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A Luncheon Most Deadly!

Ginny Baxter, Program Vice President

Want to learn how to self-publish and support a great cause for women at the same time? Join us at the November meeting and fundraiser as author, Anne Cleeland, takes you on a journey featuring the “Doyle and Acton Scotland Yard” series. Anne self-publishes her novels, so come find out how she does this.

Anne is one of the top 100 Amazon best sellers and publishes about three books annually. She is donating all proceeds from her book sales at this event to AAUW Long Beach Branch! Proceeds will go towards the scholarship fund offered to female LBCC and CSULB students each year.



Anne lives in Pasadena and holds a degree in English from UCLA as well as a law degree from Pepperdine University. Her murder series includes *Murder in Spite*, *Murder in Shadow*, and *Murder in Just Cause*, among many others. She writes historical fiction set in the Regency Period as well as mysteries.

WHEN: Saturday, November 16, 11am – 3pm

WHERE: Golden Sails Inn, 6285 E. Pacific Coast Hwy,
Long Beach, CA, 90803

RSVP & PAYMENT BY: November 7th - Required to attend.

PAYMENT: \$60, via PayPal by selecting "Payment to a Friend",
"American Association of University Women,
Long Beach Branch, Inc."



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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

by Denise Montoya

"To succeed in life, you need three things – a wishbone, a backbone and a funny bone." ~ Reba McIntire

Thank you, "Mr. Four Jobs"!

Sure, many of you have met **George Jackson** who, as Door Chair, greets members, guests and speakers at the entry of our venues for the Branch meetings. He's friendly, helpful, gives directions, hands out name tags and Yearbooks. And, behind the scenes, he's even busier. George also acts as our Database Coordinator, compiles all the member information, keeping track of details. George also works hand in hand as Yearbook Co-Chair with Mary Lamo, (who, incidentally, wears a few hats herself!) to update the Yearbook every July and August. George' newest job is Webmaster. He's learning his way around the Branch website, and is busy updating events, the calendar and Interest Groups. Please let him know you appreciate his contributions to the Branch when you next see him.

Volunteer Opportunities

One of the most important tasks coming up is the work of the Nominating Committee to contact those for the slate of elected board officers for 2020-2021. Shelley Arnold is chairing this Committee. They are looking for individuals who have some experience with the Branch and can find time in their schedules to step into a leadership position. Financial expertise is especially welcome, as current Treasurer Deloris Mayuga is finishing her term. If you're new to the Branch and not ready to take on a leadership position, we hope you will consider volunteering for short or long term opportunities, so you can gain experience and be a part of the slate in the coming years!

Coming Events!

The Author's Luncheon and fundraiser, chaired by Ginny Baxter, is scheduled for November 16, 2019, and once again promises to be an interesting and fun event! Who doesn't want to buy raffle tickets from Daphne?! And, she looks great in that special hat! Murder mystery author **Ann Cleeland** will be our guest speaker, and Anne is donating all proceeds from her book sales to the Branch Scholarship fund! She is a self-published author, and if you appreciate women in business, like I do, then consider learning more about her writing, too. Please invite guests who wish to learn more about AAUW-LB, and those who just like to read a good mystery! The Silent Auction is always a winner, so much fun! Please talk to Judith Kaho about donating items to the basket project!

The beautiful and fun **December 7th Wassail** will be held, again, at Charlotte Joseph's home. Many of you know how gracious a hostess Charlotte is and how lovely her home was decorated for the holidays last year. We hope you'll bring guests to enjoy appetizers, dessert, and, of course the special wassail! Look for the signup clipboard at upcoming meetings or call Charlotte to donate and volunteer.

Calendar Dates to Note

Monday, Oct. 21—Full Board Mtg. @ LBCC
Friday, Oct. 27—AAUW Fund Fall Luncheon
Saturday, Nov. 16—Branch Meeting followed by *Author's Luncheon* fundraiser.
Monday, Nov. 18—Executive Committee Mtg
Saturday, Dec. 7—Wassail at Charlotte's

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STEM Career Conference 2020

by Mary Lamo, Frances Rozner & Raquel Sanchez

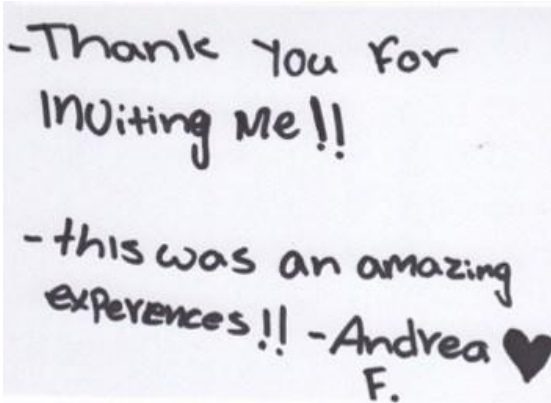
The STEM committee is working diligently on finalizing our speakers and coordinating with schools to deliver a fantastic event for the attendees. Our keynote speaker is a past AAUW program panelist and current AAUW Long Beach Branch member, Sathya Chey. Ms. Chey will share her inspiring life story with the attendees.

The 17th Annual Stem Career Conference will welcome a new school with a past champion and new champions for two of our returning schools. The new school is Elizabeth Hudson K-8, which replaced Jackie Robinson Academy. The returning schools are: Franklin Classical Middle School, Hamilton Middle School, Powell Academy for Success, Muir Middle School, Stephens Middle School and Washington Middle School. Barbara Hall has been working with the champions to ensure they are well prepared for the Conference.



The event will be on **Friday, February 28, 2020** at Long Beach City College, Liberal Arts Campus, utilizing the small gym for the plenary and concluding sessions, and classrooms for the workshops. Karen Gustafson is working with LBCC for rooms, AV equipment and parking. The Chairs are presently securing sponsors for funding and 'goodie bag' items. If you have a lead for a STEM sponsor, contact Frances Rozner at francesrozner@gmail.com or if a lead for 250 'goodie bag' items, contact Deloris Mayuga at dmayuga@verizon.net.

Volunteers are needed to take on tasks like facilitating speakers, helping with the girls' arrival/departure, 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 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 562/673-6909. Thank you!



NOW on MEETUP!

As some of you are aware, 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 will be sent out later this month. 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



Women are making headway – the new annual income figure is 82% of what a man earns – 2% more than in the last few years. AAUW met its goal of more than 100,000 women taking the online AAUW Work Smart course. Here in Long Beach, we've held 8 workshops in 2019, with 97 attendees for a program total of 421. Thank you for supporting the over 400 women who needed the assistance to improve their financial futures and received it through our branch's efforts.

The Thursday evening, October 3 workshop had 25 registrants with 8 women attending. One of the young women who attended found out about the workshop through a Google search for "assertiveness training". The workshop does assist with confidence! Stelet Kim and Mary Lamo assisted, with Charlotte Joseph facilitating. It was sponsored by Raquel Sanchez and Sharon Westafer.

At CSULB, Terri Armstrong has scheduled an **AAUW Start Smart workshop on October 29**.

Mitra Baghdadi is still working out the details for an AAUW Work Smart workshop for the CSULB employees, which she is sponsoring.



Many thanks to Raquel Sanchez who was able to secure a match from her company, TABC, Inc., for her recent \$250 sponsorship. We are seeking another generous donor, or a pair of donors, to match that gift from TABC, Inc. in order to conduct another workshop for the public.

If you are interested in being that co-sponsor (and it's a tax-deductible donation), please contact Frances Rozner at francesrozner@gmail.com or 562-773-3427. Thank you!

AAUW Public Policy Mission

by Arnedra Jordan

The Public Policy Priorities underscore AAUW's mission to advance gender equity for women and girls through **research, education, and advocacy**. The work of AAUW builds responsible public participation, and the following priorities provide a basis for AAUW members' actions at the local, state, national, and international levels. Implicit in each is support for government agencies administering programs, including adequate appropriations, effective and accountable administration, and provision for citizen participation. We advocate public discussion to ensure enlightened decisions on these priorities.

We work to increase the number of women and other underrepresented populations in policy- and other decision-making positions. Our positions are shaped by our commitment to being nonpartisan and fact-based, and to acting with integrity. We strive for our work to be inclusive and intersectional, collaborating with diverse allies and coalitions to achieve equity for all.

The Public Policy Team will meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 12 p.m.-2 p.m. at the Metro Building 3806 Worsham, Long Beach CA 90808. Our Brown Paper Bag meeting dates for the remainder of the 2019 year are: November 19 (meeting on the third Tuesday) and December 10.

Join the Team for our next meeting where we will discuss working with the mayor's office to open a Status on Women and Girls Commission in the City of Long Beach. Bring your lunch!

For more information contact Arnedra Jordan at (310) 722-6594 Or email ajordan6@my.keller.edu.

Membership Matters

by Dee Dee Catalano, Membership VP

Our newest member, Laura Berman, found us when a friend recommended the 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. Upcoming for new members and Buddies:

Happy Hour, 5-7, Wednesday, October 30 at The Red Leprechaun on Anaheim St.

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

AAUW Frances Magarian Scholarship

At the September 16, 2019, executive board meeting the motion to approve all proceeds from the November 16, 2019 **Author's Day Luncheon** and will be deposited in the AAUW Frances Magarian Scholarship Account was approved. The scholarship committee is comprised of the following members: Darlene Daclan, Mary Any Takemoto, Sharon Westafer, Linda Westman and Judy Willis. The committee is very thankful and appreciative of the amounts to be donated to the scholarship account and with these proceeds their interviewing and time spent each year in choosing students from Long Beach Community College and California State University at Long Beach a worthy event.

by JoAnn Kuroda, Scholarship Committee Chairperson

Join us at a *Luncheon Most Deadly*

Nov. 16, 2019

Please support AAUW's scholarship fundraiser by purchasing a ticket for our annual mystery author's luncheon and presentation. Our goal is to sell 100 tickets. To do this the committee needs your help. Did you know there are 110 book clubs in Long Beach? You all must have friends who are avid readers. An electronic copy of the flyer is on the AAUW website. Consider sending it to all book lovers. 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! Hope to see you and friends at this annual event.

Location: Golden Sails Inn—6285 PCH, Long Beach

Time: Check-in at 11 pm

Lunch at 12 noon \$60 per person

Payment includes lunch, program, silent auction, book sales /signing.



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



Last Names starting with **D—E—F—G** please bring a non-wrapped item to donate.

Board and Branch Business

Branch Meeting Oct. 5, 2019

Motion by Jean Caveness: “6a. Branch Events: Non-AAUW materials shall not be distributed or displayed with the following exception: Non-AAUW materials which align with AAUW National’s issues. Strategic initiatives and programs, and/or materials which support events, programs, or projects that contribute to AAUW Long Beach may be considered for distribution or display at Branch meetings.

The request for distribution or display of non-AAUW materials, including a sample of such materials, must be received by the President at least 7 days in advance of a Branch meeting and approved by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may limit the number of non-AAUW materials to be distributed or displayed at a Branch meeting”. Motion passed as amended.

Motions by Denise Montoya: Following approval of changes to 6a.

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”.

I move to approve the distribution of Holly Richards’ materials for Gals Starting Over for her “Greek Picnic – October 2019”, and “Gals Starting Over Workshops for 2019”. Both Motions passed.

Update of Policies and Procedures 15biii: Frances Rozner moved that “and the building fund committee” be stricken from the duties of the Financial Secretary under Policies and Procedures, Duties of Appointed Officers, 15.b.iii. The motion was seconded by Stelet Kim. Motion passed.



DID YOU KNOW?

Tammy Kane joined AAUW last year.

From 2011-2013 Tammy served in the Peace Corp, assigned to a village in Northern Thailand training teachers. She said of this experience: "It's great to be embedded in another culture and to travel." She learned more from her experience, which she describes as "humbling", because the experience had a more meaningful outcome than she ever expected. It was about sharing with humanity and cultural exchange. She also learned to speak Thai. Working in a secluded village she felt her contributions will ultimately pass forward to succeeding generations of children in the village.

Our annual Branch YEARBOOK 2019-2020 has been published.

Those in attendance at the Sept./Oct. Branch meetings received theirs and some members attending offered to deliver to those in their neighborhood or their Interest Groups. Yearbooks have been mailed to Honorary Members and members living out of state. We will distribute books again at the November branch meeting.

The first 11 pages give a wealth of contact information and details about our Branch activities. If you have not actually gone through those pages, it is worth a perusal.

Your **name and membership number** are on the label on the back cover. Please take a couple of minutes, if you haven't ever logged in online at AAUW.org, and use your membership number and a password for access to the national site. Not only can you read the interesting articles and learn more about activities and projects at the national level, we encourage you to register as a Two Minute Activist to advocate for equity for women and girls!

<https://www.aauw.org/resource/two-minute-activist-mobile/>

George Jackson & Mary Lamo, Yearbook Co-Chairs

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.



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 November is *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah.



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

INTERNATIONAL CUISINE

OCTOBER 23, 2019

6:30PM

Come join fellow food lovers for an exciting dinner at a Burmese Restaurant

Irrawaddy Taste of Burma Restaurant 7076 Katella Avenue, (near Knott Avenue) Stanton, CA 90680

Deadline: October 18, 2019

Contact **Fay Denny**, International Cuisine Chair 714-894-0416 or email at faydenny@yahoo.com

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 Oct. 30

*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 for the Event

Questions about the location?

Contact Charlotte Joseph

Email: importantjoseph@aol.com



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