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Women in the Trades

Ginny Baxter, Program Vice President

AAUW has been empowering women as individuals and as a community since 1881. For more than 130 years, we have worked together as a national grassroots organization to improve the lives of mil-



lions of women and their families. Years ago most women were relegated to careers as teacher, nurse or secretary. Today there are so many more choices including positions in the Trades. Our Branch meeting program for February features a panel of women who will tell

their career stories. We will hear from Vivian Malauulu, a longshoreman; Bridgett Lewis, Manager of Security Operations at the Port of Long Beach; Robin Thorne, founder of DemoChicks, and Jennifer Caveness, a construction consultant.

Vivian Malauulu is the first Latina elected to the Long Beach Community College District Board of Trustees. She was a journalism professor at LBCC, and today she is the board's current president. Bridgett D. Lewis, Manager of Security Operations at the Port of Long Beach, has a dual role: She oversees security operations at the nation's busiest seaport, as well serving as the Director of the Central California Maritime Coordination Center (MCC). Robin Thorne founded DemoChicks, a non-profit which encourages young women to consider a career in the construction, engineering, building, and demolition industries. Jennifer Caveness has nearly 25 years of hands-on experience in all facets of the construction and real estate industry. Please join us for this informative and rewarding Program. Bring your daughters and granddaughters! See you at the Golden Sails Inn on Saturday February 1. *(Photo of our Denise M. changing truck tires!)*

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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.

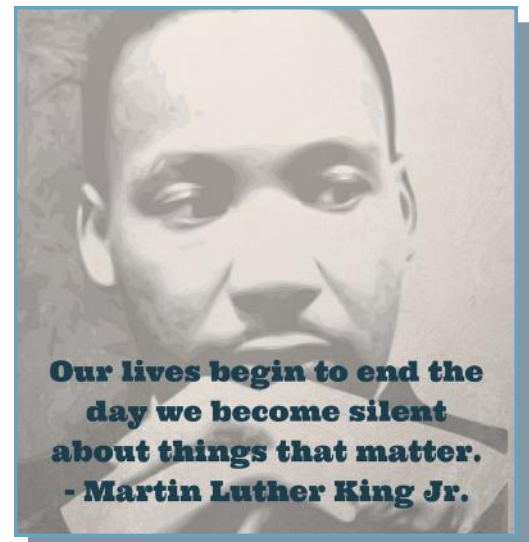
Fact-based.

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

What is The Status of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) Today?

"Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any states on account of sex".

The nonprofit, Equal Means Equal, (equalmeansequal.org) filed suit in the US District Court in Boston, in November of 2019, challenging the limitation of time for signing the ERA from the original measure passed in 1972. The time limitation is not part of the amendment; therefore, it is argued that the time limitation is not binding. The organization argues that the 27th Amendment to the Constitution (forbidding Congress from giving itself raises) wasn't passed for over 200 years, so why should this effort be time limited? The lawsuit was filed as a reaction to the lawsuit filed by the attorneys general for the states of Alabama, South Dakota and Louisiana, who argue that abortion rights activists would claim discrimination if abortion rights continue to be curtailed. Additionally, more conservative states are concerned about the use of women-only restrooms and locker rooms by transgendered women.



The state of Virginia votes on the ERA on January 20, 2020 and is expected to file the resolution with the National Archives and Records Administration immediately, a process which is expected to be protested by opponents to the ERA. US archivist, David Ferriero intends to ask for direction from the Department of Justice. Five states which have already passed the ERA, Nebraska, Tennessee, Idaho, South Dakota have considered rescinding their initial ratification of the ERA. The practice of rescinding their original support of the ERA may not succeed, given that prior precedents set by the courts have prohibited this action.

Calendar Dates to Note

Monday, Jan. 27—Full Board meeting *
*Changed date from 1/13/20 LBCC

Sat. Feb, 1—Branch Meeting—Golden Sails
Mon. Feb 10—Exec Meeting - LBCC
Thurs. Feb 20—International Cuisine
Fri. Feb 28—STEM Conf at LBCC

Saturday March 7— Branch Meeting

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How can you become an ERA advocate? Please click on this link to share with friends and family!

<https://www.equalrightsamendment.org/toolkit>

Want to know more about the author of the ERA, Alice Paul? Go to: <https://www.alicepaul.org/era/>



**AAUW CA Convention
April 17-19, 2020**

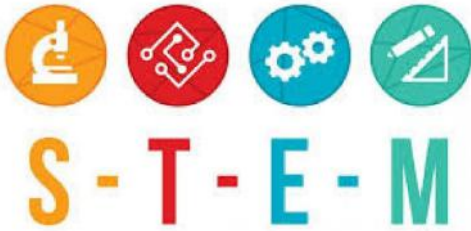
Remembering the Past, Rockin' the Future.



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

STEM Career Conference 2020

by Mary Lamo, Frances Rozner & Raquel Sanchez



The STEM Career Conference will return in 2020, on Friday, February 28, to deliver the 17th annual conference. It will bring together female STEM professionals with 7th and 8th grade Long Beach schoolgirls from seven predominately Title I middle schools. The girls will attend two workshops, in which they will hear first-hand accounts of how these professionals decided on their career path, and they will participate in a hands-on activity directly related to the profession.

Our **generous sponsors** make this conference possible. This year we are fortunate to have returning sponsors: AES, Long Beach Water Department, Port of Long Beach, SCS Engineers and TABC, Inc.; and new sponsors: Society for American Military Engineers - Orange County Post, Diversified Technical Systems Inc., Enid Busser, Norma Grady, and Betty Thompson. Our goal is to cover all conference expenses with donations from our sponsors who believe in the importance of introducing girls to STEM careers.

At this point in time, there are two ways that you can help make this conference exceptional.

The first is to **volunteer** in one of the many positions by signing up with Darlene Daclan, STEM Volunteer Chair (darlene_daclan@yahoo.com). Putting up signage on campus and being a photographer are just two of the positions needing to be filled.

The second is by finding **items for the goodie bags** of our 250 attendees. Do you know a company who would like to donate such items as lip balm, pens, notepads, etc? If you need assistance with asking for in-kind donations or in picking-up a donation, please contact Deloris Mayuga (dmayuga@verizon.net).

Your volunteer efforts are critical to the success of this event. Thank you!

A handwritten note on a piece of paper that says "THANK YOU!!" in large, capital letters. There is a checkmark to the right of the word "YOU".

Dear AAUW

Thank you! Thank you for inviting me to this. I had a lot of fun doing these projects and learning many new things. I hope I can experience this again next year. I also hope other girls get to experience this also.

Sincerely, Lailani Cota from Franklin Classical Middle School

-Thank You For Inviting Me!!

-this was an amazing experiences!! -Andrea F. ♥

INTERNATIONAL CUISINE

TASTE THE FOOD OF LEBANON AT THE BABA GHANOUJ RESTAURANT

4276 ATLANTIC AVENUE, LONG BEACH CA 90807

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020 6:30PM

Deadline: Feb. 13, 2020

Imagine visions of beef, chicken and lamb kabobs dancing in front of you and tasting the succulent hummus or yogurt dips. Come join others who enjoy eating exotic foods of the world at this delightful Lebanese Restaurant.

RSVP: Joan Gustafson at 562-439-3130 or Jwg221@aol.com

Carpooling recommended due to limited street parking

AAUW Work Smart

by Mary Lamo, Frances Rozner & Sharon Westafer



Happy New Year! The December 14, 2019 workshop, sponsored by Holly Richards (AAUW LB member) and Toyota (TABC, Inc.) had 13 attendees (50% of those who had registered), bringing the AAUW Long Beach total of women (and men) served to 434, through the 31 AAUW Work Smart workshops we've provided since September 2016.

Many of you have been involved since summer 2016, when the branch first received word that it had been chosen to be the site of a branch pilot program in California. There was a robust planning committee and over 20 women took the Facilitator training. As the program became more organized, it fell to a smaller committee to ensure that the workshops are being held on a regular basis, but many of you remain on board as marketers and sponsors – thank you. Our smaller 2019 committee included: Facilitators Charlotte Joseph, Frances Rozner and Monica Waldau; Assistants Barbara Hill, Stelet



Kim, Charlotte Joseph, Tammy Kane, Mary Lamo, Anne Supple, Sharon Westafer and Judy Willis; Communicators George Jackson and Gail Morrison; and Workshop Materials Administrator Anne Supple. To the 2019 committee, a huge shout out of appreciation for all your time and effort!

We had our contract discussion in mid-December with the new AAUW Program Director, during which we were informed about changes to the workshop pricing model effective January 2020. We are investigating our options moving forward and we will have more information to share with you next month. Meanwhile, please do keep promoting the online version of AAUW Work Smart at salary.aauw.org. Thank you!

AAUW Branch Endowment Recipient

by Sharon Westafer

International Fellowships are awarded for full-time graduate or postgraduate study or research to women who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Supplemental grants support Community-based projects in the fellow's home country. The Long Beach branch established the Anna Stofflet Townsend International Endowment in 1953 and the endowment was completed in 1968. Anna was California State Division President from 1950 to 1952 and Association VP, South Pacific Region from 1955 to 1963. The recipient of the Anna Stofflet Townsend International Endowment for 2019-2020 is:



Name: Yareni Lara Rodriguez

Award: International Fellowship

Citizenship: MEXICO

Discipline: Engineering-mechanical **Degree and Specialization:** Ph.D., Bioengineering

Yareni Lara Rodriguez's work focuses on the development of a model of collagen synthesis under mechanical stimulus to accelerate skin repair. As a member of the Society of Women Engineers, she mentors young women from disadvantaged communities in Puerto Rico and Mexico, helping them to pursue and attain advanced degrees in bioengineering and health-related fields. After her Ph.D. studies, Lara Rodriguez plans to work as a professor in bioengineering in Mexico.

Sponsors: 1193 - Anna Stofflet Townsend

1173 - Gloria Peters

Membership Matters

by Dee Dee Catalano, Membership VP

Membership is open to all women (and men!) with an associate's degree or higher from a regionally accredited college or university; or from a professionally recognized institution (such as those that grant Registered Nurse degrees). Student affiliates are eligible if they are enrolled in a two-year or four-year program at a regionally accredited institution.



The AAUW Long Beach Branch celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2011. During those past years, we have supported opportunities for activism and have helped develop programs that promote education and equity, not just for women and girls, but also for the city of Long Beach. With your membership, you can be a part of AAUW-Long Beach's dedication to advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

* Contact Dee Dee Catalano at catalanosmith@yahoo.com (562-310-5292) for more information.

Great Decisions Discussion Groups

The three Great Decisions discussions groups will start meeting in February. The 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 challenge facing America today. The program provides materials that help people reach informed decisions and participate in the foreign policy process.

Foreign Policy Association



Books are available NOW. Make your \$30.00 checks payable to: Rita Powell at the address in your AAUW Yearbook. Join one of the three groups. For specific meeting times and dates, contact Pat Ferrer or Lamis Hashim for Tuesday, Rita Powell or Flo Pickett for Wed evening, for Friday pm call Deloris Mayuga. Find their information in the Yearbook or call Flo Pickett. For more topic information, please visit the website, www.fpa.org or email editorial@fpa.org.

LB Branch Funds

Help build our Scholarships with a **Monthly Opportunity Drawing** at each Branch meeting. Bring shiny, sparkly, fun Treasures....Names I—L
Be thinking about non-wrapped treasures to bring for the Draw in **February!**

Buy Tickets! Support our Special Projects!

1 Ticket = \$1.00

6 Tickets = \$ 5.00

15 Tickets = \$ 10.00



Board and Branch Business

by Linda Westman

Board Meeting December 2019

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.

**Please save the date,
Saturday, March 14, and join us for Pi Day!**

We will be enjoying a slice of pie at the home
of Shelley Arnold.

4211 Marber Ave, Lakewood

Bring a friend! Come anytime from 2 to 4.

Sign ups to donate a pie will be at the next Branch meeting.



DID YOU KNOW?

Jennifer Brodmann, Ph.D. is an assistant professor with the College of Business Administration & Public Policy at CSU Dominguez Hills. A graduate of the University of New Orleans where she studied fine arts until she discovered entrepreneurial finance. She then successfully pursued her doctorate in this academic area of study. Her study of entrepreneurial finance is dear to her heart because of the obvious implicit bias against women and minorities who seek entrepreneurial funding to start their own business. She conducts research to expose the inequality common in accessing capital in starting a business.



In fact, funding teams tend to have the male partner make the pitch to investors because men are more likely to be successful. Jennifer points out that there are signs bias may be shifting as investors are realizing that they may be overlooking segments of the population, i.e, women and minorities. Her passion is not only to expose inequitable practices but to advocate for game changing policies to benefit the underserved, and to mentor women and minorities in their fight. Jennifer is impressively motivated to help overcome longstanding obstacles and make the financial world more equitable for women and minority entrepreneurs! Make sure you meet this trail-blazer and thank her for her vision!

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 February is *Caroline: Little House Revisited* by Sarah Miller.



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 18 and May 20. 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



Great Decisions 2020 is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The name is shared by a national civic-education program, briefing book, teacher's guide and PBS television series produced by the Foreign Policy Association. If you haven't participated yet—try it out this year! (See article page 5)

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 Jan. 23

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

AAUW BRANCH MEETING

Saturday, February 1, 2020

9:30 a.m. Check-in and Mingle

10:00 a.m. Business Meeting

11:00 a.m. Program

12:00 Lunch

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

Meal: Buffet Lunch: Chicken or Veg Wellington, salad,
dessert. Drinks included.

Price: \$29.00 per person - RSVP ASAP

Questions about the location?

Contact Charlotte Joseph

Email: importantjoseph@aol.com



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