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AAUW CA STATEMENT ON RACISM



Over the past two weeks, our country has witnessed an extraordinary outpouring of grief over the deaths of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor at the hands of police. We at AAUW California are not immune from this pain wrought of unfair treatment of our sisters and brothers of color.

We condemn racism and its associated discrimination. It is the root cause of today’s injustices. These recent instances of anti-Black violence have reaffirmed the need for major societal change, and for a national discussion going beyond racism and police brutality. Prejudice and inequality - including economic equality - cannot be passively ignored. AAUW has been a leading voice in America in the fight for equity for women and girls, and we especially recognize the additional challenges facing Black women and girls.

AAUW is committed to fighting for justice, and will work collaboratively to give access for all people to the opportunities and resources needed for optimal health and safety. Our organization is a member of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, and we will work to advance the policies and systemic changes such as those identified in the New Era of Public Safety: A Guide to Fair, Safe, and Effective Community Policing and Vision for Justice platform.

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CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

We are in an extraordinary time in our country's history. We are still struggling with a pandemic without a vaccine, and we are going through a massive period of awakening to our ongoing social and racial inequities. At a personal level, I find myself in many conversations with friends, family, and fellow AAUW members, as we struggle to think of a better way forward to a more inclusive and equitable society and organization. We can listen to the scientists who tell us how best to cope with this pandemic. We can similarly listen to those who show us on social media and share their own stories about what it feels like to be economically deprived and, particularly, to be Black or Brown at any economic level in our country. Listening and learning, we can move forward. As part of my own journey of understanding, I looked into the history of our own organization with regard to racial justice. Since our mission has always been to promote opportunity and ultimately equity for women, I wondered if that included Black women. Thus, I discovered the story of Mary Terrell (1863-1954). Mary was one of the first women to graduate from an American university – Oberlin, with a degree in Classics. Oberlin was one of the few universities to accept women or Black students and Mary was both. Later, Mary earned an MA in Education and then an Honorary Doctorate. In fact, in 2018, Oberlin named a library after her! First a teacher and ultimately a political and social activist, Mary was a friend of Susan B. Anthony, urging the Suffragists, without success, to fight for Black women's right to vote. She was one of the founders of the NAACP and the National Association of University Women, which still supports African American women university graduates. She was an important figure on the national stage, arguing for the rights of African Americans and particularly African-American women. Mary had been accepted in the early 1900's as an AAUW member, but when she tried to renew her membership in the 1940's through an all-white Washington D.C., branch, she was refused

membership because of her race. Despite being in her 80's by this point, she did not give up and took her case to the national organization. This case challenged AAUW to its core but finally, three years later, the organization required all local branches to be integrated. I am fascinated by Mary's story, dismayed by the racism such an accomplished woman experienced by members of my own organization, but ultimately proud of AAUW for realizing it needed to take a strong stand against racism – just as it is doing now. We will come through this pandemic and we will create a more equitable society – I am sure of it. We just have to listen and learn.

Lesley Danziger
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“You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, ‘I have lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along.’ You must do the thing you think you cannot do.”

Eleanor Roosevelt

AAUW FUND

AAUW Fund Recognition Report

Jean Brotherton, Chair, jeanlagunabeach@cox.net



The AAUW Fund fellowships and grants program is celebrating nearly 140 years of helping scholars and activists to overcome barriers to their education and advancement. Recipients have become leaders in business, government, academia, community activism, the arts, and the sciences.

For the 2019–20 academic year, 259 women and community projects serving women and girls will receive \$4 million from AAUW. This level of funding for women’s education and projects has a tremendous impact on women and their communities by expanding women’s potential and supporting their future promise.

AAUW California is proud to announce there are 36 AAUW Fund Fellowship and Grant recipients studying in California colleges and universities or doing projects in our communities. They represent a broad and diverse range of studies and interests and are an excellent example of the wonderful use of branch and member donations.

The 2019 AAUW Fund Recognition Report recognized the Top 10 Branches in Contributions and Per Capita and many major donors in California in which Barbara Hamkalo and I are recognized as members of the Associate’s Circle (\$500-\$900) – a real honor. In a recent email, AAUW CA Director and AAUW Fund chair, Diane Owens, stated, “Please know that even if your branch isn’t mentioned in this report, we value every donation to AAUW Fund, no matter how large or small, as we work together for equity for women and girls!”

She further stated, “I hope you and all your members are doing well during these trying times of the Covid-19 pandemic. If you have time, I highly recommend the series of webinars that AAUW is holding to keep us connected. Several highlight recent Fellows and Grant recipients and the work they are doing to make this world a better place. Check out the new AAUW website, www.aauw.org, for the latest information and to catch up on ones you may have missed. Soon AAUW California will announce some similar programming, so stay tuned!”



State of AAUW

Kimberly Churches, AAUW Executive Director

Over the past decade, states and localities across the country have enacted policies that make it harder to vote. The COVID-19 pandemic has compounded this issue into a voting access crisis, and our democracy needs your help.

The landmark Voting Rights Act of 1965 stopped states from enacting racially discriminatory voting restrictions. However, laws fostering voter suppression have been on the rise. The 2013 Shelby County v. Holder Supreme Court decision gutted key protections in the law, making way for many of these new discriminatory and restrictive voting laws. These voting restrictions disproportionately impact people of color, women, young voters, voters with disabilities, and older voters, making it more difficult for them to access the ballot box.

With so much at stake each time we head to the ballot box, it's crucial that are all able to make their

voice heard. The Voting Rights Advancement Act (H.R. 4/S. 561) responds to the Shelby decision and the wave of voter suppression tactics enacted. It's time for Congress to restore this landmark law and ensure voters can fully participate in elections—urge your Senators to support this bill today!

Our democracy works when everyone can fully participate, and a public health crisis makes the ability to participate that much more critical. Elected officials routinely make decisions about issues that directly impact all of us. From our paychecks to paid leave, access to reproductive health care to access to education, our lives are on the line—and our vote is our voice.

To create real change, we must be part of the conversation, and the most powerful way for us to chime in is at the polls. Tell your Senators it's time to take action and protect voting rights today!



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Jean Brotherton, Membership Coordinator

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All members received membership renewal forms by email from AAUW MPP (Membership Payment Plan) to pay their 2020-2021 dues

by the convenience of credit cards or optional check. Members without Internet received dues renewal forms by mail. Membership dues for 2020-2021 are:

- Regular \$109 (\$56 is tax-deductible)
- Dual \$30 (AAUW-LB dues only – other dues paid thru member’s primary branch)

Renew by Credit Card. Renew via your emailed notice, or go to aauw.org, and then follow these steps:

- Above the word ‘Donate’, click on ‘Membership’
- In right column, click on ‘Membership Services Database’
- Enter your membership ID# (found next to your name in the Directory) and create a password
- Click on ‘AAUW Laguna Beach Branch’
- In left column, click on ‘Renew My Membership’ at the bottom; follow directions to pay your dues

Or, ask Roberta Kanter, rkanter512@gmail.com, 584-1216, to resend an online email link via MPP.

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FAREWELL! We bid a fond goodbye to Pam Strayer who has permanently moved to Maine where she enjoys her new home and nearby family. We will always be grateful to Pam for generously supporting the Literary Luncheon through the years, and especially for creating our website that is now found at www.lagunabeach-ca@aauw.net. To keep in touch, here are her email and home addresses: pstrayer@mac.com, 2 Primary Lane, Fal-mouth, ME 04105.

2020-2021 Membership Directories will be mailed to all dues paid members in September, so it’s important that you renew ASAP to be included. Please contact me or Roberta if you have any questions. Thank you.

SCHOLARSHIPS

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. This year the AAUW Laguna Beach Foundation (AAUW-LBF) generously funded \$34,500.00 in scholarships. These were for local high school, community college, college, and university women and for two women students to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL).

- University of California Irvine \$4,000
- Laguna College Art + Design \$3,000
- Saddleback College \$8,000
- Orange Coast College \$10,000
- Laguna Beach High School \$3,000
- Dana Point High School \$2,000
- NCCWSL \$4,500



Spotlight on 2020 Scholarships for High School Young Women

Laguna Beach High School Scholarships

by Nancy Miller, Coordinator of Laguna Beach High School Scholarships

This year's scholarships for Laguna Beach High School were selected by reviewing 25 applicants. Each application was at least 10 pages and contained grades, self-evaluations and all the awards and community service they had received. Due to Covid-19 the process was done differently than last year. It was also difficult due to the fact that all the girls applying had stellar backgrounds and achievements. This year we tried to focus on girls who were interested in the STEM fields.

Riley Russo



Describes herself as optimistic and diligent and has a balance of academic talent as well as athletic abilities in dance. She volunteered at a trauma center and

saw first-hand a mother who just lost her daughter to drugs, cried with family members who just lost their house to fire and studied CPR in a hospital setting. She also helped develop a program for drinking and driving, and the program has 12 agencies participate in a mock DUI crash. This program is shown to 400 students just before prom and was also developed with the help of the Laguna Beach Fire Dept. She will be attending the University of Austin where she said she would like to have a double major in psychology and criminal justice. She wrote a thank you note to me to thank AAUW-LB for the generosity and the opportunities this scholarship brings.

Kenya Ripley Dunlap



Describes herself as genuine and inquisitive. She is also academically talented, and was on the golf team for four years. Kenya was selected as one of AAUW-LB Tech Trek students when she was in 7th grade. She participated in a panel discussion

with Alice Apkarian recently about STEM-related careers. She has received grants from the Rotary Club as Student of the Month and the American Legion for the Oratorical Contest. She also participated in American Legion's Girls State week long camp at Claremont McKenna College where junior girls create and run a mock state. In school this year she worked on three research projects in her chemistry class. In one project she isolated beta-lactamase by reacting together escherichia coli and ampicillin. She hasn't picked a college yet, but listed Yale as one of her choices and would like to study chemistry.

Isadora Feinburg



Describes herself as hardcore and driven and graduated 14th in her class and has participated in debate club, Mandarin club and was a member of the National Honor Society for 3

years. Past volunteering efforts include an internship with an anesthesiologist at UCI and an internship at the Dana Point Ocean Institute. She has Hanyu Shui Ping Kasha Mandarin test level 2, which is sanctioned by the Chinese government with a score of 100%. She plans to major in neuroscience, biochemistry, pharmacology and genomics. She would like to create medicines based on people's epigenetic genome. She will also continue her interest in Peking opera, which she currently is adapting so amateur students can perform Chinese opera more easily. She has listed Amherst College as her first choice for college.

Brisa Romero



“Having a family of mostly immigrants has shown me to work hard for what I want,” writes Brisa in her application essay.

She will be the first in her family to go to college and will be the first to tell them about the experience.

Through a four-year class called AVID (advancement via individual determination) high school students like Brisa are mentored and encouraged towards further education.

A scholar-athlete Brisa has been an active soccer team member and leader for four years along with maintaining a high scholastic average. She has been in leadership positions in two community service clubs on campus- organizing other teens to help with events as egg hunts, races, Festival of the Whales, beach clean ups and dinners at the Senior Center on an ongoing basis.

Her AVID coordinator states, “Brisa is a student who effortlessly leads, asks great questions, sees what needs to be done and then gets it all done without expecting accolades.” Brisa will be attending Saddleback College to prepare for a career as a physical therapist in the field of sports medicine.

Scholarships continue next page....



Dana Hills High School Scholarships for 2020

by Miriam Kranser, Coordinator of Dana Hills High School Scholarships

This is a difficult year for college bound seniors as many are waiting to hear if their college of choice will even be open in the fall. Similarly, we on the high school scholarship committees were all set to meet together when the March lockdown began. Thank you to Deana Pink, Barbara Goffman, Ann and Jim Farris who read the Dana Hills applications on the internet. With so many deserving young women, it is not easy to select just a few but that seems to be true every year.

Scholarships continued...

KELLY KARTCHNER



Despite family hardships and working as a life guard and swim instructor at a local fitness club, Kelly has thrived academically and in her volunteer work on campus. She kept a high academic average while taking many advanced placement and honors classes.

Kelly served in the student government throughout high school and was President of the Inter-Club Council, which represents over 70 clubs at Dana Hills High. She is proud of the growth of that organization during her presidency.

Kelly is recognized for her basic kindness in her leadership roles with one letter of reference stating, "Kelly's infectious message of kindness is spreading throughout campus and more students along with their parents are finding ways to connect with the school."

Kelly has grown up being active in her church and joined its youth group last summer on a trip to build houses in Tijuana, Mexico. In her application essay she writes, "I am a citizen of a great country where opportunities lurk behind every corner and for me the next corner is college." She hopes to attend Brigham Young University.

Look for the spotlight on AAUW-LB college and university women scholarship winners in the September issue of the Laguna Waves.

ZOOM TRAINING by AAUW CA

Keep your branch connected! Do you need more help? Encourage your members to volunteer to learn how to teleconference and become a branch expert. The AAUW CA web team will offer Zoom training to branch members and leaders via two webinars in July. Registration is required. Pass it along!

July 10 (Friday) 4-6 pm. Register by copying and pasting this entire link into your browser: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/9171389138>

July 20 (Monday) 2-4 pm. Register by copying and pasting this entire link into your browser: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/9171389138>

This is an excellent opportunity to learn the basics and get started. Several branch members have taken this training earlier in the spring and highly recommend it. Afterwards, you can always practice with me, Karen Dennis, karendennis@mac.com. I am happy to help you.

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Poetry Appreciation and Poetry Writers Interest Groups have been having joint meetings to keep members connected during this pandemic time. Many members are in both groups. In June the Poetry Writers shared their poignant poems and a discussion followed. The Poetry Appreciation members shared poems of significance to them. All agreed to have another joint meeting on Thursday, July 16, at 1:00pm. New members are encouraged to attend this Zoom meeting to see if these are small groups that they may want to attend in the future. You can attend either or both groups when they start again in the fall.



JUNE MEETING ON ZOOM: (top) Carol, Karen, Leah, & Jean (bottom) Rena, Sondra, Kas, and Grace. Farie and Nancy, though not pictured, joined this Zoom meeting later.

Love for Dinner *by Carol Santell*

The corner window is open
a gentle spring breeze flows through the lace
curtains
scent of dinner is intoxicating.

Tonight a succulent “medallion of pork with
fresh plums” sizzling in the skillet,
sounds and scents enhanced by a splash of
brandy drifting through the cottage, only to be
accompanied by baked stuffed potatoes ooze-
ing with butter and cream.

Candles are lit, roses are centered,
porcelain reflecting on the blue linen cloth.
The aroma of aged merlot is now poured
gently into St. Louis crystal glasses

WHAT A SPECIAL NIGHT IT WAS,

Lights turned down low, music playing softly
Love comes in many forms. “Wait For It”

DINNER IS SERVED.



Priceless *by Kas Sartori*

A smile is such a simple gift.
It doesn't cost a thing.
Lifting spirits, mending rifts,
Giving others wings!

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST 2020 CALENDAR

June 28 (Sunday) 3:00-4:00pm: AAUW-LB INSTALLATION WEBINAR INCOMING BOARD 2020-21 in the comfort of your home. ZOOM LINK will be emailed to you.
HOSTS: Farie Momayez and Lesley Danziger, Co-Presidents
3:00 - 3:15pm Welcome and Review of 2019-20
3:15 - 3:20pm What's Happening with AAUW CA
Diane Owens, President Elect, AAUW CA
3:20 - 3:45pm Welcome to Incoming Elected Board Officers

- Co-Presidents: Lesley Danziger, Farie Momayez
- Vice Presidents: Audrey Locke, Nancy Miller, Madeline Peterson
- Program Co-Chairs: Audrey Seymour and Joan Stratton
- Membership Coordinator: Jean Brotherton
- Treasurer: Roberta Kanter
- Secretary: Alison King
- AAUW LBF Director: Jean Vivrette

3:45 - 3:55pm Welcome to the rest of Incoming Appointed Board Officers

OTHER CALENDAR EVENTS for JULY and AUGUST

BOOK DISCUSSIONS:

AFTERNOON BOOKS: SPECIAL NOTE: Afternoon Books, which currently meets on Zoom from 1:00 to 3:00pm the first Wednesday afternoon of the month, could use two to three new members. We are a lively group interested in ideas and issues which we explore in the books we have collectively selected. We will be discussing *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett on July 1. Susan Kent will facilitate the discussion. For further information please contact Miriam Kranser, mkranser@cox.net, 949 499-5544

TUESDAY BOOKS @ 1:30

July 28 (Tuesday) 1:30 pm will meet on Zoom to discuss *Women of the Sea* by Lisa See. New members welcome. Contact Karen Dennis, karendennis@mac.com, for Zoom link.

EVENING BOOKS (for more information contact Gail Brooks, gail8441@cox.net)

July 22 (Wednesday) 7:00 pm EVENING BOOKS will meet, via Zoom, to discuss *A Long Petal of the Sea* by Isabelle Allende.

August 26 (Wednesday) 7:00 pm EVENING BOOKS will meet, via Zoom, to discuss *Girl, Woman, Other* by Bernadine Evaristo.

VESPER LIBRIS (Contact Janice Hayden, janicemhayden@gmail.com, for additional information. The group has not decided about meeting in August yet.)

July 16 (Thursday) 6:00 pm. Book will be *The Elephant Whisperer* by Lawrence Anthony.

POETRY APPRECIATION AND POETRY WRITERS (joint meeting on Zoom)

July 16 (Thursday) 1:00pm. Contact Karen Dennis, karendennis@mac.com, for an invitation in your email to join the meeting. New members welcome.

The *Laguna Waves* is a combined issue for July and August and will resume September 1.

Current information on July and August events will be sent by eblasts to your email address. Also check the lagunabeach-ca.aauw.net website and our two Facebook pages for information to share.