



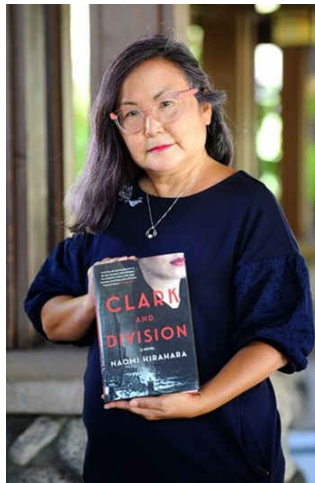
Vantage

Author Event Fundraiser!

Dee Dee Catalano, Program Vice President

The Author Event committee is working hard to make this year's scholarship fundraiser a success. Mystery writer **Naomi Hirahara** will introduce you to an era few people outside of California are familiar with, the Japanese internment during World War II.

If your schedule prevents you from attending the Zoom presentation, please consider sending a monetary contribution for the scholarships for LBCC and CSULB female students via checks, paypal or Zelle. On checks you may indicate to which College you want your donation directed. Please consider purchasing opportunity draw tickets for a variety of prizes such as Bowers Museum, Musical Theater West, jewelry, books, wine and more. Silent auction baskets feature trip for 2 to the Huntington Museum, the Gardens and lunch with Ginny and Charlotte, a Japanese tea and sake set, an Ireland themed basket as well as a Peter Rabbit basket.



items and plan your bidding!
Then starting at 9 am on Saturday April 2, return for the bidding and our speaker at 11 am. All must RSVP in order to receive the zoom link.

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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 Co-Presidents

by Ginny Baxter and Charlotte Joseph

Charlotte and I want to encourage you to attend the April 7 special meeting via Zoom starting at 6 pm. We will vote for the slate of officers for 2022-23. That will be the only item on the agenda so the meeting time shouldn't last long. Our new leaders will be looking for members to serve as appointed Officers, Administrative Chairs and Chairs and Coordinators. Think about offering your help as this is a great way to get to know our members better. We plan to stay involved after completing our service this year.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the annual Garden Party at Janice Furman's lovely home and garden on Saturday, May 7. We will celebrate the installation of officers on June 4 in person at LBCC. Thanks to all our hard working committee members. Summer is almost here!



SAVE THE DATES!

Saturday May 7 - In person Spring Garden Party at the home of Janice Furman

We've moved the start time to a midday event – 11 am to 1 pm

As we did for the Wassail, we will be catering this event and are asking \$15 for tickets. This is a membership recruiting event as well as a special opportunity for members to meet and socialize. Community members and guests who attend are not asked to pay. Please invite guests to share in the fun and learn about AAUW and the good work we do.

Sign up to help at the event.

Email Dee Dee Catalano at aauwlb.programs@gmail.com

Set up and serving help

10-12

Serving help and cleanup

12 - 2

Saturday, June 4 - Branch Meeting - In person at LBCC (Not Hybrid)

Installation of Officers 10 am to 12 pm

Calendar Dates to Note

April 2	Scholarship Fundraiser
April 7	Branch Meeting Zoom
April 17	Easter Sunday
April 18	Executive Meeting
May 7	Garden Party
June 4	Branch Meeting at LBCC

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Dear Ginny:

I wanted to introduce you to the owner of Bel Canto Books, Jhoanna Belfer. I think that it's wonderful that this relatively new bookstore is woman-owned, which is part of AAUW's mission.

Bel Canto Books at The Hangout (main bookstore)

Open Tuesday - Sunday 11AM to 7PM

2122 E 4th Street, Long Beach CA 90814

(on 4th between Junipero and Cherry)

Clark and Division was Bel Canto's September book club selection last year. I am willing to personalize books for your members, an option that can be added to this page.

<https://shopthehangout.com/products/bcb-clark-and-division>

Sincerely,
Naomi

Public Policy

by Rita Powell, Public Policy Chair

As seen at the meeting hosted by the National Council of Jewish Women & the American Association of University Women at LBCC on Feb. 17, 2022
Childcare and Financial Insecurity Facing Women Post Pandemic.
What Can We Do: Issues and Solutions

Speakers and Event Coordinators
Rita Powell, AAUW;
Tiffany Alva, First 5 O.C.;
Suzie Price, L.B. 3rd District Council woman; Herlinda Chico, LBCC Trustee/ Supervisor Field Rep.; Tunua Thrash-Ntuk, Executive Director LA LISC;
Lisa Raufman, NCJW Moderator

Photo: **Jack Cunningham**, Chief of Staff for Suzie Price



Pay Equity Day was March 15th and marked the date that women must work into 2022 to finally reach the pay men received last year.

We've long known that on average, women in the workforce take home less than men—an average of 83 percent—and that many women of color are paid far less. Historically, Equal Pay Day has been calculated using data on full-time, year-round workers based on U.S. Census figures. But the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted and exacerbated existing economic inequalities, therefore it is time to evolve how we talk about **Equal Pay Day**.



Women over the past two years, especially women of color, were pushed into part-time or seasonal work or out of the workforce all together. Because of this, past methods of calculating the wage gap fell short of accurately capturing the full picture. For 2022, the Equal Pay Day coalition has adopted a new, more inclusive methodology. This encompasses a broader cross-section of women, including those who work part time or seasonally, to represent a more accurate picture of how the gender pay gap impacts diverse communities. The bipartisan Paycheck Fairness Act—which passed the U.S. House of Representatives in 2021—needs your support to reach the finish line. The **Senate** must move this bill forward to ensure all women have the tools they need to challenge discrimination and all employers have the incentives they need to comply with the law. Contact your **Senators** NOW!

All Things STEM

by Darlene Daclan, STEM Conference Volunteers Chair

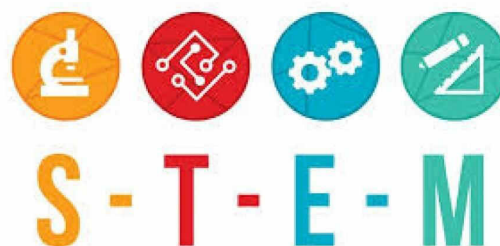
Volunteers, Facilitators, and Speakers,

Thank you again for making this year's STEM Conference a success! It was great to be back and to see everyone in person. The Conference saw 221 girls attend!

From all the work before Conference Day with packing goodie bags and snack bags to all of the activity on Friday... many, many thanks for your efforts. We could not put this event on without you!

To our speakers, you all were fantastic and put together workshops that left the girls, chaperones, and volunteers captivated and impressed. A HUGE THANK YOU!

Let's do this again next year!



Taryn Williams was a very inspiring Conference Keynote Speaker and we appreciate her spirit of learning and teaching.

AAUW Fund (National)

by Lynne Batchelor, AAUW Fund Comm. Chair

Thank you again for all the support you provided for AAUW Fund.

California raised \$494,020 to support women and girls—Congratulations! Don't forget that [contributions to AAUW Fund](#) are accepted all year.

Money contributed now will be counted towards next year's 5 star awards. You can click [HERE](#) for the certificate to download and present to contributors of \$100 or more.

In addition to sending thank-you cards to contributors, many branches design their own certificates to give to members who contribute in any amount.

4 We do want to thank all of our Fund contributors.

Connie Inskeep Leadership Award by Dianne Bradfield

We will be honoring the Connie Inskeep Award winner at our June branch meeting and we need your help to identify a worthy nominee.

Connie served as President, or Co-President of the Branch three times. She was an outstanding leader who demonstrated her love for AAUW by serving in leadership positions at the Branch, Interbranch Council and State levels. Her dedication and commitment to AAUW were inspirational to all who knew her. Any of the criteria for selection listed below either solely, or in combination is acceptable for nomination:

1. Demonstrates leadership in the Branch that is consistent with the mission of AAUW, i.e. advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research,
2. Demonstrates leadership at the Los Angeles Interbranch Council (LACIC)
3. Demonstrates leadership at the AAUW California or National level

The previous recipients of this award (in order received) are: JoAnn Kuroda, Joyce Clark, Jean Aldrich, Judith Kaho, Fay Denny, Deloris Mayuga, Daphne Ching-Jackson, Betty Ann Rauch, Joan Gustafson, Barbara Gleason, Ellen Mathis, Norma Grady, Elaine Babbush, Julie Mills, Sharon Westafer, Helen Sebring, Patricia Ferrer, Linda Patten, Linda Silver, Frances Rozner, Darlene Daclan, Dianne Bradfield, Cacilia Kim, Mary Lamo, and Flo Pickett.

Please submit your nomination **by April 16, 2022**— Use the 3 statements above to justify the nomination. Send to one of the following members of the Connie Inskeep Award Selection Committee:

Dianne Bradfield	dvbradfield1945@gmail.com
Gail Morrison	gail7go@gmail.com
Judith Kaho	gakjmk@aol.com



Thank you!

Branch Board Election by Frances Rozner, Chair Nominating Committee

2022-2023 Proposed Slate of Elected Officers from the Nominating Committee

The following is the proposed 2022-2023 slate of Elected Officers. This slate will be voted on at the Annual meeting to be held on April 7, 2022. We will be taking nominations from the floor prior to the vote. In advance of this meeting, you may contact a member of the Nominating Committee - Frances Rozner (Chair), Dee Dee Catalano, Carolyn Eggleston, Amy La, Mary Lamo or Becky Low - if you would like to nominate someone other than those listed here.

Co-Presidents:	Denise Montoya & Sunny Zia
Vice President (President-Elect):	<i>vacant</i>
Co-Program VPs:	Ginny Baxter & Mary Ann Takemoto
Co-Membership VPs:	Jeane Caveness & Cacilia Kim
Co-AAUW Fund VPs:	Tobi Balma & Linda Westman
Treasurer (2 year term):	Pat Ferrer
Investments VP:	Linda Patten
Secretary:	Harriet McDonald & Anne Supple

Membership Counts

by Carol Clanton, Membership VP

New Member Highlights

Highlighted this month are three new members! **Taryn Williams**, who joined in Sept. 2021, was this year's inspiring keynote speaker at our STEM conference. Please welcome

Dr. Sharifa Batts and **Sandra Moulton** who both joined in February.

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

Sandy: A girlfriend is a member of the Irvine chapter and has run their STEM program for the last few years. Another girlfriend's granddaughter participated in the STEM program out of the Torrance location. I've always thought this was a worthwhile group/program.

Sharifa: Ginny Baxter

Taryn: I first heard about AAUW when applying for the scholarship during my time at CSULB. Ginny Baxter suggested that I apply for membership.

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

Sandy: I'm presently retired. My career was in training in development and corporate Human Resources.

Sharifa: Environment, Health, & Safety Director

Taryn: I am a PhD student and Graduate Student Researcher in the Paul Merage College of Business at UC Irvine.

[What is something unique that you would like the branch to know about you?](#)**Sandy:** My claim to fame was attending Woodstock in Bethel, New York. I worked that summer as a waitress for college money at the Holiday Inn, Liberty, New York, where I served Joan Baez, The Who and Janice Joplin.

Sharifa: I have a Doctorate in Business Administration with a focus on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion.

Taryn: Like many of us, I'm incredibly passionate about uplifting my community. I spend the majority of my free time advocating, working alongside, and volunteering for the formerly incarcerated population.

[What is your activity or travel destination?](#)

Sandy: My favorite activity is traveling. I love the adventure of new places and have great plans to get back on the road again.

Sharifa: Activity- Kickboxing and Exercise

Taryn: My favorite destination is Israel. Aside from being a central part of my religion and culture, nothing beats the food and the beaches! There is so much history there- no matter how much I learn, I realize that I still know so little. Did you know Israel has more museums per capita than any other country in the world!

[Any other comments?](#)

Sharifa: I am excited to be a member of AAUW and look forward to making a difference with the group.



National Member Dues Update:

In October 2020, the AAUW National Board of Directors approved dues increases for Fiscal Years 2022-2024. The dues rose by \$3 effective July 1, 2021, will rise \$5 this upcoming year effective July 1, 2022, and will increase \$5 effective July 1, 2023, making the total dues amount for these years \$62, \$67 and \$72, respectively. The board felt this measure was essential for AAUW to continue its mission to achieve gender equity and preserve the viability of the organization. All but \$3 of your annual dues remains tax deductible. Current life members will not be affected by this change. New life memberships will reflect the higher dues' amounts. College and university membership fees will remain unchanged.

You will receive your renewal email in early April. Please remember to create a login password on AAUW National's website (<https://www.aauw.org>) in order to access your Personal Snapshot page.

You will be able to renew your regular membership in the amount of \$113 (National \$67 + State \$20 + Branch \$26) from your Snapshot Menu.

New Member Outreach Opportunity:

Saturday, May 7th is our upcoming Garden Party. All friends, spouses and women interested in learning about our Mission are welcome to attend. Please invite a guest to this delightful event!

BRANCH INTEREST GROUPS

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



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.



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



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



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 riorita111@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.



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 April is *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles. 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 / riorita111@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 or Joan Gustafson 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

aauw.lb.webmaster@gmail.com

Or Email Web page comments to Tobi Balma



Please **RSVP** by email
or phone Reservations Chair
Sharon Westafer to let us know if you
will Zoom.

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

AAUW BRANCH MEETING

Thursday, April 7, 2022

**6:00 p.m. Check in and Digital Mingle
Business Meeting for purpose
of electing the new Board for
2022-2023**

Place: Your Home using Zoom

Everyone will receive an email to
clarify the meeting details, including the Zoom link.

Important COVID-19 Reminder

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



AAUW Long Beach Branch

Send address changes for AAUW Vantage
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Long Beach, CA 90815

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PLACE
STAMP
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Note in your Yearbook!
The new AAUW CA address is
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