

An Evening About ...

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ENGLISH

Thursday April 2, 2015

Raquel Sanchez and Jeane Caveness

Co-Program Vice-Presidents

April's Branch meeting, sponsored by Public Policy Committee, will be a dinner and speaker at the Holiday Inn near the Long Beach airport. Featured in a Los Angeles Times article in December, "A New Focus on English Learners" discussed the work of a Long Beach non-profit agency called **Californians Together**. Executive Director **Shelly Spiegel-Coleman** will be our speaker. Note the meeting times on the back page.

Californians Together is a statewide coalition of parents, teachers, education advocates and civil rights groups committed to securing equal access to quality education for all children. Founded in 1998 after the passage of Proposition 227, Californians Together joined with other organizations to foster full participation in a democratic society through quality education for children and parents from underserved communities. Public education of all students is one of the goals of AAUW. In order to break educational and economic barriers, it is imperative that we have educated people who can read, write and speak English and our public schools are given that mission. They serve everyone. Join us for this important and educational meeting.

This once a year evening meeting begins at 5:00. Plan to join us for the speaker and dinner at the Holiday Inn Long Beach. Look for the tower at 2640 N. Lakewood Blvd. near the Long Beach airport.

We welcome members and friends to learn more about this group that "champions the success of English Learners."



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AAUW's Mission Statement: *AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.*

AAUW's Value Promise: *By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair chance.*

Branch News

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Courtesy Best wishes to April birthdays!



April showers we will hope for!
...We also celebrate...

- 1 April Fool's Day.
- 3 Good Friday.
- 5 Easter Sunday.
- 3 Passover begins at sundown
- 22 Earth Day

"Keep your faith in all beautiful things; in the sun when it is hidden, in the Spring when it is gone."

- Roy R. Gilson

CALENDAR EVENTS & NOTICES

Saturday, May 2, 2015

Garden Party—Home of Lamis Hashem

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All meetings will be held on the third Monday of the month, social time at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:00 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church at Atherton and Bellflower Blvd. Room 2. Date: April 20.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

All meetings will be held on the third Monday of the month, social time 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:00 p.m. Meetings will be at the Unitarian Universalist church, Room 2.

INCOMING / OUTGOING FULL BOARD MEETING

All current year and next year Board Members, Appointed Officers and Administrative Chairs are expected to attend the meeting on Monday May 18. Mark your calendar for this important meeting.



Equal Pay Day — symbolizes how long it takes for women's earnings to catch up to men's earnings from the previous year — is a powerful opportunity to organize action in our communities. Celebrate on Tuesday, April 14, which is also fair pay icon Lilly Ledbetter's birthday. We hope we can count on you to be part of this year's AAUW Equal Pay Day story!

Have you changed?

Phone? email? Address? Help us keep current. Send your member contact information changes to Database Coordinator George Jackson, at georgeljackson@gmail.com or call 562-377-1670. Your help is appreciated and will save time with the Directory.

Send any Branch news or Courtesy items to Editor: Rebecca Low rlow1@hotmail.com



Congratulations to the Stem Team and its leaders **Frances Rozner** and **Sharon Westafer** for a great and successful STEM Conference. About 230 seventh and eighth grade girls from five Long Beach middle schools explored career options and participated in workshops at this year's 12th annual conference at LBCC. Between 40-50 AAUW members were on site as volunteers. A smaller committee worked on the planning since January. This is an annual event. Join us next year.

April's Branch meeting sponsored by Public Policy Committee will be a dinner and speaker at the Holiday Inn in LB. Featured in the LA Times in December, "A New Focus on English Learners", discussed the work of a Long Beach non-profit called Californians Together. Executive Director Shelly Spiegel-Coleman will be our speaker. The meeting will begin at 5:00 pm.

Soroptimist International of Long Beach announces the honorees selected for their upcoming 32nd annual **Women Who Make a Difference Awards Champagne Brunch**. AAUW-LB member **Cacilia Kim** has been named **Woman of Distinction** in the category of **Human Rights and Advancing the Status of Women 2015**. The winners will be honored on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at 10:00 AM at The Grand, 4101 E. Willow St., Long Beach. Tickets for the Brunch are \$75 each or \$ 70 each if we buy a table. It's a great lunch and an honor for Cacilia and LB AAUW. Let me know if you will be attending with us.

STATE ELECTIONS: VOTE, VOTE, VOTE for Pat Ferrer! Pat , our current Budget Chair, is running for CFO –Chief Financial Officer of AAUW-CA. Voting by email is April 18-May 8. (AAUW National elections overlap April 15-May 26). All members who have an email address on file will receive voting instructions by email. Ballots for paper voters will also be available. Sharon Westafer, AAUW-CA will keep us updated.

Attention Early Birds 2015-16 Membership Renewal begins March 16. Or renew at the May 2nd Garden Party at **Lamis Hashem's** home in Rossmoor. Memberships run through June of 2016. Help the membership VP's. Renew early!

INTERNATIONAL CUISINE March 18, 2015 6:30 p.m.

Marino's Ristorante Italiano

17126 So. Bellflower Blvd. Bellflower 562-867-4225



The Ristorante has nice home cooking in Southern Italian atmosphere. Enjoy soup and salad family style before you are served your entrée.

Contact: JoAnn Kuroda, 562.429.6923, sojoinlb@aol.com,

Joan Gustafson, 562. 439.3130 jwg221@aol.com.

Small parking lot in back or street parking. Car pools are encouraged.



New Members

We're happy to announce that four new members have joined our AAUW branch. Please look for them at meetings, welcome them to AAUW and to our AAUW branch and invite them to participate in our programs and interest groups. Here is a little information about them and their contact data:

Pam Rayburn: Pam is a graduate of CSULB with a Master's Degree in Recreation Administration. She is currently the Coordinator of the Women's Resource Center at CSULB. Her telephone number is (562) 673-7343 (C); email: Pam.Rayburn@csulb.edu.

Lindsay San Miguel: Lindsay is a graduate of UC, San Diego with a BA in Communications and a graduate of CSULB with an M.S. in Counseling. She is currently a Communications Manager for Associate Students, Inc. and is involved in a number of community organizations including NOW-Orange County, the UN Women, So .California, the steering committee for Congressman Lowenthal's Young Women's Empowerment Conf. and the Special Olympics. She is currently on the Executive Board for NOW, OC. Her telephone number is (818) 590-5668 (C) ; e-mail: lsanmig1@hotmail.com.

Sherri Sobel: Sherri earned a BA and a JD from Temple University and is a semi-retired Los Angeles Superior Court Judge for the Dependency Court. She can be contacted at ssobel44@icloud.com.

Joyce Veatch: Joyce has a Bachelor's Degree from Minnesota Bible College in Sacred Literature, an M.S. from Butler University and an M. Ed in Counseling from the U of Washington. She is a retired sec. school teacher and counselor who has worked in both public and private schools. She is involved in community organizations including hosting international students and visitors to the USA, Rotary, and in activities on behalf of people in need and those who are "at risk" in the community. Her telephone number is (562) 867-3618 (H); (562) 202-2226 (C).

Developing the Leader in You Southern California Leadership Day

AAUW California Leadership Development Committee
Sunday, April 19, 2015 from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM (PDT)
Manhattan Beach, CA

Board Briefs

Regular Board business was conducted at the February Executive Committee meeting. The following motions were made and approved:

- Deloris Mayuga moved that the Board recommend to the Branch that \$83,000 in the Endowment Fund be rolled over into two (2), Certificates of Deposit (CDs). \$33,000 would remain as the Endowment Fund. \$50,000 would be returned to its source, the Building Fund #2. All accumulated interest should be moved to the Endowment Holding Fund in the Bank of America checking account. The motion was seconded by Raquel Sanchez.
- Frances Rozner moved that the \$200 in the Publicity Fund and the \$1500 from the Convention Fund be moved to the Building Holding Fund in the Bank of America checking account. The motion was seconded by Deloris Mayuga.
- By direction of the Budget Committee, Lois Ledger moved to add the Budget Committee to the standing committees in the Policies and Procedures, Section H under Section 16 under Duties and Composition of Standing Committees. The motion was seconded by Deloris Mayuga.

AAUW-LB SLATE OF OFFICERS

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2015 – 2016 Term of Office

The Nominating Committee nominates the following people:

- Program Vice-President: Valerie Little and Mary Lamo
- Membership Vice-President: Mina Naghavi & Alex Bellenger
- AAUW Funds Vice President: Cacilia Kim (LAF) & Raquel Sanchez (EO)
- Vice-President for Investment: Deloris Mayuga
- Secretary: Deborah McGuire
- President-Elect: TBD



Thank you to the Nominating Committee:

Fay Denny & Deloris Mayuga – Co-chairs

Jeane Caveness, Lamis Hashem, Mina Naghavi, Frances Rozner, Julie Taboada

Human Sex Trafficking Panel at CSULB

On February 18, a number of our members attended the Human Sex Trafficking panel presentation at CSULB, which was supported by a grant from AAUW National. Many thanks to Alex Bellenger, Mina Naghavi and Brittani Bolanos for staffing the AAUW branch information table during the event. Through their efforts we informed large numbers of young women and men about AAUW and our work to achieve equality for women and girls. Their strong recruitment work resulted in **32** undergraduate students signing up to receive more information about AAUW and the AAUW Student Affiliate Group at CSULB. In addition, two graduate students and a lecturer in the CSULB Sociology Department also requested information about AAUW and our branch activities and programs. Thank you to Pam Rayburn who ensured that our AAUW information table was prominently displayed and enabled us to have maximum contact with the students who were attending the event.

CULTURAL ADVENTURES

May 7, 2015

Take the bus with our Cultural Adventures group to see the Huntington Library and Gardens in San Marino built in 1919 and now brought up to the 21st century. More details to follow or call. Please plan to join us.

JoAnn Kuroda: Phone. # 562.429.6923, sojoinlb@aol.com or

Joan Gustafson: Phone. # 562.439.3130, jwg221@aol.com.

SAVE THE DATE



THE HUNTINGTON

Branch President Flo Pickett, AAUW member and Executive Director of the LBCC Foundation Ginny Baxter, and Long Beach Unified School District Board President Diana Craighead welcomed 222 7th-grade and 8th-grade girls to the 12th Annual STEM Career Conference, held at Long Beach City College Liberal Arts campus, before keynote speaker Ana Jimenez inspired the girls with her story. Ana encouraged the girls to know what they want and don't want, to be true to themselves when it comes to boys, and to get a college education so they have a say in their futures.

After the keynote address, the girls each attended two 40-minute workshops featuring women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) careers. The workshops, with fun hands-on activities, were presented by:

Marchell Bailey, Registered Dietitian, Little Company of Mary
Karen Bloch, Chiropractor, Bloch Chiropractic, and co-owner, Complete Concepts
Maggie Chang, Audiologist, Providence Speech & Hearing
Deborah Der, Financial Advisor, Edward Jones
Carolyn Duclayan-Vizmanos, Public Health Nurse, Orange Co. Health Care Agency
Rhonda Gilyard, Chemical Engineer, TABC, Inc.
Megan Moscol, Sustainability Engineer, California State University, Fullerton
Brianna Pagan, Environmental Scientist, Long Beach Water Department
Kathy Rantowich, Structural/Civil Engineer, MHP Structural Engineers
Raquel Sanchez, Automotive Production Engineer, TABC, Inc.

Partnering agencies this year were Franklin Classical Middle School, Hamilton Middle School (member: William Feliciano), Jefferson Leadership Academies (member: Marisela Moreno), Muir Academy and Powell Academy for Success.

Thank you to the 60+ volunteers who helped to make this year's STEM conference the most successful and smoothly run to date! Special thanks to the chairs who spent many hours overseeing the many details: Debra Blumberg (Food), Darlene Daclan (Volunteers), Norma Grady (Registration), Marie Kiss (Research), Michelle Kiss (Facilities) and Deloris Mayuga (Program).

A special shout-out to William Feliciano, who garnered most of the interesting items for the girls' goody bags as well as composing the crossword and word search puzzles, to Becky Low for collecting data for our first year of research on the effectiveness of the STEM Conference, to Marisela Moreno for suggesting a Champion Teacher from a potential sixth middle school for 2016 who came out to see what it was all about, to Pat Ferrer for a most welcome and delicious pizza thank-you dinner for the volunteers, and to Gail Morrison who garnered great press with an excellent pre-event article in the Grunion Gazette by new staff writer, Rebecca Mata, who attended to take photos for a second article.

The Port of Long Beach and TABC, Inc. both gave substantial financial resources, underwriting a good portion of the expenses of the conference. Their support is very much appreciated. For the donation of goody bag contents and the discounted use of facilities, we also wish to acknowledge Ginny Baxter and Long Beach City College, California State University – Chancellor's Office, Farmers & Merchants Bank, Long Beach Storm Water, [County of Los Angeles Sanitation Department](#), Museum of Latin American Art, Port of Long Beach, Shore Business Center, Linda Silver, ShurTech, Team Runner's High, and Tesoro.



The conference is indeed a collaborative effort, and as evidenced by the enthusiastic responses from the young women who attended, an inspiring and rewarding experience for all who participate. The comments from the students on their evaluation forms and the thank-you notes they wrote to the speakers are testament to the value of this event.

We look forward to the next STEM conference in February 2016. Our sincere thanks and appreciation to all the participants who made this a truly impactful event for the girls.

BRANCH INTEREST GROUPS

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Joining an 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 to Ellen Mathis, Interest Group Coordinator for help with implementation.

Antiques and Collectibles, led by **Judith Kaho**, meets several times a year to share their love and appreciation of beautiful/interesting antiques, historical family items and collectables. Light refreshments are served by the hostess, sharing and conversation ensues; held at various homes or at a local retailer. Contact **Judith** at 562-429-2790.



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



Bridge Group plays at the Petroleum Club in Long Beach on the second Friday from 9:30 - noon. To inquire about a seat at the group meeting, contact **Cathy Cunningham** at 562-424-3166; catherine_j_cunningham@yahoo.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 cultural interests. Contact **JoAnn Kuroda** at 562-429-6923 or email at sojoinlb@aol.com. Ideas welcome.



Great Books Group reads from an anthology published by the Great Books Foundation. It includes philosophy, poetry and fictional writing of prize winning and world renowned authors. Contact **Linda Patten** at 562-402-6831



Great Decisions Groups meetings are held in February and March. Members prepare by reading one chapter of the *Great Decisions* book; published by the Foreign Policy Association, about a situation of world importance. The self-moderated group meets to discuss the pros, cons, and issues of important topics. Each participant is encouraged to bring other sources of information. Everyone gets a turn/or pass, no one is "wrong" and all opinions are respected. One of the groups meets year round to discuss foreign policy. Each person pays for a copy of the book.



Contact **Adele Brown** at 562-594-6443 or email at abrown511@verizon.net.

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 **Joan Gustafson** at 562-439-3130. The next adventure is being planned.



Literary Ladies Group meets to discuss and compare thoughts on a selected novel, fiction or non-fiction.

Each member takes a turn recommending and leading the group on a recently published book. The ladies come together to hear the thoughts and insights of others in the group. They meet on the 2nd Tuesday at 1:00 pm. There is a maximum of 12, and a waiting list. Contact **Sharon Westafer** at 562-493-4749 if needed, about the meeting location and April book, *My Beloved World* by Sonia Sotomayor



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.



This month's meeting will be **April 19** - 5:30 to 7:00 pm at Shelley Arnold's house 4211 Marber Ave, Lakewood, 90713. Contact **Shelley Arnold** email shelleyarnold1@aol.com

Residential Rentals Discussion Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month year round, from 10:00–11:30 am. Anyone with an interest in residential rentals is welcome. We often have a topic, share recent landlord experiences and work to keep our knowledge current. An email/call to **Joan Gustafson** or **Ellen Mathis** will ensure there is a chair at the table for you.



Any new ideas? Submit a plan to the President or to Ellen Mathis.

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Member Name (s) _____

Phone _____

Guest / Note _____

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Yes— I'd like a Vegetarian option _____

_____ reservation for the meeting and program only (NO MEAL)

RSVP by March 25th

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

AAUW BRANCH MEETING Thursday, April 2, 2015

5:00 PM	Social
5:30—6:30	Program
6:30—7:00	Business Meeting
7:00—8:00	Dinner

Place: Holiday Inn Long Beach Airport
2640 N. Lakewood Blvd.
Long Beach, CA 90815

Meal: Garden Salad— Lemon Herb Chicken
Mashed Potatoes Vegetables
Rolls and Butter
Carrot Cake
Coffee, Tea, Water, Iced Tea

Vegetarian request available.

Price: \$35.00 per person

Questions about the location ?

Contact JoAnn Kuroda email sojoinlb@aol.com
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