

Imaginative Leadership



Mary Lamo and Valerie Little
Program Co-Vice-Presidents

Saturday November 7, 2015

Suzie Price, Long Beach 3rd District Councilwoman, is a community advocate and leader. In just over one year in office Councilwoman Price has made a name for herself as a leader who listens and takes action. As a member of the City Council she is Chair of the Public Safety Committee, Vice Chair of the Economic Development Committee and Finance Committee, Vice Chair of the Tidelands and Harbor Committee and member of the Budget Oversight Committee.

Councilwoman Price focuses on important issues, which are the bedrock for a strong community. Issues such as education, anti-bullying, small business, and city infrastructure drive her to actively lead and participate as a dedicated change agent. Her accomplishments include: an Anti-Bullying workshop for our youth, Sunday hours at the Bay Shore Public Library, and a small business workshop. Current programs include 100 new community watch groups by July 2015 and hosting a Cyber Bullying workshop for our youth. She also believes in bringing the community together with fun family events, which she attends with her husband and two sons. Still she finds time to be an active PTA member at her sons' elementary and middle schools.



Councilwoman Price has served as a Senior Deputy District Attorney for over 15 years. She's a graduate of CSULB with a B.A. in Political Science and a Masters in Public Policy and Administration. During her undergraduate studies she served as the ASB President. She graduated with Distinction and was selected "1996 Outstanding Graduate from the college of Health and Human Services." In 1999 she graduated from Santa Clara University Law School with a Juris Doctorate degree. As an adjunct professor at CSU East Bay Hayward, she served as project manager for a technology grant entitled "Information On-Ramps for Oakland," where

she supervised a team of college students who worked with local organizations to provide computer education and job skills to underprivileged Oakland residents.

Councilwoman Price will share her advocacy experience in understanding, developing and implementing solutions. Her website says it best, "Bringing imaginative Leadership to the 3rd District."

The AAUW Long Beach branch meeting will take place on Saturday, November 7, 2015 at the Old Ranch Country Club, 3901 Lampson Avenue, Seal Beach, CA 90740. Continental breakfast will start at 9:00 a.m., followed by the program at 10:00 a.m., and continue at 11:00 a.m. with the business meeting. We look forward to seeing you.

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.*

Courtesy

Best wishes to NOVEMBER birthdays!

- 1—All Saints Day
- 2—Deviled Egg Day
- 3—Election Day
- 11—Veterans Day
- 13—Sadie Hawkins Day
- 26— Thanksgiving Day
- 27—Black Friday
- 27—Advent Begins



"Dull November brings the blast,
Then the leaves are whirling fast."
- Sara Coleridge

CALENDAR EVENTS

All meetings are the first Saturdays, except in January and May (changed to avoid holidays). All speaker-with-business meetings will be held Saturday mornings at the Old Ranch Country Club in Seal Beach – 9am to noon.

November 7 - December 5 * – January 9
February 6 – March 5 – April 2—May 14 * – June 4

* The December Wassail, held in the morning, and the * May Garden Party, held in the afternoon, will be at private homes.

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<http://longbeach-ca.aauw.net/>

AAUW email address:

AAUWLongBeach@gmail.com



We're on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/aauwlongbeachca>

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Only a few days left ! Last chance to reserve your place at the **7th Annual Authors Luncheon** on Saturday, October 24th. Bring a friend—join your friends. AAUW Interest group members: Remember to make arrangements for your donation basket with Judith Kaho. 562-429-2790.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS—All meetings will be held on the third Monday of the month, social time at 6:30pm with meeting at 7:00pm. All meetings will be at the Unitarian Universalist Church at Atherton and Bellflower Blvd. Room 2. Dates: November 16— December 14*— February 15— April 18. (*second Monday)

FULL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS—All meetings will be held on the third Monday of the month, social time 6:30pm with meeting at 7:00pm. Meetings will be at the Unitarian Universalist church, Room 2. Dates: October 19—January 18—March 21 – May 16



Has any of your contact information changed? Phone? Email? Address? Help us to keep you informed in a timely manner. Send your changes to Database Coordinator George Jackson, at georgejackson@gmail.com or call 562-377-1670.

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

President's Message



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Frances Rozner – President

We had one of the most informative AAUW Fund presentations ever at our October meeting. I will forever now envision the map of the Korean peninsula as a rabbit, courtesy of speaker and PhD-candidate Nari Ryu; and, the second speaker, CSULB senior Shannon Cholakian, inspired us with her NCCWSL-graduate poise.

And to top it off was how well AAUW Fund Co-VP Cacilia Kim wove in all the projects that AAUW Fund supports to advance equity, through the story of Ellen Pao's trial and other current cases, using AAUW Fund Co-VP Raquel Sanchez's colorful chart as a very helpful visual. By the way, our branch has now officially changed its documents to use AAUW Fund – no plural – to align with the year-old national One AAUW, One Mission, One Fund.

Please join me in congratulating Anne Strong Graves and Margy Arthur for their fifty years each of active involvement with AAUW. They were presented their awards at the October 3 meeting by Membership Co-VP, Mina Naghavi.

If you missed the meeting announcement or the Press-Telegram article: Cacilia Kim has been selected as an Education Finalist in the Long Beach Press-Telegram's Amazing Women Awards based upon the AAUW LB submission by Communication Co-Chair, Gail Morrison, of Cacilia's outstanding achievements in advancing equity for girls' education. Cacilia will be honored on Tuesday, November 10 at the Centre at Sycamore in Lakewood. We're accepting reservations to fill a third table of ten. If you would like to attend and applaud one of our own, please send your \$70 check, made out to AAUW LB, to Treasurer Linda Patten, for receipt by Monday, October 26. It's going to be a lovely event: 6pm for reception, 7pm dinner; cocktail or business attire.



For further engagement, I encourage you to:

- Attend the October 15 Public Policy meeting to learn the finer details about Title IX from Cacilia Kim and the third Thursday of the month, thereafter
- Support AAUW Fellowships and Grants by attending the Luncheon Most Deadly fundraiser on October 24. Deadline is Friday, October 16.
- Join one of the three Great Decisions groups for which the registration is occurring now – you'll be amazed at the insight you gain about international affairs that provides a factual filter for what you hear and read in the news
- Volunteer for the upcoming February 26 STEM Conference.

Looking forward to seeing you at another outstanding branch meeting on November 7 with Suzie Price as our presenter, if not sooner!





Membership Summary for FY 2015-2016

We are happy to report that we currently have 125 members in the AAUW, Long Beach Branch. As the new Co-VPs of Membership, we would like to thank everyone for helping us to recruit new members and helping us encourage others to renew their memberships. We greatly appreciate your support and look forward to informing everyone about the new members we receive from your family and friend referrals.

New Members

Laura Hill: She graduated from California State University, Long Beach in 1987 with her Bachelor of Arts in English. She is currently retired. Before retirement, she worked in the power production department of Southern California Edison as a power plant operator and a training instructor.

Anh Duong: She graduated from California State University, Long Beach with her degree in Chemical Engineering in 2002. She is currently working at Tesoro Corporation. She's been helping us with the STEM Conference and she's interested to volunteer for the upcoming STEM Conference in February.

Cypress Women's Conference

Mina, Frances, and I attended the 3rd Annual Cypress Women's Conference on September 17th. There were quite a few women leaders from the community, including Assembly Member Young Kim, Olympian Amanda Freed, and Paralympian Angela Madsen. At the conference, we had a high number of women interested in AAUW as well as quite a few high school students interested in joining an AAUW student affiliate at their prospective universities.

Long Beach City College Student Affiliate Update

We mentioned at the September meeting that we are working on establishing a student affiliate at Long Beach City College. The superintendent and Board of Trustees of LBCC are currently working on making this a reality!

Public Policy



Why Advocacy? (from California [Perspective-www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org))

It's easy to be cynical about politics, especially in this time of extreme partisanship at both national and state levels. Conservatives in Congress repeatedly vote against women having control over their reproductive rights, and presidential candidates make similar promises. The Affordable Health Care Act (ACA) continues to be under fire. In California we see programs that serve low-income residents, many of whom are women and children, underfunded.

However, we need to remember that many significant, positive societal changes in the last 60 years came about because of strong advocacy efforts on the part of many voices, including AAUW: Medicare; major environmental protections; women gaining rights over their bodies, including the right to a legal abortion; a woman presidential candidate to name a few. Real progress is still possible, with patience and hard work. **We, as intelligent, educated women working together, can help make progress on today's pressing issues and prevent society from slipping backward. You can help make a difference!**

AAUW-LB Public Policy committee meets the 3rd Thurs 5:30-7:00 PM at Shelley's house. Join us!

Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force

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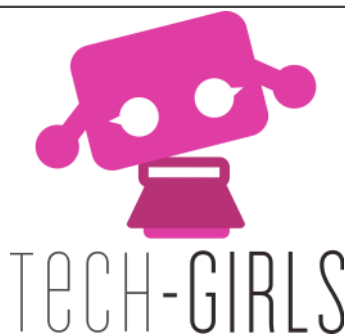
The Task Force is made up over fifty organizations including faith-based groups, local, state, and federal government offices, concerned citizens and organizations that serve the needs of victims/survivors of human trafficking. At each meeting, the group begins with introductions and an organization highlight, then breaks into four groups: Prevention, Prosecution, Protection, and Human Trafficking 101 (where you learn the basics of human trafficking).

I attended the Prevention meeting where we are planning for the Youth Exploitation and Safety Symposium (YESS). This event will be held at LBCC Liberal Arts Campus on February 20, 2016. In conjunction with YESS, the Task Force will be holding a training during the December meeting that plans out how an organization and individual can best assist a human trafficking victim in any situation. There will be a focus on how to help victims that come forth during YESS; last year there were several. Also, the Task Force is working to enforce SB-1193. It is a law that stipulates that certain businesses (motels, massage parlors, etc.) must publicly display a poster explaining the warning signs of human trafficking.

Meeting Details: The Task Force meets every 1st Thursday of the month from 11:30am to 1:00pm. The next meeting is November 5th at a church hall, 905 Atlantic Ave, Long Beach, CA.

Submitted by M. Alex Bellenger
Co-Vice President of Membership

Calling All Volunteers for the 2016 STEM Conference



We are looking for volunteers to assist at the 13th AAUW Long Beach Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Career Conference. At this yearly Conference, women in STEM careers present workshops to middle-school girls to excite them about the possibilities of such careers and encourage them to attend college. Speakers already confirmed include a dietitian, chemical engineer, structural engineer, financial advisor, automotive production engineer, environmental scientist, nurse, sustainability engineer, and, new to the Conference, human factors psychologists.

Volunteers for this event are needed to take on tasks like facilitating speakers, helping with registration, preparing bags and refreshments, and, this year, we are looking for more photographers! You will not be disappointed volunteering at this Conference.

We are in the process of finalizing the logistics but we are targeting the Conference to be scheduled for Friday, February 26, 2016 from 4:00pm - 7:00pm. (*volunteers arrive earlier!*) at Long Beach City College (Liberal Arts Campus).

If you are interested in being a volunteer or have any questions about assisting at the STEM Conference, please email Darlene Daclan at darlene_daclan@yahoo.com or call at 562 / 673-6909



Branch Business

The following motion was approved at the September 2015 Branch meeting:

Gail Morrison moved that AAUW Long Beach nominate J. Cacilia Kim as our nominee for the Press –Telegram’s Amazing Woman Award in Education. The motion was seconded by Adele Brown.

Board Briefs

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

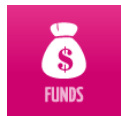
Cacilia Kim moved that the Executive Committee recommend to the Full Board that Policies and Procedures 13.c.ii.6 be revised to be: Plan and implement branch fundraising activities for the AAUW Fund. The motion was seconded by Linda Patten.

Cacilia Kim moved that the Executive Committee recommend to the Full Board that AAUW Funds be changed to AAUW Fund in the following Bylaws: Article VI, Sections 1 & 2, Article X, Section 1; Policies & Procedures: 6, 7a, 13c, 13c.ii, 13c.ii.1, 13c.ii.2, 13c.ii.4, 14e.i, 16a, 16d, 16e; Standing Rules: 3a. The motion was seconded by Linda Patten.

Our annual Branch YEARBOOK 2015-2016 has just been published. Those in attendance at the September 12th meeting received theirs and some members attending offered to deliver to those in their neighborhood or their Interest Groups. The balance has been mailed. If for some reason you do not receive yours or there is incorrect information listed please let me know.

The first 11 pages give a wealth of contact information and details about our Branch activities. If you have not actually gone through those pages, it is worth a perusal.

Ellen Mathis, Yearbook Chair, 562-433-6509, epmathis@verizon.net



Time is running out to apply to be on AAUW’s Fellowships and Grants selection panels. Apply by October 31 to help women break through barriers in education and the workplace. Go to the website for more information:

<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/selection-panels/>

The AAUW Fund



Long Beach branch members raised over \$4,100 during the October branch meeting for the AAUW Fund. The money raised will be used to support an array of diverse programs and activities that combat barriers to gender equity for women and girls.

Thanks to **ALL** branch members for their very generous support!

Special kudos to Ellen Mathis who donated \$1,000 to the AAUW Fund and Margaret Huebner who donated \$500 to the Fund. Lee Tsao also donated \$1,000 to match the top donation. Thank you **EVERYONE** for your support!

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, has gone dormant. If interested in starting up a group again, a list of interested members exists.

Contact: Judith Kaho at 562-429-2790 or Ellen Mathis at 562-433-6509



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 Group meets weekly to discuss, share opinions and ideas on a critical global issue.

Great Decisions Participants: It's time to order *Great Decisions* Discussions Books. The cost of a book is \$25. Please make your check out to Julie Taboada, I will gladly accept your check at the November or December meeting. You may also mail it to me: Julie Taboada, 239 Campo Dr., Long Beach, Ca 90803. If you have not signed up for a Discussion group but plan to participate, sign up at the November or December meeting. You may also contact a group coordinator, they are: Norma Grady-Tuesday mornings; Flo Pickett-Wednesday evenings; Deloris Mayuga-Friday afternoons. Contact: Julie Taboada at 562-856-0709 or jutaboada@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 or **Fay Denny** faydenny@yahoo.com



Literary Ladies Group meets to discuss and compare thoughts on a selected book, fiction or non-fiction. Each member takes a turn recommending and leading the group. The group comes together to hear thoughts and insights from others in the group. They meet the 2nd Monday of the month at 12:30 p.m. There is a maximum of 12, and a waiting list.

Contact Sharon Westafer, 562-493-4749 if interested. The book for November is *The Big Burn: Theodore Roosevelt and the Fire that Saved America* by Timothy Egan.



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.

The next meeting will be **Thursday, Oct 15** from 5:30 - 7 PM

Contact **Shelley Arnold** email shelleyarnold1@aol.com 4211 Marber Ave, Lakewood, 90713.



Residential Rentals Discussion Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of odd months year round from 10:00-11:30 am. Our next meet-

ings are **Nov 18th and in 2016 Jan 20th, Mar 16th and May 18th**. Anyone with an interest 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.

Ellen Mathis and Joan Gustafson Co-Chair and invite you to check the group out.



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

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Send this registration and check payable to AAUW L B to **Judith Kaho**, 2790 Vuelta Grande, LB, CA 90815 562-429-2790

Member Name (s) _____

Phone _____

Guest / Note _____

Amount Enclosed _____

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

RSVP by November 2nd

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

*Dress code for the Old Ranch Country Club:
no jeans, denim, or strapless tops.*

AAUW BRANCH MEETING Saturday, November 7, 2015

9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast/Social
10:00 a.m. Program
11:00 a.m. Business Meeting

Place: Old Ranch Country Club
3901 Lampson Avenue
Seal Beach, CA 90740

Meal: Breakfast Pastries, Fruit
Coffee, Tea, Orange Juice

Price: \$23.00 per person

Questions about the location?

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