

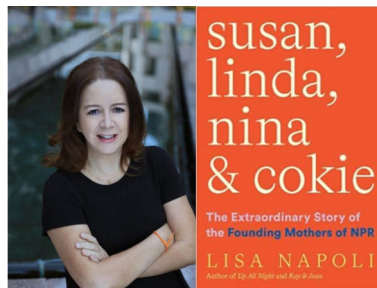


# Vantage

## Celebrate Women's History Month

Dee Dee Catalano, Program Vice President

We have a lot to celebrate and it is good to hear stories about successful women and their histories! The March program will feature author Lisa Napoli whose book *Susan, Linda, Nina and Cokie, the Extraordinary Story of the Founding Mothers of NPR* is an intriguing story of their friendship and careers in public radio. It is also the story of how the history of women in journalism began to change in the 1970's as they upended the status quo and became the face of public radio and the "Founding Mothers of NPR."



Lisa Napoli was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York and moved to Los Angeles in 2004 to work on the public radio show Marketplace. She has written 3 other books, including her own radio story of helping to start a radio station in the newly democratic Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan, Radio Shangri-La. She has worked as a journalist and documentary maker. For 5 years she led a monthly, award-winning volunteer cooking group at the Downtown Women's Center on Skid Row.



If you would like to order her book, *Susan, Linda Nina and Cokie*,

Lisa suggests the LiveTalks bookstore, a Black/immigrant owned business that stocks signed copies of her books: <https://livetalksla.square.site/product/foundingmothers/425>.

Be sure to RSVP for the meeting using the information on the back page.

### 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 Co-Presidents

by Ginny Baxter and Charlotte Joseph

We are so fortunate to have many talented and wise members. On February 17, we co-sponsored with **NCJW** a hybrid workshop with four speakers who discussed how we can address the needs of working mothers. This was organized by AAUW, LB Public Policy Director, Rita Powell and her committee (listed below). Over 80 people attended either in person or on zoom.

Two primary issues became apparent: Childcare and the Need for a Long Beach Commission on the Status of Women:

## **CHILDCARE ISSUES**

The pandemic has made visible the need for childcare and also shown that there has not been much public or private funding to make childcare programs available to all who need them.

For those of you who do not remember, California funds public childcare programs with tobacco taxes. The agency that was formed to plan and distribute the funds in our area is **First5 L.A.** and **First 5 Orange County**. Speaker, Tiffany Alva from First 5 Orange County provided us with specifics from a recent study: The 27th Annual Report on the Conditions of Children in Orange County.

And the Child Care Landscape website. Orange County Child Care Landscape Analysis - First 5 Orange County (first5oc.org) (Continued on page 5)

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I wanted to let all of you know that Barbara Gleason passed away peacefully. She had just started receiving hospice care. Barbara lived a long, full life of 88 years and was a 50 year honorary member of AAUW, LB as well as serving as President in 1970-71. Her memorial will be on **Saturday, March 26** at 10 am at Luyben Mortuary on Arbor Road.

Memories of Barbara from AAUW members: "She was in the Residential Rental Discussion Group from the beginning 2009 until her health did not allow it. She also was a founding member of the Antiques and Collectables Interest Group which met for at least 10 years. She was the Wassail Tea Recipe provider for many years of December programs."

"Barbara would bring you your Branch Yearbook every Fall to save the Branch postage. I did the yearbook and database for 10+ years and I got her in the habit, and I think it continued." Ellen Mathis. "She attended all the branch meetings and was a loyal member for many years."

## **Calendar Dates to Note**

February 25	STEM conference
March 5	Branch Meeting + Social
March 13	LACIC Meeting
April 2	Scholarship Fundraiser
April 7	Branch Meeting Zoom

## **Contact Us**

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AAUW Meeting June 9, 2007 Barbara Gleason receiving the Connie Inskeep AAUW Leadership Award

# Scholarship Fundraiser




## A Felonious Fundraiser

Support AAUW Long Beach Branch Scholarships and  
Meet Award Winning Mystery Author Naomi Hirahara

All proceeds pay for scholarships for Long Beach City College and California State University Long Beach. Invest in the future of promising young women.

**Date:** Saturday, April 2, 2022.  
**Time:** Silent Auction items available for early preview and bidding April 1 from 6-9 p.m.  
Auction starts at 9:00 a.m. Presentation by Naomi Hirahara begins at 11:00 a.m.  
**Place:** Virtual meeting via Zoom.  
**Cost:** \$40 per person to hear Naomi Hirahara. All funds support scholarships.  
**RSVP:** You must include an email address with your RSVP information to receive an email with the silent auction and Zoom link details.

### Featuring Naomi Hirahara



Naomi Hirahara is an Edgar Award-winning author of multiple traditional mystery series and noir short stories. Her Mas Arai mysteries, which have been published in Japanese, Korean and French, feature a Los Angeles gardener and Hiroshima survivor who solves crimes.

The seventh and final Mas Arai mystery is *Hiroshima Boy*, which was nominated for an Edgar Award for best paperback original. Her first historical mystery is *Clark and Division*, which follows a Japanese American family's move to Chicago in 1944 after being released from a California wartime detention center. Her second Lailani Santiago Hawai'i mystery, *An Eternal Lei*, is scheduled to be released in 2022.

Naomi requests that you patronize Bel Canto Bookstore at The Hangout, 2122 E 4th St, Long Beach, CA 90814.

[www.naomihirahara.com](http://www.naomihirahara.com)  
[www.belcantobooks.net](http://www.belcantobooks.net)

## SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

Items are needed for the Silent Auction and drawing for the Author's Day Event on **April 2**. Thank you to those who have already donated. The following suggestions might help make the fundraiser more successful:

MOTHER'S DAY BASKET ~ WINES TO ACCOMPANY BASKETS ~ GENTLY USED BOOKS ~ GIFT CARDS  
FATHER'S DAY BASKET ~ BBQ BASKET ~  
STAND ALONE ITEMS ~ CERAMIC ITEMS

Contact Linda Silver, coordinator of the basket making process, about getting items to her or if your contributions need to be picked up. A Basket making party is on March 28. Your help is much appreciated.

The Author's Day Committee

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Sunny Zia and Denise Montoya have agreed to be nominated as Co-Presidents for the 2021-2022 year.

Voting will take place at the March 5th meeting.

Thank you,  
Linda Silver  
Nominating Committee Chair  
2021-2022

# All Things STEM

by Deloris Mayuga and Pat Ferrer, Co-Chairs STEM Conference

**Assignments:** Note your onsite volunteer and facilitator assignments for the Conference.

**Logistics:** Remember the Conference will take place on Friday, **February 25, 2022** at Eunice Sato Academy for Math & Science from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Eunice Sato Academy is located at 1100 Iroquois Ave., Long Beach, CA 90815. The parking lot is located on the left at the end of Iroquois Ave.

**Arrival Time :** Please plan to arrive at Sato by 3:00p.m. Please check in for your name badge and materials for your role (if applicable). All of our volunteer roles require us to prepare before the girls arrive at approximately 4:00pm. **NOTE:** The Sato school day ends at 2:40pm. There may be traffic on Iroquois Ave during that time.



## AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund

by Tobi Balma

### AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) Has Adopted Two New Cases

LAF challenges sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace. LAF AAUW has provided millions of dollars to support hundreds of cases.

#### Gender Discrimination & Harassment.

Joseph v. Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia et al.

**MaChelle Joseph** is the former Head Coach of the Georgia Institute of Technology's women's basketball team, which she successfully led for 16 years. The university's athletic department, however, afforded Coach Joseph and her team significantly fewer benefits and resources than it provided to the men's basketball team. Soon after Coach Joseph filed a complaint about this discriminatory treatment, the university suspended and ultimately terminated her employment.

#### Tenure Discrimination.

Miller v. Sam Houston State University/Texas State University System

**Dr. Audrey K. Miller**, an expert in gender violence, trauma, and forensic psychology, was a tenure-track Assistant Professor of psychology at Sam Houston State University. Despite her excellent performance reviews and nominations for university awards, Dr. Miller was denied promotion and tenure after she expressed concern to administrators about discriminatory treatment that she and other women in her department had experienced

## AAUW Fund

by Linda Westman

Congratulations to our AAUW Long Beach Branch members for contributing **\$14,369** to the AAUW Fund in 2021.

- 78% of the donations went to the Greatest Needs Funds which allows AAUW the flexibility to rapidly respond to new and emerging challenges faced by women and girls.
  - 11% went to the Education & Training Fund which enables AAUW to address barriers that hinder the advancement and achievement of women by championing equal access to education and ensuring education is free from sex discrimination at all levels.
  - And, 5% went to the Mooneen Lecce Giving Circle Fund which is used to inspire volunteerism and charitable giving dedicated to improving the lives of women and girls.
- Other donations were divided among the various other funds. With all of the challenges of the pandemic in 2021, it is great to see how well we are supporting the important work of AAUW to carry out its mission - to advance equity and opportunities for women and girls. Thank you to every one who contributed these worthy funds.



## Presidents Cont'd

by Ginny with Rita Powell, Director of Public Policy

The biggest issue is that only 5% of children in Orange County have access to childcare. This is especially an issue when 60% of working families need child care in order to keep good jobs. Since fewer people are smoking, there has been a reduction in public funds available. But even worse, very little focus has gone to funding programs serving the night worker. Covid brought to our attention all the “Essential Workers” who work at night.

**One of Rita's advocacies was to provide for A LONG BEACH COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS.** Councilwomen Suzie Price provided us with a timeline for the establishment of a Long Beach Commission on the Status of Women and Girls with the following by June 2022:

- Partner with community to conduct outreach and engagement
- Plan and prepare for community outreach activities and survey
- Inform community members about the opportunity to become a Commissioner

The power point presentations from Suzie Price on Long Beach, Herlinda Chico on LBCC resources, Tiffany Alva on First 5 OC will be available on our Website along with a recording of the event.

### **Special thanks to a great committee**

Rita Powell, American Association of University Women (AAUW) Director, Public Policy

Charlotte Joseph, AAUW Co-President

Lisa Raufman, National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) Greater Long Beach & West Orange County Program Co-V.P., Chair, Economic Justice Committee

Chana Ham-Rosebrock, NCJW Advocacy-Economic Justice Committee

Pat Roberts, NCJW Advocacy-Economic Justice Committee

*Special thanks to Long Beach City College for assistance with this hybrid event that was jointly sponsored by NCJW and AAUW With appreciation, Ginny Baxter.*

### **What are You Doing this Year to Mark Equal Pay Day?**

Ginny Hatfield and Shelley Mitchell, AAUW CA Public Policy Committee

AAUW believes that pay equity and equal employment opportunity are matters of simple fairness. We know that on the average, women earn about 80 cents for every dollar men earn.

Started by the National Committee on Pay Equity (NCPE) in 1996, the goal of Equal Pay Day was to raise awareness about the gender wage gap. Each year this date symbolizes how far into the year women must work to earn what men earned in the previous year. The date normally moves earlier each year as the wage gap closes, as women's average wages rise faster than men's. Equal Pay Day was traditionally a Tuesday in April, but happily, in 2021, the date was March 24, meaning that things had improved. And this year the news is even better – all women in the aggregate will reach parity with all white men on **March 15, 2022**. Better, but we're still not there. Whatever you decide to do, start planning now. We can't wait for equal pay! Find out more on AAUW National's website on Pay Equity at <https://www.aauw.org/resources/article/pay-gap-faqs/>.



## Nominating

by Frances Rozner, Chair Nominating Committee

Your current Nominating Committee members – **Dee Dee Catalano, Carolyn Eggleston, Amy La, Mary Lamo, Becky Low and Frances Rozner** – are working diligently to fill the slate by March 4. We are happy to report that most positions have been filled by forward-thinking members. However, as of February 24, the positions of **President-Elect and Program VP for 2022-2023** are open. Branch meetings and ongoing projects rely on these positions being filled. Brief descriptions of the responsibilities can be found in the Yearbook; Policies and Procedures pp 19-21. Perhaps you have a friend in the branch with whom you would “co-lead”.

Please contact one of us if you are interested in either role. Whether saying “yes” to a position for the coming year when asked, or self-submitting, it will lead to personal growth for you and will ensure that the AAUW LB mission doesn't skip a beat. Looking forward to your response.

# Membership Counts

by Carol Clanton, Membership VP

## New Member Highlights

I'm happy to highlight two new members who joined the branch in the last several months. Please welcome **Harriet McDonald** and **Diana Chernofsky**!



[How did you get connected with AAUW Long Beach?](#)

**Harriet:** I've followed AAUW for years and as luck would have it, when I decided to join, I contacted Carol Clanton and she graciously invited me to the December get together and I joined the same day.

**Diana:** I'm in the area on a long-term stay from the Pacific Northwest and am interested in making friends here. I've been an AAUW member since the 1980s, although not continuously.

[What is your current position or former position if retired?](#)

**Harriet:** My background is in liability claims both auto and general liability like slip and falls. My favorite working years were in the field where I had many interesting experiences.

**Diana:** During the past 21 years, I've been in the financial and insurance industry and am the owner of a boutique Registered Investment Advisor firm. I also enjoy helping people navigate the maze of Medicare insurance.

[What is something unique that you would like the branch to know about you?](#)

**Harriet:** I enjoy learning new things and am a gatherer of new information. I follow current events, politics, women's issues as well as arts and culture. I started reading the newspaper as a teenager and still read the print version of the LA TIMES every day.

**Diana:** I lived at the US Embassy in Moscow, Russia 1994-1996. It was a very dynamic time, just a few years after the breakup of the USSR. There was great hope about the country possibly adopting a democratic way of life.

[What is your favorite book or activity?](#)

**Harriet:** As an English major I still read many books. Lately, I have really enjoyed Elizabeth Strout's books about Olive Kitteridge. OLIVE KITTERIDGE won the Pulitzer Prize. The latest is OLIVE, AGAIN. Many characters recur through these books and I really like the Olive books.

**Diana:** So many favorites! Sailing, swimming, snorkeling, kayaking, hiking, strolling...Homegrown fruits and vegetables....A captivating book....Feeling grateful....Daily meditation....Gathering with friends and family!

[Any other comments?](#)

**Harriet:** Everyone has been so welcoming and I look forward to getting to know more of the chapter's members.

**Diana:** Since first joining AAUW I have been nourished by many lovely connections while living in many different places. I'm glad to be a part of your branch and am especially excited about being in the Great Decisions group. Thank you for the warm welcome!



## More Membership

by Carol Clanton

### [Update Your AAUW National Personal Profile](#)

AAUW National recently upgraded their database. **A Password Reset is Required.** Please visit the AAUW National website <https://www.aauw.org> to reset your password and update your **Personal Snapshot** information. When you **Log In** for the first time, you will be asked to enter your email address on file and then click the "Forgot your Password?" link on the login page. After creating your new password, your **Personal Snapshot** page will open.

You should complete and/or confirm auto filled data in your Personal Snapshot. Sections to complete and/or confirm include: My Profile, My Contact Information, My Preferences, and My Education. This must be done prior to renewal of your membership and only takes a few minutes. If you need any assistance, please contact Carol Clanton at [aauwlongbeach.membership@gmail.com](mailto:aauwlongbeach.membership@gmail.com).

# BRANCH INTEREST GROUPS

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Joining an interest group(s) is a great way to get to know other members on a more personal level. Make new friends while participating in fun, informative and educational activities. To start a new interest group, submit a description to the Co-Presidents. **Until further notice, however, AAUW CA does not sanction any in-person meetings or events in compliance with CA State mandates.** The Contact persons listed below can inform you if groups are meeting virtually or are on hold.



**Book Chat Plus** normally meets the first Tuesday from 10 am-noon at Lamis' home. Members present an interesting book they've recently read, a film they've recently seen or they share about a recent travel experience. Contact **Lamis Hashem** at 562-795-6605 / [theHashemFamily@gmail.com](mailto:theHashemFamily@gmail.com)



**Cultural Adventures Group** plans trips to museums and other points of interest several times a year. It is usually a mid-week tour with lunch scheduled. Join a group that checks out museums and other interesting locations—maybe by Zoom or in person! Contact: **JoAnn Kuroda** at 562-432-6973 / [sojoinlb@aol.com](mailto:sojoinlb@aol.com).



**Diversity and Inclusion** holds monthly meetings to suggest how our branch may be more welcoming and cognizant of different ethnicities and points of view. Contact: **Mary Ann Takemoto** at 562-896-6825 / [martakemoto@gmail.com](mailto:martakemoto@gmail.com)



**GovTrek** is in its inaugural year; leaders will reach out to high school girls interested in learning more about politics, leadership and volunteering. They will meet 3/12, 4/2, 5/14 and 6/11/22. Contact: **Arnedra Jordan** at 310-722-6594 / [ajordan6@my.keller.edu](mailto:ajordan6@my.keller.edu)



**Great Decisions Groups** meets to discuss, share opinions and ideas on critical issues global issues. One group meets Friday afternoons and the other meets Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm. Planning to participate? Contact your group leader or Rita Powell at 562 595 6042 to order your book or email [rriorita111@verizon.net](mailto:rriorita111@verizon.net)



**International Cuisine Group** meets and dines at different ethnic restaurants in the local area. It is usually a dinner within an easy drive, scheduled every few months. Carpooling is an option... when we get back to driving and dining. Come join a group who enjoys unique flavors of the world. Contact: **Fay Denny** at 714-894-0416 / [faydenny@yahoo.com](mailto: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. The book selection for February is *An Elegant Woman* by Martha McPhee. Contact **Sharon Westafer**, 562-493-4749 if interested—and keep reading even if we are alone.



**Public Policy** explores, discusses and supports the active legislative issues of AAUW at the local, state, national and global levels to empower women and girls. It initiates emails and uses the **2 minute activist** to promote legislation protesting civil rights, economic injustice issues and equal access to education. An authorized member of the LA County InterBranch Council, AAUW may collaborate with approved partner organizations to work toward common local and state goals. Contact **Rita Powell** at 562-595-6042 / [rriorita111@verizon.net](mailto:rriorita111@verizon.net)



**Residential Rentals Discussion Interest Group** started in 2009 meeting for topics relating to residential rentals – things of interest/importance/concern. The group has averaged 9-15 people per meeting. It continues in odd months at 10 am on the 3rd Wednesday. Most often we meet at the dining room table at one of our homes, but COVID 19 has seen us on ZOOM for the last year. Contact us for the future meeting status. RSVP to Co-Chairs **Ellen Mathis** [epmathis@verizon.net](mailto:epmathis@verizon.net) or Joan Gustafson [jwg221@aol.com](mailto:jwg221@aol.com)



**Under the Umbrella Book Group** - The "new" Book Club will meet the 3rd Saturday of the month at 2:00 PM - Zoom meetings pending. 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 / [bevkrivo@yahoo.com](mailto:bevkrivo@yahoo.com)

[aauw.lb.webmaster@gmail.com](mailto:aauw.lb.webmaster@gmail.com)

Or Email Web page comments to Tobi Balma



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Please **RSVP** by email  
or phone Reservations Chair  
**Sharon Westafer** to let us know if you  
will Zoom or attend in person. This will help  
us to manage the new HYBRID version of  
meetings.

You will receive the LBCC Zoom link and  
details about coming to campus from  
Darlene before the meeting.

## AAUW BRANCH MEETING

**Saturday, March 5, 2022**

**9:30 a.m. Check in and Digital Mingle**

**10:00 a.m. Business Meeting**

**11:00 a.m. Program**

**12:30 Social Lunch optional**

**Place: Long Beach City College OR  
Your home using Zoom**

Everyone will receive an email to  
clarify the meeting details, including the Zoom link  
and a map of the LBCC campus location.

Join us for a lunch time Social at Stonefire Grill

after the meeting.

Contact Carol Clanton for  
details.



### **Important COVID-19 Reminder**

In-person meetings may be held with respect for lo-  
cal guidelines at this time. AAUW's guidance is in  
adherence with California mandates and in the best  
interests of all our members.

### AAUW Long Beach Branch

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