

San Diego Branch

June 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.

AAUW SAN DIEGO BRANCH

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THE SPHERE

President's Message

by Jane Niemeier

Let's Make a Difference in a Girl's Life!

I am fortunate enough to live right next door to the University of San Diego, and I have often taken advantage of the opportunity to listen to nationally renowned speakers who come to campus. Over the years, I have seen the Dalai Lama, author Colson Whitehead, and former Attorney General Edwin Meese speak. One speaker who made a great impression on me was 2011 Nobel Laureate Leymah Gbowee. She was the Keynote Speaker at the International Women's Day Breakfast in 2013, and her story is amazing.

In 2003, Gbowee led a nonviolent demonstration of Christian and Muslim women with the goal of ending the 14-year civil war in Liberia. The women sat daily at the hotel where the peace talks were going on. These women threatened to rip off their clothes in front of these men if they didn't end the war. According to Gbowee, it's a curse to see a married or elderly woman bare herself. The women sat outside the room until the men inside began to negotiate seriously, and in August 2003, there was a peace accord.



I saved the program from the breakfast, and I wrote down a quote from Leymah Gbowee. She said, "We need to quit talking to ourselves. Take one girl in your community and mentor her." And she said, "Nothing about us without us." This is the power of women and the power of AAUW. We mentor girls all of the time, starting with Tech Trek. Another example is the recent Ed Equity Global Challenge led by Shauna Ruyle. Let's keep doing our wonderful work of breaking through barriers for women and girls.



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Tech Trek	Gillian	Gillian Simcox
Tech Outreach	Lillian	Shauna Ruyle

Are you interested in a position? Do you know someone who would do a great job as Membership VP? Step up to the plate.

Dues are Due

As a member of the San Diego branch which participates in the Membership Payment Program (MPP), you will be paying all of your dues – branch, state, and national – at once.

There are two ways to renew.

1. Online You should have received a personalized email from membershipinfo@aauw.org with a link to make a payment. Please review your contact details and note any changes with your finance officer. Questions, contact Connect2AAUW at connect@aauw.org or call 800.326.2289 weekdays, 10am - 5pm ET.
2. By check: Make check payable to AAUW San Diego. Mail to:

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We hope you will join us again this year. Together, we can drive meaningful change in 2021.



Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

June 12 at 2 pm via Zoom. Kathleen Doty, Past State President of AAUW California, will be installing our officers. Kathleen Doty has been a member of AAUW since 1985 and has held almost every position in her branch. In addition, she has served AAUW CA as District Director for Los Angeles District, Secretary, Parliamentarian, President Elect, President, Convention Manager and Chair of the Governance Committee. Kathleen has a BA degree in

Zoology from the University of California at Santa Barbara and an MA degree in Biology from California State University, Fullerton. Kathleen worked for over 40 years as a Clinical Laboratory Scientist, retiring from her position as Manager of the Core Laboratory at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in January of 2012. Her other volunteer interests currently include Girl Scouts and the California Association for Medical Laboratory Technology.



Our scholarship winner from 2020, Caroline Soderstjerna, will speak about her junior year at UCSD through virtual class studies, podcasts, and final exams. Caroline's career goal is to become a conservation biologist. She is learning first-hand the knowledge and skills of her chosen field by working part-time as a data analyst at the Scripps Institute of Oceanography Whale Acoustics Lab. Caroline welcomes your questions during our Zoom branch meeting on June 12th about her unusual year learning and working virtually.

Our Branch scholarships will be awarded at our June 12 meeting; please attend to meet our remarkable recipients. We can't wait to tell you, so here are the results. Two women emerged as outstanding and worthy of scholarships. Melissa Cusa and Sofia Pantis were selected based on their comprehensive application packets and interviews. They will be awarded \$2500 each. Please attend June 12 to meet Melissa and Sofia and hear their inspiring stories.

Planning Meeting

July 31 at 10 am in person! At the home of
Julie McKane
4221 Dakota Dr
San Diego 92117.

Bring your ideas for the coming year. The meeting will be followed by a potluck lunch. All attendees must be fully vaccinated.



AAUW California Decries Discrimination against Black Transgender and Gender Non-conforming People

Archana Maniar, AAUW California Public Policy Committee Member

AAUW California supports “freedom in definition of self-identity” as critical to ensuring justice for a diverse and inclusive society. One group that is consistently denied this freedom is black transgender and gender non-conforming individuals. Over the past several years, increasing attention has been focused on the multitude of ways in which these individuals encounter marginalization and discrimination. A recent study by the National Center for Transgender Equality addressed these forms of discrimination through the National Transgender Discrimination Survey. The study highlighted a variety of economic, safety, and physical and mental health challenges faced by transgender and gender non-conforming individuals. Black transgender people had unemployment rates four times the rate of the general population and twice the rate of transgender people at large. A startling 41% of black transgender or gender non-conforming individuals said they had experienced being unsheltered. Black transgender individuals suffered extreme poverty at a rate of 31% which is twice that of transgender individuals of all races and eight times the general US population. Furthermore, 50% of black respondents who attended school while expressing their transgender identity or gender non-conformity reported harassment in the survey. Nearly half of black respondents to the survey had attempted to commit suicide and more than 20% were living with HIV compared to 0.60% of the general population. The findings highlight the profound challenges faced by black transgender and gender non-conforming individuals and point to the need for social justice advocates and government officials to address the intersection between race and gender identity to assure equity of transgender or gender non-conforming citizens.

AAUW members can address the challenges faced by black transgender and gender non-conforming individuals by advocating for legislation that assures an even playing field and addresses the unique housing and healthcare challenges faced by this population. These will help us achieve AAUW-California’s public policy goals of equality, inclusiveness, and financial security for all women.

[New analysis shows startling levels of discrimination against Black transgender people - National LGBTQ Task Force \(thetaskforce.org\)](https://thetaskforce.org)

The logo for the National LGBTQ Task Force. It features a stylized graphic of overlapping colored squares (black, green, orange, purple) to the right of the text. The text "NATIONAL" is in a smaller font, "LGBTQ" is in a large, bold, sans-serif font, and "TASK FORCE" is in a bold, sans-serif font below it.

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AAUW Fund Recognition Year 2020



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\$518,421.44

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1. Marin	\$58,880
2. San Jose	\$24,934
3. Hayward-Castro Valley	\$19,480
4. Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek	\$17,411
5. Morgan Hill	\$14,981
6. Roseville-South Placer	\$11,272
7. Long Beach	\$11,065
8. La Mesa-El Cajon	\$10,583
9. Sacramento	\$10,346
10. Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette	\$9,772

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1. Marin	\$372.66
2. Berkeley	\$316.00
3. Calaveras County	\$250.00
4. Hayward-Castro Valley	\$241.00
5. West Contra Costa	\$176.00
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7. San Diego	\$144.00
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Making a planned gift to AAUW is an easy way to make a real impact and leave an enduring legacy that will benefit AAUW long into the future. Planned gifts—or bequests—are gifts that you designate in your will, estate, or trust.

Benefits of Planned Giving

- Planned gifts afford you flexibility to provide for your family and support AAUW.
- Certain planned gifts may reduce estate or capital gains taxes.
- Planned gifts need not affect your cash flow during your lifetime.
- Certain types of planned gifts allow you to support AAUW while also providing income for the rest of your life—or a fixed income for a loved one.
- The joy of knowing that your legacy gift will sustain AAUW's programs for years to come is the ultimate benefit!

Join the Legacy Circle today and make a real impact in the fight for fair pay, education and training, women's leadership opportunities, and economic security. There is no minimum gift requirement to join the Legacy Circle, and it's a great way to ensure that your wishes will be honored now and in the future.

To learn more call
AAUW's planned giving
office at 202-785-7766.
You may also request a
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Heather Miller,
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Since 1888, AAUW has been one of the largest funders of women's graduate education, investing in women who go on to change the world. AAUW's fellowships and grants is celebrating over 130 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. More than 250 recipients received nearly \$3.9 million in AAUW fellowships and grants for the 2020–21 academic year. The funding aims to advance educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe.

AAUW California is proud to announce there are 21 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.

For more information about those studying in California and to watch the Fund Luncheon presentations, click [HERE](#).

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.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the Fund Luncheon presentation.

Mark Your Calendars **UPCOMING EVENTS**

JUNE 12

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers at 2 pm via Zoom

JULY 31


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Calendar of webinars from the AAUW California website. Local webinars are in red.						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> <u>The Care and Feeding of Volunteers 7:00 pm</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u> Annual Meeting and Election of Officers at 2 pm via Zoom
<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>
					AAUW CA Board Retreat	
<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>
	TECH TREK VIRTUAL CAMP SESSION 1					
<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>			

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.