

AAUW Mission :

To advance gender equity for women and girls through re-search, 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.

Prevent Human Trafficking

Ginny Baxter, Program Vice President

A problem currently in the news is Human Trafficking. Prostitution has been with us for millennia. The difference today is that Human Trafficking has become the second most profitable industry after drug trafficking. One in three teens are recruited within forty-eight hours after they have run away from home or foster care. **Gems Uncovered** is a local Long Beach non-profit which reaches out to these victims nightly in Long Beach along Pacific Coast Highway as well as other venues. They run a drop-in Center to help both

males and females assimilate into society. They offer short- and long-term housing, trauma care, career alternatives in addition to other re-

sources. Awareness workshops are held to educate the public. **Mary White**, Executive Director of the program, will inform us on what to look for if you suspect unusual behavior in a public place.

In the book, *My Name is Freedom*, **Melodie Fox** told of a Chinese woman whose parents sold her into slavery, another type of Human Trafficking. This enslaved woman lived in Taiwan but was eventually brought to an Orange County home as a servant. She had no education, no opportunity to better her situation. A neighbor believed she was held against her will and offered help.

Melodie, author and editor for Square Tree Publishing, lives in southern California where she divides her time between writing and working as an educator/project coordinator for a local college and non-profit educational foundation. Creator of Enthusiastic Books, she loves combining her creative talents with teaching tools, equipping educators and inspiring people.

In both situations the women live in fear. They are abused and trapped. Our speakers will share their experiences with AAUW on Saturday, March 7 at the Golden Sails Inn. Come and learn how we can help.



May your blessings
outnumber
The shamrocks that
grow,
And may trouble avoid
you
Wherever you go.

Irish Blessing

March is Women’s History Month – the Beginning of a New Kind of Feminism

“Many women have more power than they recognize, and they’re very hesitant to use it, for fear they won’t be loved.” Patricia Schroeder (House of Representatives 1973 – 1997)

This Women’s History Month will probably be different from previous celebrations in the past. Certainly, women in politics will continue to bring their feminist perspective to the legislative, mayoral, gubernatorial and senatorial places of power. However, it’s the grassroots activism which we should truly celebrate. Especially “the long dormant population: suburban white women”. (*Good and Mad – the Revolutionary Power of Women’s Anger*, Rebecca Traister) The #metoo movement, mass shootings, economic insecurity, loss of reproductive healthcare, the difficulty in renewing the Violence Against Women Act, etc. have awakened this group. Women of color have continually fought for equality and know that there are daily struggles for acceptance in careers, leadership, education and access to healthcare, to name a few. Having economic security, as white middle class women, the threat of inequality hasn’t been as significant.

However, in the last few years, white middle class women have come to learn just how truly precious equality is. Because of their awakened perception of loss of equality for themselves and others, they are becoming politically active, some for the first time, and the result is that they change how they see themselves and grow in appreciation for other’s struggles. Starting small in collaboration with others, and/or diverse organizations, may be the first experience they’ve had outside of their insulated religious practice, jobs, and families.

Calendar Dates to Note

Friday Feb. 28	STEM Conference @ LBCC
Saturday March 7	Branch Meeting
Sunday March 8	LACIC Tea
Saturday March 14	Pi Day Fundraiser
Monday March 16	Full Board Meeting
Tuesday March 31	AAUW Work Smart Workshop
Tuesday April 7	Branch Meeting –Eve
Friday April 17	AAUW –CA Convention

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Feeling personally threatened can cause individuals to “stay put and stay safe”, or they may choose to become activists. Becoming an activist empowers those who participate in change. By joining organizations, such as AAUW, women empower each other in so many ways. And, organizations have more power due to their increased members of influence. Considering how angered many Americans are by our current political climate, I don’t doubt for a minute that women will have a huge impact on the upcoming elections for local, state and national leadership and ballot initiatives.

What impact will you make during Women’s History Month?



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

STEM Career Conference 2020

by Mary Lamo, Frances Rozner & Raquel Sanchez



You can still help! Offer to **volunteer** in one of the many positions by signing up with Darlene Daclan, STEM Volunteer Chair (darlene_daclan@yahoo.com). Your volunteer efforts are critical to the success of this event. See you on **February 28**. Thank you!

NCJW Workshop "Pastry & Politics" January 29, 2020

Several Long Beach Branch members attended an informative workshop sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women to inform voters about voting for judges. "All Rise! Here Come the Judges," featured three local judges:

Hon. Maria Puente-Flores, Hon. D. Zeke Zeidler and Hon. Patrick Madden.

Judge Puente-Flores provided an overview of the judicial system in Los Angeles. There are over 500 bench officers who are either appointed or elected. Judicial terms are 6 years. Only when a judge is being challenged will you see a contest on the ballot. Open seats also happen when a "bench officer" decides to retire. When seeking a judicial appointment there is quite a long wait after you submit your resume. She named the State Bar Association and the L.A. County Bar Association as acceptable sources to find out about judges and their qualifications or lack thereof. Governor Newsom seeks candidates who are humble, aware of their community, who have character and intellectual integrity, i.e, judicial temperament.

Judge Zeidler, who is a Redondo Beach bench officer, reviewed the ways to research judicial nominees. These sources include a) Slate cards which aren't very reliable if they don't say L.A. County Democratic or Republican party, because a candidate can pay to be on a slate card. It doesn't mean the candidate is qualified. b) Check the candidate's website. c) Go to the L.A. County Bar Association for local candidates. Judge Zeidler also reviewed various endorsements: 1) Follow organizations you are aligned with to get good information about candidates. 2) Check one of the 2 legal newspapers. Only one endorses candidates. (Metnews.com) The website's founder only endorses candidates he determines are honest. 3) The L.A. County Bar Association sends out surveys to candidates, reviews qualifications and rates the candidates as qualified or not qualified. 4) Lawn signs! 5) Look at the organization endorsing the judge you are evaluating as well as their interests, community involvement.

Judge Madden asked "Why do we need judges?" Enforcement of the law happens in the courtroom. 1) We should expect fairness and impartiality from our judges, along with the administration of justice. 2) A judge's demonstration of integrity is a fundamental value to look for in a judge. 3) Judges should be fair. 4) Judges need to be independent.

AAUW Work Smart

by Mary Lamo, Frances Rozner & Sharon Westafer



With a 12% gender pay gap in California – ranking us as #1 in the nation in pay equity - and with some of the strongest pay equity laws in the country, we California women are still not at wage parity with our male counterparts.

The reality is that there exists a pay range for every job position and it is up to the individual to convince the employer that she deserves compensation comparable to her skill set and experience within that pay range. It's the individual strategy that will close the gender pay gap and that's what the AAUW Work Smart workshop effectively provides: the strategy to negotiate well and to clarify one's value to the employer.

It is our intent to hold a live AAUW Work Smart workshop on Equal Pay Day, March 31, 2020. However, as of the Vantage deadline date, while we already have LA County Supervisor Hahn and Ginny's Getaways as sponsors, we are still in limbo with regard to the contract with AAUW. Once all is settled, an email message will be sent to our members with the details. Meanwhile, please do keep promoting the online version of AAUW Work Smart at salary.aauw.org. Members who have taken it and those whom they have referred to take it, do appreciate it! Attending the live workshop will further strengthen abilities. Thank you!



AAUW Branch Endowment Recipient

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. This month's featured American Fellow is receiving interest money from the Louise R. Arbogast endowment which was completed 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 Anniversary 1045 - Fresno (CA) Branch

1652 - Louise R. Arbogast

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.

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

INTERNATIONAL CUISINE HAS CHANGED LOCATIONS!

TASTE THE FOOD OF THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA AT THE NEW

PANINI KABOB GRILL

LOCATED AT 4101 MCGOWEN ST. STE. 101.

Imagine enjoying kabobs of beef, chicken, and lamb and tasting succulent hummus or yogurt dips or delicious Greek salad. Come join others who enjoy eating exotic foods of the world at this delightful new restaurant.

LOCATED IN THE NEW DEVELOPMENT CALLED LONG BEACH EXCHANGE SOUTH OF CARSON AND WEST OF LAKEWOOD BLVD. THERE IS A SIGNAL LIGHT AT MCGOWEN. THE PANINI KABOB GRILL IS AT THE END OF THE SECOND BLOCK ON THE RIGHT. THERE IS FREE PARKING ON THE STREET OR ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE BUILDING.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020 6:30 P.M.

Deadline for RSVP – February 13, 2020 RSVP: Joan Gustafson at 562-439-3130 or jwg221@aol.com.



Please mark your calendars for March 14...Pi Day!

Support this AAUW FUND Fundraiser

Bring family, friends, and husbands (they LOVE pie)

*Pie is great... Pie is grand
Put a big piece... in each hand!!*



We will meet at Shelley Arnold's home from 2:00—4:00 Bring a pie or just come and visit.

Enjoy a slice of pie (\$5) or take home a whole pie (\$20)

Please contact Dianne Bradfield (dibradfield@juno.com) to RSVP or to donate.

LB Branch Funds

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

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

Full Board Meeting January 27, 2020

Motion by Linda Patten: “By direction of the AAUW-LB Finance Committee, I move that the \$93,000 Building Fund be invested in a Bank of America 13-month CD and the authorized signers be Linda Patten, Investment VP, Denise Montoya, President, and Deloris Mayuga, Treasurer.

No seconded needed. Motion passed.

Motion by Frances Rozner: “By direction of the STEM Career Conference Research Committee/Task Force I move that: AAUW Long Beach append the 11/19/2018 contract with MissionQuest, Inc. by paying an additional \$437 for services to be rendered in April 2020, with AAUW Long Beach being invoiced for payment in May 2020.”

No seconded needed. Motion passed.

Motion by Frances Rozner: “By direction of the STEM Career Conference Research Committee/Task Force I move that: Up to \$800 from the AAUW LB STEM Conference Fund at Bank of America be used to pay for 1) the \$437 owed for April 2020 services from MissionQuest, Inc. and 2) for any other possible expenses (such as survey completion incentives) incurred to accomplish the tasks necessary to fulfill the AAUW LB STEM Career Conference research project.

No second needed. Motion passed.

DID YOU KNOW?



When you first meet **Barbara Hall**, a new Branch member since 2019, she flashes her radiant smile! Warmth and ease are conveyed by Barbara almost immediately. She is a native of Arcadia, CA who received her B.A. from UC Berkeley. She majored in Business Administration, and earned her MBA from CSULB. She put all this education to work as a program cost analyst for Boeing and Northrop Grumman in the South Bay area. She retired 5 years ago.

Barbara has two grown children who live in the area: a 28-year-old step-daughter who is an arborist and her 31-year-old step-son who is a digital special effects editor and is married. Her first granddaughter arrived a year ago. She also adopted a high-energy terrier mix puppy 2-1/2 years ago to add to an already active life. As a retiree she and her husband, Bill Rosselot, enjoy traveling to far-away places, exploring new routes close to home, hiking trails near cities and in state and national parks. They enjoy British mysteries, documentaries and Musical Theatre West.

She recently learned pickle-ball, playing once a week and over the years she and Bill enjoyed many rock concerts. Ten years ago she decided to volunteer at her church and 2 years ago began teaching 3rd and 4th grade Sunday school, enjoying a totally new experience teaching youth. She also expanded her musical talents in the church choir and learned to use a keyboard.

Barbara points out that she's in her element when she can be creative and solve problems creatively. She has been designing and making centerpieces for many church events, making them from recycled materials as much as possible. She also dabbles in sewing and DIY fashion, making jewelry and making pillows for her niece's baby's room. Barbara has fun making Halloween costumes, too! Obviously Barbara is one who likes to cram a lot into her life for the sheer enjoyment of it, so 3 years ago she learned to play American Mahjong. Can you believe this? Barbara also finds time to read, one of her loves, and recently joined a reading group for the first time!

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 March is *The Secrets We Kept* by Lara Prescott



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

AAUW CA Convention

April 17-19, 2020

Remembering the Past, Rockin' the Future.

Register now at

<https://www.aauw-ca.org/2020-convention/>



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 Feb. 29

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

AAUW BRANCH MEETING

Saturday, March 7, 2020

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| 9:30 a.m. | Check-in and Mingle |
| 10:00 a.m. | Business Meeting |
| | Past-President's Recognition |
| 11:00 a.m. | Program |
| 11:55 a.m. | Opportunity Draw |
| 12:00 | Lunch |

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

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

Price: \$29.00 per person

Questions about the location?

Contact Charlotte Joseph

Email: importantjoseph@aol.com



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