to the trees to promote a good harvest for the coming year.

Join AAUW Long Beach members as we celebrate the season on Saturday Dec. 7 to have our traditional Wassail, festive food and fun with fellow members. Friends and family are also invited to visit Charlotte's lovely home from 2:00—4:00 pm. She and her husband are such inviting hosts and the house is beautiful for this season. Enjoy foods made by members and get the holiday season off to a jolly start.

Singing to the trees is encouraged!

As we express our gratitude,
we must never forget that the
highest appreciation is not to
utter words, but to live by them.

- John Fitzgerald Kennedy.



AAUW Mission :

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

AAUW Vision:

Equity for all.

AAUW Values:

Nonpartisan.

Fact-based.

Integrity.

Inclusion and Intersectionality.

AAUW Diversity Statement:

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks an inclusive membership, workforce, leadership team and board of directors. There shall be no barriers to full participation on the basis of age, disability, gender, location, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status.

From the President “Foremothers”

by Denise Montoya

During the holiday meals when I was in elementary school, my maternal grandmother, great aunts and my mom shared stories about the challenging lives of women living in Wyoming. These particular female relatives arrived in WY in the late 1890’s and early 1900’s. Considering that they grew up living great distances from their Midwest and east coast birthplaces, the women who moved west had to make the best of extreme weather, lack of accessible healthcare, comforts of home and protection from danger of all kinds.

The survival and success of European settlers in western lands would not have been possible without the contributions of women who worked side by side with men to build communities, farms, cattle ranches and commerce in the Territory of Wyoming. At least that was the story I believed at the time.

I’ve since learned that there were racial issues included in the contentiousness of national suffrage and voting rights. For example, women’s suffrage efforts were strong in Kansas, members of the Republican party there supported suffrage for Black men but denied the right to vote for women. Democrats opposed granting full citizenship and voting rights to emancipated Black slaves after the Civil War in the south, as well as free Black men in the northern states. In 1869, Union Army General Ulysses S. Grant appointed Republican Attorney General Joseph Carey to the Territory of WY, who “issued an official legal opinion that no one in WY could be denied the right to vote based on race”. Although WY Democrats felt that this move was used by the Republicans to guarantee their election to office by Black voters, the Democrats elected a representative to Congress and took all 22 state legislative seats.

Additionally, by pushing for women to gain the right to vote for the first time, the all-white male Democrat legislators hoped to attract more women to the state and expected them to continue to vote for Democrats. They also passed laws providing equal pay for female and male teachers and guaranteed married women separate property rights from men. Sounds very attractive. Women were finally allowed to vote in the second Territory election in 1870. When the 1,000 women showed up to cast their ballots, they surprised the Democrats and elected a Republican representative to Congress and a few Republican men to the legislature as well. Chinese railroad workers and Black men were also allowed to vote for the first time. However, sadly, Native Americans were not.

One of the early settlers in WY was Louisa Ann Swain of Laramie, WY. Ms. Swain was the first woman to cast a vote in a general election on September 6, 1870 in WY, 50 years before the ratification of the 19th Amendment (on August 18, 1920) allowing women in the US the right to vote. WY was one of the first 36 states to ratify the Amendment. My mother, Eda Beatrice Laughlin, was born in WY - 5 years after the 19th Amendment was ratified. I am a WY native as well.

Luckily for me, Frances Rozner shared information about the Pasadena 2020 Celebration at the end of September. The National Women’s History Alliance is sponsoring a Rose Parade float to commemorate the Centennial of the ratification of the 19th Amendment. I donated to the organization for the purpose of representing the State of WY and will walk with the other 35 state representatives beside the float during the Rose Parade on January 1, 2020 in Pasadena!

Walking with me will be a representative of the Arapaho Nation, who resides in WY. I will wear the white suffrage long dress and hat; she will be wearing what has been described to me as something reflective of Native American dress. I couldn’t be happier to represent the strong women of WY and am so proud that this part of the world which was so ahead of its time. Just look for the Statue of Liberty with all the white dressed suffragettes walking beside her.

Calendar Dates to Note

Saturday, Nov. 16—Branch Meeting followed by *Author’s Luncheon* fundraiser.

Monday, Nov. 18—Executive Committee Mtg

Thursday, Nov. 28—Thanksgiving Day
Saturday, Dec. 7—Wassail at Charlotte’s

Monday, Dec. 22—Start of Hanukkah
Wednesday, Dec. 25—Christmas Day

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AAUW Work Smart

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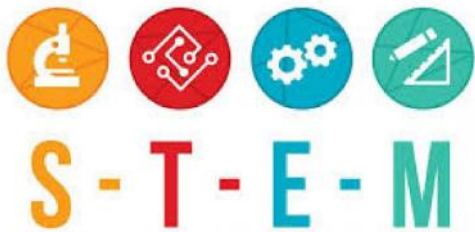
STEM Career Conference 2020

by Mary Lamo, Frances Rozner & Raquel Sanchez

It's that time of year again! We are looking for volunteers to assist at the 17th Annual AAUW LB Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Career Conference. At this yearly Conference, women in STEM careers present workshops to middle-school girls to build enthusiasm about the possibilities of achieving STEM careers and encourage them to attend college.

All the careers for the workshops have been confirmed: architect, astrophysicist, environmental engineer, structural engineer, mechanical engineer, paleontologist, speech-language pathologist, coroner, software engineer, and marine biologist. The keynote speaker will be Sathya Chey, Financial Advisor, and AAUW Long Beach member.

Volunteers for this event are needed to take on tasks like facilitating speakers, helping with the girls' arrival/departure, preparing conference goodie bags and bagged refreshments, and photographing key elements. A volunteer STEM Conference sheet has been passed around at branch meetings; for those who have already signed up, we thank you. If you would like to be one of the 40+ volunteers who make this conference possible, there is still time to sign up.



The Conference is scheduled for Friday, February 28, 2020 from 4:30pm - 7:00pm. (volunteers arrive earlier!) at Long Beach City College (Liberal Arts Campus). Some of the volunteer opportunities occur during the week prior, if you can't attend on Friday. If you are interested in being a volunteer or have any questions about assisting at the STEM Career Conference, please email Darlene Daclan at darlene_daclan@yahoo.com or call/text to 562/673-6909.



We are looking for **items** for the girls goodie bags. We'll need 250 of each. It can be logo'd business promotional items or anything like socks, pencils, notepads, health and beauty items. If you have a lead, please contact Deloris Mayuga at dmayuga@verizon.net.



NOW on MEETUP!

We recently started a group on Meetup.com to increase our visibility and attract new members. The name of the group is "American Association of University Women (AAUW)*Social Club*". Our goal is to use Meetup.com to expose our branch and events to over 35 million meetup members, and millions more people who search the web for groups to join.

We are already posting our events on the site. More details can be sent to you on demand.

Contact Alicia Dorko dorko1121@gmail.com

Take a look and sign up to support us. Encourage friends to check it out!

<https://www.meetup.com/American-Association-of-University-Women-Long-Beach/>

AAUW Work Smart

by Mary Lamo, Frances Rozner & Sharon Westafer



We are often asked about the difference between AAUW Start Smart and AAUW Work Smart. AAUW Start Smart is for women in college and it does not include information about raises and promotions, which AAUW Work Smart does. The October 29 AAUW Start Smart workshop conducted at the Career Center at CSULB had 26 attendees, the majority of whom were women.

The last AAUW Work Smart workshop of 2019 will be held on **Saturday, December 14**, 1:00pm-3:00pm, at the Field Office of LB City Councilwoman Suzie Price in the Conservation Corps Building at 340 Nieto Ave, Long Beach, CA 90803. This one is co-sponsored by Holly Richards and Toyota, Inc. (the match to Raquel Sanchez's contribution). Many thanks to both Holly and Raquel for making this workshop possible. Monica Waldau will be facilitating. The Mitra Baghdadi-sponsored workshop for CSULB employees will be held in 2020.

We keep adding new ways to promote attendance. The December workshop is now posted on our AAUW LB Meet-up site, thanks to Alicia Dorko. We'll be assisting Membership VP, Dee Dee Catalano, with a vendor table at the November 21 Long Beach Women's Business Council luncheon. While there we will also promote workshop sponsorship. Our AAUW Work Smart in Long Beach contract expires December 31 and we are in the process now of re-negotiating with our new Salary Negotiation contact at AAUW.

Please do share with women you know about the December 14 AAUW Work Smart – it is so worth the time! For registration and details, visit: salary.aauw.org/longbeach. And if you do know of anyone interested in sponsoring or co-sponsoring a workshop (it's a tax-deductible donation), please contact Frances Rozner at francesrozner@gmail.com or 562-773-3427. Thank you!

AAUW Fund: American Fellowship

by Sharon Westafer



American Fellowships support women doctoral candidates completing dissertations and scholars seeking funds for postdoctoral research leave or for preparing completed research for publication. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. The Long Beach branch established and completed the Louise Ruth Arbogast American Fellowship Endowment in 1986.

Name: [Verónica Gutiérrez](#)

Award Year: 2019-20 **Award:** American Fellowship

Institution: Azusa Pacific University **Location:** Azusa, California

Discipline: History **Degree and Specialization:** Postdoctoral, Colonial Mexico

Project Name: Converting Quetzalcoatl's City: Appropriating the Sacred in Cholula, 1519-1648

Verónica A. Gutiérrez is passionate about challenging myths pervading Native peoples of the Americas.

Her work examines the development of indigenous Christianities in 16th-century Mexico, particularly the Franciscan establishment at Cholula, a former Mesoamerican sacred site where even today, rains unearth ancient pottery and obsidian shards. Recently, she co-led a faculty-development tour to Mexico: "From 1519 to 2019: Indigenous Christianity in Mexico 500 Years after Cortés." She enjoys mentoring first-generation, female and underrepresented students.

Sponsors: 4159 - Fullerton Golden, 4066 - Judith A. Horan, 1045 - Fresno (CA) Branch, **1652 - Louise R. Arbogast**

Membership Matters

by Dee Dee Catalano, Membership VP

Our newest member, Laura Berman, found us when a friend mentioned AAUW to her. She was looking for a group of smart, interesting, active women. When Laura reached out to our branch for more information, Shelley invited her to a *Under the Umbrella* book club meeting and the rest is history. With degrees from Ohio University and Xavier University, she is a teacher and tutor and a great new member.



Buddies, Buddies, Buddies - we want you to become a Buddy and help keep our newest members in the loop and made to feel welcome. Sign up now by calling or emailing me. 562-310-5292, catalanosmith@yahoo.com

See you at the Happy Hour on November 18—Monday 5:00 at the Steelcraft, LB Blvd. Meet the newest members and enjoy your choice of refreshments/snacks!

Great Decisions Discussion

Foreign Policy Association



The Great Decisions discussions groups will start meeting in February. Three groups are meeting through AAUW. These interest groups are designed to encourage debate and discussion of important global issues of our time. The Great Decisions book highlights eight 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.

Please order your book by December 15. Make your \$30.00 checks payable to: Rita Powell. Give your check to Flo Pickett at the Wassail meeting or mail it to Rita at the address in your AAUW Yearbook. Groups and locations will be determined by January. The topics for Great Decisions 2020 briefing book have been announced! The eight topics featured in this year's issue are:

- Topic 1: "Climate Change and the Global Order" by Ronald Bee
 - Topic 2: "India and Pakistan" by Barbara Crossette
 - Topic 3: "Red Sea Security" by David Shinn
 - Topic 4: "Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking" by Ronald Weitzer
 - Topic 5: "U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle" by Michael Shifter and Bruno Binetti
 - Topic 6: "China's Road into Latin America" by Margaret Myers
 - Topic 7: "The Philippines and the U.S." by Julio Amador and Deryk Matthew N. Baladjay
 - Topic 8: "Artificial Intelligence and Data" by Susan Ariel Aaronson
- For more topic information, please visit the website, www.fpa.org or email editorial@fpa.org.

LB Branch Funds

Help us with a **Monthly Opportunity Drawing** at each Branch meeting. Bring shiny, sparkly, fun Treasures....

Buy Tickets !

Support our Special Projects!
1 Ticket = \$1.00
6 Tickets = \$ 5.00
15 Tickets = \$ 10.00



Be thinking about non-wrapped treasures to bring for the Draw in **January!**

Board and Branch Business

by Linda Westman

Board Meeting October 21, 2019

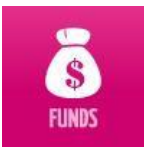
Ginny's Getaways Motion: Jeane Caveness submitted the following motion: "I move to approve the distribution of Ginny Baxter's materials for Ginny's Getaways for her 'Experience Columbia – April 2020' and 'Croatia and Its Islands – September 2020'". Seconded by Stelet Kim. Motion passed.

Revision of Standing Rule #5: Mary Lamo made the following motion: "I move that the Branch Membership accepts the following change to the AAUW Long Beach Standing Rule #5 Membership. Add a new bullet point:

d. Only members who have paid their dues by August 15 will be included in the branch Yearbook. The names and contact information of members joining or renewing after August 15 will be published in a membership addendum during the fiscal year." Seconded by Linda Patten. Motion passed. Will go to the Branch.

CSULB/AAUW Long Beach Partnership: Jeane Caveness made the following motion: "I move that the Board of AAUW Long Beach Branch endorse President Denise Montoya's acceptance of a formal partnership between the Branch and California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) President's Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW) as proposed in the October 3, 2019 letter from CSULB President Jane Close Conoley and PCSW Chair Terri Armstrong to President Montoya." Seconded by Stelet Kim. Motion passed.

Distribution of Rossmoor Women's Club Holiday Home Tour flyer: Linda Patten made the following motion: "I move to allow the flyer for the Rossmoor Women's Club Holiday Home Tour to be distributed at the November Branch Meeting and the December Wassail. Seconded by Linda Westman. Motion passed.



AAUW Fund Donors for 2019

A huge thank you for the generous donations by our AAUW members to the AAUW Fund in 2019! Our total was over \$6,000!! S. Arnold, G. Baxter, D. Bradfield, E. Busser, J. Caveness, G & D Ching-Jackson, C. Clanton, H. Goodman, J. Gustafson, M. Huebner, C. Joseph, J. Kaho, J. Kuroda, L. Ledger, G. Lorentzen, E Mathis, D. Mayuga, C. McKelvey, F. Rozner, J. Taboada, S. Westafer, T. Witten, S. Kim.

DID YOU KNOW?



Holly Richards is a new member this year. She's a graduate of Dennison University whose past career was as a corporate executive enjoying the life of success including a 25-year marriage. But that all came to an end when her husband wanted a divorce, devastating her idyllic life. Serious therapy helped her to overcome this huge personal setback. Holly found out within her she had the fortitude to call herself a transition warrior, take action and remarry (giving her 4 grandchildren) and to establish a nonprofit to help other women: *Gals Starting Over* in Long Beach and Redondo Beach. Holly's remarkable story is worth reading. Click on this link:

<https://www.pressetelegram.com/2019/10/22/my-turn-moving-on-training-to-be-a-transition-warrior/>

Be sure to say hello to Holly the next time you see her at a Branch meeting!

BRANCH INTEREST GROUPS

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 branch meeting 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 Group Members: Great Decisions books will be available starting in December. Planning to participate? please contact your group leader or **Rita Powell** at 562 685 2096. See article



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 or 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 December is *Tangled Vines* by *Frances 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 are Nov 20th and Jan 15, 2020. 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. Contact Co-Chairs **Ellen Mathis** — epmathis@verizon.net or **Joan Gustafson** — jwg221@aol.com



Movie Mavens enjoy each others company at a movie and then chat about it over coffee afterwards. **We are looking for a new leader for this group... Contact the President for info.**



Under the Umbrella 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

It is NOT too Late! Support AAUW's scholarship fundraiser by purchasing a ticket for our annual mystery author's luncheon and presentation on **November 16**. Author **Anne Cleeland** is generously donating all proceeds from her book sales. The holidays are right around the corner so think of those readers on your gift list. Attendees can send their reservations to **Ellen Mathis** or use PayPal.

Location: **Golden Sails Inn**—6285 PCH, Long Beach Time: Check-in at 11 am Lunch at 12 pm \$60 per person includes lunch, program, silent auction, signing of purchased books

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 _____

I will pay \$5.00 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.

RESERVATION must be made by Nov. 11

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

AAUW BRANCH MEETING

Saturday, November 16, 2019

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

Place: Golden Sails Inn, 6285 E. PCH, LB 90803

Meal: Buffet Luncheon AND dessert. Drinks included.
Price: \$60.00 per person - RSVP must be in now

Questions about the location?

Contact Charlotte Joseph

Email: importantjoseph@aol.com

The Wassail event is taking the place of
the Meeting. See you at Charlotte's on
December 7.



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