



Vantage

Make MAY a Fun Gathering

Sharifa Batts, Program Vice President

It is amazing how fast this year has passed and here we are again at the Garden Party time of year. AAUW has been empowering women since 1881. The mission of AAUW is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. AAUW has worked as a national grassroots organization to improve the lives of millions of women and their families. And now that we've won the fight to give women equal access to education, we're taking on one of the most defining issues of our time: gender equity.

As the local Long Beach branch of AAUW, our focus is in meeting the vision and mission of AAUW in the greater Long Beach area by providing programs, education, and resources. Come to find out more about our programs.

This May event has always been a good time to invite friends or acquaintances who might be interested in finding out more about AAUW. It also allows members to get to know each other better. Our members are ready and willing to explain and "show off" the AAUW mission and goals and are always welcoming to new friends.



Please plan to join us at our May 4 AAUW Garden Party held at Fay Alperin's home from 10:00—12:00. Friends are invited to attend and enjoy the abundant brunch ! Please reserve by April 25th
RSVP at: aauwlongbeach.reservations@gmail.com



Visit our Website for more info:
<https://longbeach-ca.aauw.net/>

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 Carolyn Eggleston and Amy La, Co-Presidents

As we wind down our first year as co-presidents, Carolyn and I are so grateful for our outgoing and incoming officers. It has been a year of learning and growth for us! We look forward to another year of continued growth and connections. We still have open positions, so please consider yourself and/or those around you who can add to our wonderful team. As always, we welcome your feedback on how we can better serve you and support our branch. We cannot do this without you, our valuable members!

We hope many of you will join us at our next event, "May The Fourth be with You" (aka Garden Party). We are so thankful for Faye Alperin's hospitality for having the gathering at her home.

Please don't forget to vote by May 15, 2024! If you have not already, please check your email by the subject of "AAUW Election 2024" to find your e-ballot. You will find your Elector ID and password in this email.

As we transition from "April showers bring May flowers," I want to highlight what May can represent.



While the month of May signifies many things, I personally want to highlight Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIA) Awareness Month and Mental Health Awareness Month. I am grateful for the ancestors and pioneers who have paved the way for us. Please check out this previous vantage article to see some of the featured, wonderful APIA women: [AAPIAM](#). As a plug for mental health, please remember to practice your own [self-care](#) and remind those around you.

Lastly, I want to wish all the maternal figures a Happy Mother's Day!

Remembering Mary Lamo

Celebration of Life/
Open House
Saturday, May 18, 2024
from 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Home of Kirk and Jodie Storey
471 Laurinda Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90803



Calendar Dates to Note

May 4	Garden Branch Meeting
May 12	Mother's Day
May 17	Holocaust Museum trip
May 18-19	Pride Weekend
May 27	Memorial Day
June 1	Branch Meeting/Installation

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Why do we pay dues and what do we get for our dues? We pay dues to support the mission and how we choose to participate in the mission through *National*, *California* and our *Branch*.

Plus, as members there are Membership Discounts & Perks.

You can learn more about AAUW National activities in "2023 Year in Review" celebrating 142 years of action. Visit AAUW websites for specialized topics News & Insights, Fellowships & Grants, Membership, Explore the Issues, Get Empowered, Take Action, and About AAUW.

Membership Spotlight

by Membership VP Karen Gustafson

In just a short time, new member **Linda Waltzman** has already volunteered at the STEM Career Conference and participated in an outing with Cultural Adventures. Linda graduated from CSULB (Bachelors and Masters degrees) and worked for the Long Beach Unified School District. Her field is communication disorders. In addition to STEM and Cultural Adventures, she is interested in our book groups and social events. Her other activities include Early Learning and Kindergarten Festivals, End Abuse Long Beach, Human Trafficking Task Force and AJCC Meals for Seniors. Welcome, Linda!

Another new member is **Celia Mejia**, who is the Associate Director of the Women's and Gender Equity Center at CSULB. She replaces Pamela Lewis. Celia spoke briefly at our March branch meeting about the mission of her department. Congratulations to Celia on her new appointment. Beth Lesen, another branch member, is still our primary liaison at CSULB. Dr. Jeane Caveness, who retired from CSULB, is working with Beth and Celia to strengthen the bonds between the school and our branch.



In March, several of us had a table at the Women's History Month event where we greeted students and highlighted the scholarships we fund locally. There was also information about the grants and fellowships from AAUW National. There was another tabling opportunity in April. Both CSULB and LBCC have official affiliations with AAUW National. Among other benefits, it allows students at those schools to purchase AAUW membership either for free (National only) or at a reduced rate for the combined National, State, and local dues.



On March 14th, there was a combined Cultural Adventures and International Cuisine outing. About a dozen of our members enjoyed docent-led tours at the Museum of Latin American Art. Several exhibits were included in the tour, and one of the docents is an AAUW member of the Cerritos branch. The building itself has an interesting history as a movie studio during the silent era and a roller-skating rink. The museum kept the original wooden floors of the rink. Following the museum, there was lunch at a small Japanese restaurant nearby. The museum tour was organized by Mary Ann Takemoto and the restaurant arrangements were made by Faye Alperin.

Please RSVP to our annual Garden Party on Saturday, May 4th from 10:00 to noon at the home of Faye Alperin. Branch members are asked to pay \$10 for the catered food, while guests are welcome at no charge. The \$10 per member can be paid by cash, check or Zelle. You can pay at the door, but only if you have made a reservation in advance.



This is a lovely social event for our branch, and a recruiting opportunity for new members. Please invite your friends to experience our branch. People who join at the event get a discount of \$36 on their first year's dues.

RSVP to Charlotte Joseph at aauwlongbeach.reservations@gmail.com.

PS: There is NO **International Cuisine** trip in June. We will resume the outings again in September. See page 7 for the May trip details.

Leadership Award

by Tobi Balma & Linda Westman, AAUW Fund Co-V.P.'s

We will be honoring the Connie Inskip Leadership Award recipient at our June branch meeting and we need your help to identify a worthy nominee. Please submit your nomination by the April 30, 2024 deadline. There are several ways you may use to send your nomination. Use this [Google Form](#) or email directly to Tobi. Members may also mail their nomination to Tobi Balma (whose address is in our directory).

Membership Renewal

by Membership Treasurer, Jeane Relleve Caveness

AAUW MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL PROCESS

Many of our branch members first joined AAUW prior to April 2022. If you are among this group, your membership dues for 2024-2025 are due on June 30th. The rest of the members will have dues payable on different dates throughout the year. (Disclaimer: If you were in another branch prior to joining LB, your exact due date may be different.) Be aware that national will send you three monthly reminders to renew your membership. This means you have a three-month grace period past your membership expiration before national removes your name from the membership data base. Furthermore, AAUW Long Beach Policies and Procedures stipulates that dues must be paid by August 15 in order for a member to be included in the yearbook for a given fiscal year.

As a friendly reminder, you will also receive a direct email from the Membership Treasurer 30 days prior to your membership expiration date. The email will include a downloadable, "Membership Renewal Instructions" document. Where practical, at least one follow up phone call will be made to you.

Members are *strongly encouraged* to pay their dues, using credit or debit cards, via AAUW's Community Hub https://my.aauw.org/NC_Login. If you cannot access the Community Hub and must pay by check, please send your check for \$118, made payable to "AAUW Long Beach", to: Dr Ginny Baxter P.O. Box 8313, Long Beach CA 90808.

If you have questions about the renewal process, please contact Membership Treasurer Jeane Relleve Caveness at: jmrcaveness@outlook.com or call her at the number provided in the branch yearbook.

At least two branch members will provide their laptops at the May Garden party to assist anyone who wishes to pay their dues online. Be an early bird if your membership expires this summer! We may also provide this service at the June branch meeting.

Dues Breakdown:

National	\$72
Long Beach Branch	\$26
CA State	\$20

Notes: The branch dues amount will vary if you are a member of more than one branch. Paid Life members pay zero national dues. Students from CSULB and LBCC pay zero national dues and only \$13 in branch dues, and \$10 for CA State.

Congratulations to the incoming Board! Please help with vacancies!

Co-Presidents: Carolyn Eggleston and Amy La

President-Elect/VP: vacant

Program VP: Sharifa Batts

Co-Membership VPs: vacant

AAUW Fund VP: Ginny Baxter

Co-Investment VPs: Deloris Mayuga

Co-Treasurers: Darlene Daclan and Tammy Kane

Co-Secretaries: Cacilia Kim and Linda Westman



Branch & Board Business

by Harriet McDonald and Cacia Kim

The following three motions were *passed by unanimous vote* at the April 6, 2024 Branch Meeting:

Bylaws Motion by Frances Rozner: "I move, by the direction of the Board, that the Branch approve the recommended updates to the Policies 3 Procedures # 13, Nominations Committee and #14, Exec. Committee/Board of Directors".

Bylaws Motion by Frances Rozner: "I move by direction of the Board, I move that the Branch approve the recommended updates to the Branch bylaws."

Motion by Mary Ann Takemoto: "I move, by direction of the Board, that an exception be made for 2024-25 to Bylaw Article X, Section 1e, to allow Ginny Baxter to hold the office of Co-VP while also being Financial secretary."

The following three motions were *passed by unanimous vote* at the April 15, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting:

Gov Trek Motion by Pat Ferrer:

"As Treasurer, I move that the \$2,500 for a Branch Gov Trek project be cancelled, its funds returned to the Reserve Fund, and one of the Co-President's advise the chair, Arnedra Jordan, that the current project has been cancelled. New approval for funding may be submitted at any Board meeting." Motion seconded by Tobi Balma.

QuickBooks Motion by Pat Ferrer:

"As Treasurer, I move that the Executive Committee recommend to the Branch at the June 2024 branch meeting that funding, if any, for QuickBooks for the new Treasurer, be funded through the Reserve Fund rather than through the Operating Budget funded through our membership dues." Motion seconded by Carolyn Eggleston

Scholarship Motion by Frances Rozner

"By direction of the AAUW Long Beach Frances Magarian Scholarship Committee, I move that we award \$2000 to one student at Long Beach City College for 2024-2025."

The following two motions were *passed by unanimous vote* at the March 18, 2024 Board Meeting:

Bylaws Motion by Frances Rozner on behalf of the Bylaws Committee:

"By direction of the Bylaws Committee, that the Board approve the prior provided recommended updates to the Branch bylaws which will then be approved by the membership at the Branch's April 6 Annual Business meeting."

Policies & Procedures Motion by Frances Rozner on behalf of the Bylaws Committee:

"By direction of the Bylaws Committee, that the Board approve the prior provided recommended updates to the Policies & Procedures #13, Nominations Committee and #14, Executive Committee/Board of Directors, which will then be approved by the membership at the Branch's April 6 Annual Business meeting."

(missed in earlier 2023-24 Vantage distribution)

October 16, 2023 Board Meeting

Motion by Pat Ferrer Regarding Adjustment to Endowment Fund P & P:

8. AAUW Long Beach Branch Endowment Fund(s) Administrative Procedures

f. At the summer Board of Directors Meeting, the Investment Vice President will recommend (after consultation with the Treasurer) whether the branch Endowment Fund earnings should be transferred to the Branch Reserve Fund. If the transfer is recommended and approved by the Board, the Investment Vice President will transfer AAUW Long Beach Branch Endowment Fund fiscal year earnings defined as interest, dividends, and realized capital gains to the Reserve Fund no later than Aug. 31st.

h. These procedures may be amended with the approval of the board of directors and branch membership. Motion passed unanimously and will be presented to the branch for approval.

Motion by Frances Rozner Regarding Outreach Tabling Kit:

"I move that the Board recommend to the Branch that up to \$500 be allocated from the Reserve Fund to purchase items for an outreach tabling kit." Seconded by Karen Gustafson and passed unanimously.

Motion by JoAnn Kuroda/Scholarship Committee regarding Long Beach City College Scholarship:

"I move by direction of the Frances Magarian Scholarship Committee that the amount of the scholarship for the Long Beach City College students be increased from \$500 to \$1,000 per recipient for the academic year 2023 to 2024." Motion passed unanimously.

October 24-29, 2023 Board Vote Via Email

Motion by Deloris Mayuga on behalf of the Executive Board

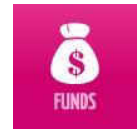
"I move that AAUW Long Beach reinvest the Building Fund principal of \$93,000 in two CDs of \$50,000 and \$43,000 for 9 months through Wells Fargo Advisors Endowment Fund account." Motion passed.

November 20, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting

No Motions

Research Publication Grants in Engineering, Medicine and Science

The primary criterion for this grant award is scholarly excellence. Applications are reviewed by distinguished scholars. The award amount is \$10,000-\$35,000, which is paid in two equal payments (beginning and midpoint). The final 10% is contingent upon research results being accepted to a scholarly scientific publication within six months of the end of the grant year. Grantees must have a doctorate in engineering, medicine or science, be part-time or temporary faculty, new or established researchers at universities, and be on a tenure track. Find further information [HERE](#).



Our Jean Aldrich American Fellowship recipient Dana Harmon will use her fellowship grant to pay core facility fees for metabolomics and transcriptomics; purchase needed computers and lab equipment for data analysis and “hit” validation; purchase supplies and reagents for validation of metabolomics and transcriptomics findings; and to fund the experiential learning of five diverse undergraduates in the Harmon lab. The students are involved in all aspects of this research project.

**Jean Aldrich Long Beach Branch AAUW Fund
American Fellowship
2023-2024 Recipient Dana Harmon**

- California Lutheran University (Thousand Oaks-CA)
- Research Publication Grant in Engineering, Medicine and Science
- Assistant professor in the biology department at California Lutheran University
- Project: Characterizing the Role of the EmrAB-TolC Multidrug Efflux Pump in Regulation of Metabolism in *E. coli*.
- Research focused on the role of efflux pumps in metabolism and stress responses in *E. coli*, with the goal of understanding how efflux pumps control metabolism.



Public Policy

from the AAUW-CA Website

Sign Up for Action Alerts for 2024 April 27 @ 9am PT

Join us via zoom for the AAUW California Annual Event from 9am-noon on Saturday, April 27th! Entitled “Back to School with AAUW California,” we invite you to join the state leadership team for updates on our accomplishments and ongoing activities via a campus tour, classroom visits, rah-rah assemblies, and awards to star pupils. You are also invited to “stay after school” for extracurricular activities in breakout rooms, including a truly magnificent School Board Project session that will educate you while keeping you entertained. Hope to see you there!

[Click HERE to register.](#)

Get excited! We have a shiny new 2024 legislative agenda

Now that this agenda is set, we are reminding you to sign up for CA legislative action alerts. Action alerts will push out more information about the bills on our agenda, asking you to act to educate yourself and others, as well as making specific asks for you to reach out to legislators when the time is right. In the fall, you will also receive information about get out the vote. More to come soon!

See more at [Public Policy - AAUW California \(aauw-ca.org\)](https://www.aauw-ca.org)



- Economic Security for All Women
- Equal Access to Quality Public Education for All Students
- Social and Racial Justice for All Members of Society
- Increased Representation of Women in Leadership Roles

**2023-2025
PUBLIC
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PRIORITIES**

BRANCH INTEREST GROUPS

Joining an interest group (or several) 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. The Contact persons listed below can inform you if groups are meeting virtually or are in person.



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 & International Cuisine Group plans trips to museums and other points of interest several times a year. It is usually a mid-week tour with lunch scheduled. We also plan meals at different ethnic restaurants, usually dinner with an easy drive. Join a group that checks out museums, other interesting locations, and special restaurants.



Contact for Adventures: JoAnn Kuroda at 562- 429-6973 / sojoinlb@aol.com

Contact for International Cuisine: Faye Alperin at 562-659-0051/ fayealperin@gmail.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. The group will meet monthly to plan activities.

Contact: **Arnedra Jordan** at 310-722-6594 / ajordan6@my.keller.edu



Great Decisions Groups meet to discuss, share opinions and ideas on critical issues global issues.

One group meets Friday afternoons and another meets Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm. Plan to participate again in the Spring of 2025! Contact **Rita Powell** to order your book or info— email riorita111@verizon.net



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 May book selection is *One, Two, Three* by Laurie Frankel. We share this information so even if you aren't able to join us, you have reading suggestions. At this time, we are at capacity, however if you would like to be added to a waiting list, contact **Sharon Westafer**, 562-493-4749.



Public Policy committee 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 562-685-2096 / riorita111@verizon.net



The Residential Rentals group started in 2009 with 3rd Wednesday 10 am gatherings. It continues as a discussion group on topics relating to residential rentals – things of interest/importance/concerns. We keep each other informed. The group has averaged 10 members over the years. It continues the 3rd Wednesdays in odd months; most often meeting at the dining room table in our homes or ZOOM.

To be on the email list contact **Joan Gustafson** jwg221@aol.com or **Ellen Mathis** epmathis@verizon.net.



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 about the titles to be read. Contact **Carol Llewellyn** 562-430-4380



CULTURAL ADVENTURES

BUS TOUR TO THE HOLOCAUST MUSEUM, LOS ANGELES - May 17, 2024

We will depart from the Target Parking Lot, 2270 Bellflower Blvd., Long Beach, at 8:45am. There will be a group tour followed by lunch at Farmer's Market on your own. Please make check payable to

JoAnn Kuroda, 5991 E. Belen Street, Long Beach, CA 90815.

RSVP: JoAnn Kuroda at 562-429-6923 or email sojoinlb@aol.com Or Elaine Heber at 619-609-8266 or email elainebethheber@yahoo.com Price: \$25.00 per person Deadline: May 10, 2024

NEW! Please RSVP by email to Reservations Chair Charlotte Joseph to let us know how you will attend. Use this email address !

aauwlombeach.reservations@gmail.com

Deadline to RSVP is April 25. You will receive an email reminder and details before the event. Zoom link is not available.

Need some resources to share with others that highlight the AAUW mission and goals?

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/policy/advocacy-toolkit/>

AAUW BRANCH MEETING

Saturday, May 4, 2024

10:00 am—12:00 pm Garden Party Social

Please RSVP and make payment online or at the door if not made prior.

**Place: Home of Faye Alperin
See the AAUW Directory**

Guests / Potential Members are Welcome



AAUW Long Beach Branch

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