

San Diego Branch

March 2021

MISSION STATEMENT

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

DIVERSITY STATEMENT

In principle and practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization based on gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

AAUW FUNDS MISSION STATEMENT

AAUW provides funds to advance education, research and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.

AAUW VISION STATEMENT

By joining AAUW we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers, so all women have a fair chance.

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EMPOWERING WOMEN SINCE 1881



THE SPHERE

President's Message

by Jane Niemeier



February is Black History Month and March is Women's History Month, so let us remember Shirley Chisholm, who was the first African American woman to serve in Congress, beginning in 1968, and who was the first woman to seek the presidential nomination from a major political party in 1972. She came from humble beginnings but ended up graduating from Brooklyn College cum laude in 1946. Her motto and the title of the book she wrote was UNBOSSSED AND UNBOUGHT.

In Congress, she authored more than 50 pieces of legislation that championed the rights of women and the poor. She also fought racism and worked to end the Viet Nam War. During the 1972 presidential campaign, she was blocked from appearing at the debates on TV and was allowed to give only one speech. She continued in spite of the odds and eventually gained 10% of the delegates during the Democratic convention. Chisholm was also a co-founder of the National Women's Political Caucus in 1971. We could certainly use more women like Shirley Chisholm in Congress today!

*"In diversity, there is beauty
and there is strength."*

Maya Angelou

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DON'T FORGET OUR SCHOLARS

By now, you have all received your Un-Tea Party invitations to make an annual donation to our Scholarship Fund. Your generous donations go directly to deserving and grateful young women who might not otherwise be able to realize their goal of earning a college degree.

Thank you for writing your check today to "AAUW San Diego" and sending it to P.O.Box 262012, San Diego, CA 92196.





Marked annually on MARCH 8TH, International Women's Day (IWD) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. Significant activity is witnessed worldwide as groups come together to celebrate women's achievements or rally for women's equality.

International Women's Day is one of the most important days of the year to:

- celebrate women's achievements.
- raise awareness about women's equality.
- lobby for accelerated gender parity
- fundraise for [FEMALE-FOCUSED CHARITIES](#)

IWD 2021 campaign theme: #ChooseToChallenge

A challenged world is an alert world. Individually, we're all responsible for our own thoughts and actions - all day, every day.

We can all choose to challenge and call out gender bias and inequality. We can all choose to seek out and celebrate women's achievements. Collectively, we can all help create an inclusive world.

From challenge comes change, so let's all CHOOSE TO CHALLENGE.

Yet progress has slowed in many places across the world, so global action is needed to accelerate gender parity. Leaders across the world are pledging to take action as champions of gender parity – not only for International Women's Day, but for every day.

<https://www.internationalwomensday.com/>

Join us by Zoom

Saturday, March 6th at 2 pm

for a fascinating look at

FEMINISM

THE SECOND WAVE
OF A MOVEMENT



Women's Liberation Movement: Second Wave

As we begin Women's History Month, we pay homage to the founders and promoters of the second wave of feminism, beginning with Betty Friedan's *The Feminine Mystic* (1963), and ending with the outcome of the National Women's Conference in 1977 when 2,005 women delegates voted on 26 planks designed "To Form a More Perfect Union." As a whole, the Second Wave can be characterized by a general feeling of solidarity among women fighting for equality. It also saw the creation of several types of feminism, such as radical, "womanist," liberal, visionary, and curious.

Our own Anne Hoiberg shares the amazing stories of nineteen feminists from the second wave of feminism.





Lynne Batchelor Our Named Gift Honoree

You may be wondering what a Named Gift Honoree is. Here is the definition from the AAUW-CA website:

Every year the AAUW California Fund Committee honors AAUW California members who have done outstanding work in supporting the programs and goals of the AAUW Fund and/or AAUW California. For branches, in particular, a Named Gift is a special way to pay tribute to an individual, a group, or an organization giving extraordinary service to AAUW.

This year our honoree is Lynne Batchelor, a member who is an AAUW superhero! When she was in her mid 20s, she and three friends founded the Chula Vista Branch where she served in every officer and committee chair position. A little while later, she joined the San Diego Branch, where she has served as President twice and has also served on various committees. She has been IBC Chair twice and IBC Secretary as well. Lynne has been on the AAUW California state board on and off since 2004, during which time she has chaired many committees. Currently she is the state Secretary and a member of the Project Oversight Committee.

Lynne was born in Texas, but she lived in many other places before she attended Texas Wesleyan University to obtain her B.A. with honors, majoring in English and history. She then completed her M.A. in Multi-Cultural Education at Pepperdine University. She spent her career as a teacher, a resource teacher, a vice-principal, and a principal, and she continues working as interim principal and vice-principal upon occasion.

We are fortunate to have Lynne in our branch!

Public Policy News from National

by Kathi Harper, Public Policy Co-Chair AAUW California

On February 2, 2021, my co-chair Sue Miller and I met via Zoom with AAUW Public Policy Director Kate Nielsen and her assistant Robin Lucas, along with state public policy chairs across the nation, to get updates on changes to the public policy landscape with a new administration and Congress. Here is a summary of what we thought members would like to know:

1. AAUW Public Policy team sends notice of our priorities for the new year
 - a. Letter to the President, focused on
 - i. Women's Economic Security
 - ii. Education Access
 - b. Letter to 117th Congress
 - i. Passing the Paycheck Fairness Act
 - ii. Passing the Equity in Education Act
 - c. Both found at [aauw.org/resources/policy/documents](https://www.aauw.org/resources/policy/documents)
2. Also outlined Admin and Congressional Priorities
 - a. Biden-Harris in the 1st 2 weeks – 41 Exec orders
 - i. Covid, including student-debt relief and opening of schools
 - ii. Anti-discrimination, including removing barriers, DACA relief and a Task Force to reunite families
 - iii. Protecting women's health at home and abroad, including access to abortions
 - b. Coming Legislation from Congress
 - i. Covid relief – 1.9 Trillion package
 1. Paid sick & family leave extended thru Sept (14 weeks)
 2. Increase min wage to \$15
 3. Assistance to those at risk of losing jobs &/or their homes
 4. \$3B to help women with food relief for their families
 5. \$25B emergency fund for child care providers
 - ii. Raise the Wage Act (\$15 by 2025) – reintroduced Thursday
 - iii. FAMILY Act (emphasis on access to paid leave) – end of this week
 - iv. Paycheck Fairness Act – HR7
 1. AAUW working on since 1997
 2. Reintroduced 2/1
 3. Strong bi-partisan support
 4. Prohibits retaliation for discussing pay
 5. Closes loopholes in Equal Pay Act
 6. Can't use prior salary HX in hiring decisions
 7. Members can help: Toolkit at [aauw.org/resources/policy/pfa-toolkit/](https://www.aauw.org/resources/policy/pfa-toolkit/)

Mark Your Calendars

UPCOMING EVENTS

- MARCH 6 2 PM** Panel Second Wave of Feminism from the 60's and 70s
- APRIL** Equal Pay – Hie-Ock Kim
EDequity's Global Innovation Summit - April 14 & 17
- MAY** SD County Public Defender – Genevieve Jones-Wright
- JUNE** Annual Meeting – Former Scholars





Kris Downey
Julie McKane
Jane Snyder
Terry Ward

2013
Dogs vs Cats

Pierre Sermanet won the Kaggle competition to classify whether images contained either a dog or a cat.

He used computer vision and deep learning approaches on 25,000 images.

He achieved 98.9% accuracy.





[Artificial Intelligence and Amazon Alexa](#)

This was a presentation made to AAUW San Diego on Feb 27, 2021 01:30 PM by Maria Lupetini. To watch the presentation, use the following link.

<https://youtu.be/CUWtCptUdCs>

youtu.be

Calendar of webinars from the AAUW California website. **Local webinars are in red.**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Board to Board Submission Deadline	2	3	4 AAUW Equity Network presents "In Conversation with Dr. Shanna Benjamin, author of Half in Shadow: The Life and Legacy of Nellie Y. McKay" 2:00 pm	5	Panel Second Wave of Feminism from the 60's and 70s @ 2 pm
7	8 International Women's Day International Women's Day! Celebrate Women Shaping a More Equitable Future 5:00 pm Build community and campus relationships through Work Smart. 7:00 pm	9	10	11	12	13
	14 Virtual NGO Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) Forum 65 10:00 am	16		18	19	
21 Virtual NGO Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) Forum 65	22 How to Talk to Legislators 7:00 pm	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Note:

The AAUW calendar is posted to inform you of other webinars available. AAUW CA Healdsburg branch uses their webinars as a scholarship fundraiser with a ticket price of \$95. Click on the webinar title to receive further information.