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AAUW's Mission. The American Association of University Women (AAUW), founded in 1881, is the nation's leading organization advancing equity for women and girls. Its national membership of 170,000 seeks to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. People of every race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, and level of physical ability are invited to join. For over 140 years, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day — educational, social, economic, and political. AAUW has published hundreds of research reports, from an 1885 paper disproving a prevailing myth that college impairs a woman's fertility to, most recently, a study documenting the economic impact of workplace sexual harassment. We have supported the academic achievements of many thousands of scholars, including scientist Marie Curie, the first woman to win a Nobel Peace Prize.

AAUW PUBLIC POLICY PROGRAM. Implicit in each of our principles is support for government agencies administering programs, including adequate appropriations, effective and accountable administration, and provision for citizen participation. We work to increase the number of under-represented populations, including women, in policy and other decision-making positions. AAUW is committed to working in partnership with coalitions to break through educational and economic barriers and work to ensure equity for all women and girls.

AAUW EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND addresses the barriers and implicit biases that hinder the advancement of women by championing equal access to education and ensuring that education at every level is free from sex discrimination. This Fund provides fellowships and grants to applicants for American, International, Selected Professions, Community Action and Career Development, Public Policy, and Tech Trek

ECONOMIC SECURITY FUND ensures livelihoods for women through achieving equity for women, providing training in salary negotiation, and deepening women's retirement security and quality of life. The Fund includes the Legal Advocacy Fund that combats sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace through community and campus outreach programs, resource library, and online advocacy.

MEMBERSHIP IN AAUW OFFERS:

- **Personal and Professional Growth.** AAUW members know that education does not end with college, and they understand that knowledge is power. AAUW helps people develop and refine their leadership skills. Members can expand their knowledge and enjoy intellectual stimulation by studying, discussing, and acting on issues such as: promoting educational and gender equity for women and girls, reproductive health care, diversity, and topics in community life, cultural interests, and education.
- **Community Leadership.** Skilled, educated individuals are needed to get important things done in our communities. Members help school children to develop English language skills.
- **Friendship.** In our fast-paced, often impersonal society, quality friendships are more important than ever. AAUW offers its members a chance to enjoy a support system of dynamic, educated people throughout the state, nation and world.

When are Meetings?

Monthly meetings and events are usually held weekday evenings, and Sunday afternoons. Programs encompass diverse interests, e.g., speakers on women's healthcare, educational equity, diversity and women's issues, and panel discussions on art.

Established in 1987, the annual *Laguna Beach Literary Festival of Women Authors* fundraiser proceeds, administered by our nonprofit AAUW Laguna Beach Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, include:

- Middle school girls to attend AAUW Tech Trek STEM summer camps on college campuses
- Elementary school tutoring
- Scholarships for college-bound graduating high school girls
- Scholarships for re-entry college women
- grants for college women to attend the annual AAUW National Conference of College Women Student Leaders
- Fellowships and grants for graduate women in study and research, and legal case advocacy support

Who Can Join?

A graduate holding an associate or equivalent, bachelor's, or higher degree from an accredited educational institution or a foreign degree acceptable as a basis for admission by graduate schools at qualified universities of the U.S., shall be eligible to receive admission to AAUW membership; such membership shall be granted upon payment of AAUW dues.

Headquartered in Washington, DC, AAUW has over 170,000 members and donors, 1,000 Affiliates, and 500 college/university partners. AAUW California has over 13,000 members in 140 branches including 10 in Orange County. Chartered in 1967, AAUW Laguna Beach (CA) has a membership of 150.

Interest Groups

Small groups are excellent ways to meet others who share common interests and concerns.

Schedules of the AAUW Laguna Beach Branch. Interest Groups meetings, and further information are posted on the branch website www.lagunabeach-ca.aauw.net, and in the *Newsblast!* electronic newsletter.

• BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS:

AFTERNOON BOOKS meets at 1:00pm on Zoom 4th Tuesday except December.

EVERYTHING & ANYTHING meets from 1:30-3:30pm on 2nd Wednesday.

EVENING BOOKS meets at 7:00pm on the 4th Wednesday, except December..

VESPER LIBRIS book group meets at 6:00pm on the 3rd Thursday.

• (TLC) ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TUTORING

meets on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons January through May. Members and community volunteers help Laguna Beach El Morro Elementary School students in an after-school tutoring program to keep up in their classes. No prior teaching experience is necessary.

• **MOVIE GOERS** meets on the 3rd Sunday after viewing a previously selected film.

• **POETRY** meets at 2:00pm six times/year on the 2nd Thursday.

AAUW MISSION STATEMENT:

As an AAUW Affiliate, AAUW Laguna Beach (CA) Branch shall further AAUW's mission to advance gender equity for women and girls through education, research and advocacy.

How Do I Join?

It is easy for graduates of colleges and universities to become AAUW members by completing membership application forms obtained from the AAUW Laguna Beach Branch website:

www.lagunabeach-ca.aauw.net

Annual AAUW Laguna Beach Branch dues are \$122.00. Discounted dues \$86.00 are available for an individual joining at a meeting or event.

Currently enrolled undergraduate and graduate students of colleges and universities may join as Student Associates at reduced dues.

National dues are waived for students attending AAUW institutional partner colleges.

For further information, please email:

aauwlbemails@gmail.com

Mission

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Vision

Equity for all.

Values

Nonpartisan.
Fact-based.
Integrity.
Inclusion and Intersectionality.