



# NEWSLETTER

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## **Tech Trek Campers and Myra Long Scholars to be Presented at the May 12 AAUW Greater Whittier Area Branch General Meeting**

The Greater Whittier Area Branch of the American Association of University Women and their guests will meet on Saturday, May 12 at the Radisson Hotel, 7320 Greenleaf, Whittier, at 11:30 AM. This year the Myra Long Scholarship winners are Min Liang of Arcadia, Anna Lee of Hacienda Heights, Susana Cortes of West Covina and Marina Armendariz of Rosemead. There are five Tech Trek campers and two alternates who are featured on page 4. The menu includes a taco bar, cheese enchiladas, Spanish rice, refried beans, garden salad with ranch or raspberry vinaigrette dressings, and chocolate mousse for dessert. The cost is \$15. Please make reservations or cancellations no later than Tuesday, May 8. Please call Carole Restovich at 562-696-0296 or email your reservation to [whittieraauwreserv@yahoo.com](mailto:whittieraauwreserv@yahoo.com). You will always receive an acknowledgement of your reservation.

## **PUBLIC POLICY: The Ryan Budget Takes Aim....At You! This is not shared sacrifice**

By Sharon Heck

The House of Representatives has already passed Rep. Paul Ryan's (R-WI) brand-new budget, which slashes hundreds of billions of dollars from low-income programs while cutting taxes for our nation's wealthiest. To be clear, this proposal cuts taxes for everyone -- but the average cut for those with yearly incomes over \$1 million (12.5 percent) is six times greater than the cut for middle-income people (1.9 percent). The Ryan budget would also maintain current tax cuts -- but only for high-income families; this plan would allow the tax cuts for working-poor and middle-class households to expire. This budget imposes trillions of dollars in spending cuts, 62 percent of which would come from low-income programs that women and families rely on, like Medicare, Medicaid and federal student aid programs.

The Ryan budget flies in the face of reason. The budget

should never be used as a weapon to wage war on programs critical to the economic security of women and families while handing out enormous tax cuts to the wealthiest earners. AAUW unequivocally opposes Ryan's plan, which relies on flawed math and assumptions, and will do real and lasting harm to families, workers and retirees.

Contact your senators today: Tell them to oppose the Ryan budget when it is introduced in the Senate. Instead Congress should develop a sensible budget that promotes job creation and economic security, defends the civil rights of all Americans and protects women's rights.

**Senator Barbara Boxer**

**U.S. Senate**

**Washington, DC 20510**

**Senator Dianne Feinstein**

**U.S. Senate**

**Washington, D 20510**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** by Sharon Heck



Last month I reported on a new AAUW program titled It's My Vote-I Will Be Heard. We were told there would be an online training session for this program. We now know there was only a training at the AAUW State Convention on April 12. We have been told you can find out more about the program by going to the AAUW National website. A mailing was received by some of us which encourages our participation; I will pass on further information as it is received.

As of this writing, we have not had our April meeting which will feature our Las Distinguidas award winners. I know it will be a wonderful day for all in attendance and I truly look forward to it on April 21. We will also elect our officers at that meeting, and I thank all who have said "yes" to the call to service. Our May 12 meeting will feature our Tech Trek scholarship winners and our adult women scholarship winners. This is always an exciting day for the winners and their families.

Anyone who reads this newsletter is aware of the wonderful sections and interest groups offered by our Branch. I participate in Mystery Mavens and the International Concerns groups, and I thoroughly enjoy gathering with these women. If you enjoy reading, writing, gardening, movies, walking, cooking, or just about anything else, there is a group for you. Our thanks to Ruth White who has served so ably as our Section Coordinator this year. She also makes sure one of the sections provides centerpieces for our monthly meetings. Thank you, Ruth. I hope to see all of you at the Radisson Hotel, 11:30 AM on Saturday, May 12.

## **Board Meetings**

The next Board meeting will be held at St. Matthias Church, 7056 Washington Ave., Whittier, on Tuesday, **May 1** at 7 PM. Parking is on the street or off Wardman behind the church. Use the entrance on Wardman.

Every member is welcome to attend the Board meetings. If you would like more information, please call Sharon Heck at 562-698-0476.

## **FIRST FRIDAY**

**Date: May 4      Time: 6 - 8 PM**

**Host: Sandy / Art Bridges, 1550 N. Walnut, La Habra Heights      562-697-7427**

Directions to Sandy Bridges' house: Whittier Blvd to Euclid St., turning north at Claro's Italian market on your left and the ARCO gas station on the right. Go north on Euclid for 0.7 mile. You will pass apartment buildings, homes and then start up the hill. The street name changes to Hiatt St. when you start up the steep grade where the road narrows. The street ends and turns onto Walnut to your left or right at the top. Do not go onto Walnut! Take the driveway to your right, between the decorative rock wall and the mail boxes and pine trees. It is quite a steep descent, but it opens up as you come down. We are the second house on the left, (hedge in front, salmon color with black roof and white trim).

**The Myra Long Scholarship Fund (now committee) will meet at 9 AM on Thursday, May 3 in the library of the First Friends Church, 13205 Philadelphia in Uptown Whittier. All members are welcome.**

## International Concerns

International Concerns will meet at 10 AM on Tuesday, May 15 at Ellen Larson's, Whittier Beverly Park, 12031 Beverly Blvd., #2D, Whittier. Our topic is "Cybersecurity: the new frontier".

For further information contact Maurine Behrens at 562-695-8436.

## Modern Trends in Literature

Thursday, May 24 at 7 PM

Hostess: Cindy Birt, 2639 Ardsheal, La Habra Heights, 562-697-7520. From Hacienda Blvd. take Skyline Dr. to Ardsheal.

Co-Hostess: Colleen Tan

Half Broke Horses by Jeannette Walls

In this book Jeannette Walls, author of The Glass Castle, assumes the voice of Lilly Casey Smith, her grandmother. Smith, who was freely outspoken against hypocrisy and prejudice, defied conventional living. She lived in a dirt dugout in West Texas and became a teacher at 15 years old. This novelistic portrayal of Smith's life is an interesting look at the life of women in the American Southwest before World War I.

Kristine Yeseta, Chair, 562-696-0226

## Marwynne Selfridge

A former member of our Branch, Marwynne Selfridge, passed away on March 4 in Northern California. A memorial service was held on April 14 at St. Matthias Episcopal Church in Whittier. Memorials can be given to the Whittier Library or CASA organization.

## MAY WALKERS THURSDAYS 9 AM

- MAY 3 LA MIRADA CREEK PARK  
MEET IN PARKING LOT OFF SANTA GERTRUDES
- MAY 10 GREENWAY TRAIL - PALM PARK  
MEET IN PARKING LOT AT PALM PARK
- MAY 17 WHITTIER CIVIC CENTER  
MEET IN SENIOR CENTER PARKING LOT OFF WALNUT
- MAY 24 LEGG LAKE  
MEET IN PARKING LOT OFF ROSEMEAD BLVD.
- MAY 31 BRUNCH IN THE PARK  
PENN PARK BY CANYON CREST  
WE WILL DISCUSS WHERE WE WILL BE WALKING JULY 2012-JUNE 2013  
PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING, AS YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT

ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT SHIRLEY STEWART 562-944-4556 OR [shirleys.creations@verizon.net](mailto:shirleys.creations@verizon.net)

## Report on Tech Trek 2012

Tech Trek is a science and math camp designed to develop interest, excitement and self-confidence in young girls who will enter eighth grade in the fall. It features hands-on activities in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) and related subjects. This summer our Branch will be sending five girls to Whittier College for one week from June 16<sup>th</sup> through June 22. Three members from the Greater Whittier Area Branch (Patricia Cuocco, Pat Dudley, Linda Gatons) interviewed 10 girls who had been nominated by a math or science teacher from their school of attendance and had submitted an essay on How I Would Make the World a Better Place with My Knowledge of Math and Science. All of the candidates expressed a commitment that math and science was important to them as students and desired to continue furthering their education in these areas.

Through outreach and fundraising efforts of the Myra Long Scholarship Fund (MLSF) our Branch received grant money from the Quaker Chemical Company to fund three campers this year. The manager of Epmar, a subsidiary of Quaker Chemical, Mr. Palitha Abeywardena, is an invited guest to our May meeting. In addition, nine Branch members have volunteered to be docents at the Pasadena Showcase House by donating 80 hours of service to fund one additional camper. We are awaiting confirmation of donations from Raytheon and Whittier Host Lions who have generously funded campers in past years. Our five campers and two alternates with a guest each who have been invited to attend our May luncheon are: Campers (*Edwards Middle School in Whittier*) Clarissa Castro, Monique Amaro, Krystal Frith, Idalis Perez and (*Grandview College Preparatory School in Hacienda/LaPuente*) Ehsan Hassabelrasoul. Alternates (*Edwards*) Alyssa Montalvo and (*Grandview*) Cecilia Arrellano.

For more information on Tech Trek visit the Whittier Branch website <http://www.aauwhittier.info> or AAUW California website <http://www.aauw-tech-trek.org/>.

Pat Dudley, Tech Trek Chair

## 2012 Las Distinguidas Awards

Two local women have been honored with the 2012 Las Distinguidas award by the Greater Whittier Area Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) for their selfless service to the community. Mary Ann Gilbert a licensed audiologist and owner of the Whittier Hearing Center, was nominated by both the Soroptimist International Whittier and the Intercommunity Counseling Center. She has held every major office in Soroptimist and has served on the board of Soroptimist Village's low-cost housing facilities. Current president of ICC, she has been instrumental in a mental-health clinic and numerous other much needed services.



Mary Ann Gilbert and Ann McKenna

Ann McKenna, a retired R.N. and teacher of inner-city at-risk students, was nominated by the McKenna Foundation, which was created by her fourteen children to honor her and her late husband, Edward. She is president of the Foundation, which within two years of its creation has become the major contributor to St. Mary's Place and the Whittier Chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, both of which provide direct and emergency services to home-bound and impoverished persons, including seniors, veterans, the disabled and the homeless, serving nearly 300 households weekly.

Margot Kamens, Public Relations

## Myra Long Scholarship Recipients

The Greater Whittier Area American Association of University Women is pleased to announce the Myra Long Scholarship winners; **Min Liang** of Arcadia, **Anna Lee** of Hacienda Heights, **Susana Cortes** of West Covina and **Marina Armendariz** of Rosemead.

**Ms. Liang**, being the eldest child in a low income family in China and a girl meant she had to work to help assist her family and to save for her own higher education dreams. She enrolled in adult night classes after saving money, passed the English higher level standardized test, received the certificate and obtained a job in Yashi Tutor Center in China. She met her husband in China and came to the U.S. in 2006. She is an American citizen and they have a young son. Even though balancing family obligations, school, work and club involvement commitments keeps her very busy, she is able to move toward her educational goal of getting a PhD or MD/PhD in biomedical science. Ms. Liang's AA degree from Rio Hondo in General Studies with an emphasis in math and Science, graduating with a 3.83 average in May while being a Tutor/Supervisor in the MESA Program, the secretary of the SACNAS Rio Hondo College Chapter and founding the Pre-Health Club which advises health studies students on furthering their health pursuits beyond the two year program, will certainly help her reach her long-term academic goal with possible acceptance to UCLA for the Fall of 2012.

After overcoming many horrendous obstacles in her life, **Ms. Lee** came to the scholarship interview proudly with her acceptance letter from Cal State Fullerton in her hand! She will receive her AA degree from Rio Hondo in Drug Studies in May with a 3.98 GPA. Ms. Lee is the president and co-founder of The One Less Victim Project, a club that builds an awareness of substance abuse and its correlation to sexual assault. After completing her Bachelor's degree in social work, she hopes to obtain her Master's.

**Ms. Cortes'** counselor's recommendation letter states, "It is truly amazing to see how she has responded to all the hardships she has gone through. Not only has she managed to cope through such difficulties, but she has used "those negative experiences" as a ladder to climb out of where she was, establish where she is now, and develop where she plans to be." Working with Autistic children has influenced her to become a Special Education Teacher. She will receive her Child Development AA Degree from Rio Hondo College in May and has been accepted at CSULA for Fall.

**Ms. Armendariz** is the mother of two boys, a U.S. Army Veteran and is the first member of her family to attend college. Currently her older son and husband are also attending Rio Hondo College. She received her Associate of Science degree in Drug Studies and an Associate of Science degree in Administration of Justice from Rio Hondo College. In spite of her busy schedule as a full-time student and working two part-time jobs, Ms. Armendariz has maintained a 3.02 GPA and has received a certificate of Academic Excellence from Rio Hondo College President's Office. She plans to transfer to CSULA to obtain a B.S. in Human Services.

What a pleasure to interact with these motivated, accomplished and goal oriented women! We are honored to wish them many more successful adventures.

Jois Hofmann, MLSF Chair

## MEMORIES

The next Memories Section will meet on Wednesday, May 23, at the home of Carole Restovich, 7008 Bryn Mawr Way off Philadelphia behind Whittier College at 1:30 PM. The topic is "A Book that Changed Me". We write on the topic and read aloud to those in attendance. It is a fun and positive experience. No need to be a gifted writer - just a willingness to put your thoughts on paper. For more information, call Carole at 562-696-0296.

## Morning Book

**Morning Book** will not meet this month. Our final meeting of the year will take place on Monday, June 4, at 10 AM at Judy Flanders' home, 12430 Floral, Whittier. Sally Schmidt will be both co-hosting and leading the discussion of Clara and Mr. Tiffany by Susan Vreeland. We will also be arranging the schedule of books as well as signing up for next year's meetings. Look for further details in next month's Newsletter.

Ann Topjon, Chair, 562-695-6185

## Saturday Night Bridge

**Saturday night bridge will be May 26 at 7 PM. Please call Mary Ellen Mead, 562-693-6482, for details.**

## Mystery Mavens

**Wednesday, May 16      6:30 PM**

**Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter by Tom Franklin**

**Reviewer: Ann Farmer**

In the 1970's, Larry Ott and Silas "32" Jones were boyhood pals in a small town in rural Mississippi. Their worlds were as different as night and day: Larry was the child of lower-middle-class white parents, and Silas, the son of a poor, black single mother. But then Larry took a girl to a drive-in movie and she was never seen or heard from again. He never confessed...and was never charged.

More than twenty years have passed. Larry lives a solitary, shunned existence, never able to rise above the whispers of suspicion. Silas has become the town constable. And now another girl has disappeared, forcing two men who once called each other "friend" to confront a past they've buried for decades.

Meet at Marie Callender's restaurant at 9829 La Serna, Whittier (near Whittier Blvd.) in the Library Room.

Reservations - Carol K. Anderson 562- 943-0728

**Proposed Board of Directors  
Greater Whittier Area  
American Association of University Women 2012-13**

- 1. Carol K. Anderson - Membership Treasurer**
- 2. Maurine Behrens - MLSF**
- 3. Patricia Cuocco - Hospitality**
- 4. Patricia Dudley - Tech Trek**
- 5. Peggy Fretz - AAUW Funds**
- 6. Barbara Gile - MLSF**
- 7. Susan Halliday - President**
- 8. Sharon Heck - Math/Science**
- 9. Pamela Holmes - MLSF**
- 10. Jois Hofmann - Scholarship**
- 11. Jan Berry - Speech Trek**
- 12. Kaye Kidwell - Treasurer & MLSF**
- 13. Ellen Larson - MLSF**
- 14. Carole Restovich - Recording Secretary**
- 15. Sally Schmidt - Corresponding Secretary**
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- 17. LaVonne (Lovey) Sherman - Membership**
- 18. Shirley Stewart - Parliamentarian**
- 19. Cheryl Suit - Membership**
- 20. Gwen Woirhaye - MLSF**
- 21. Wonderful Member - President-Elect**

## MEMBERSHIP

Our current membership is 161. We are hoping to recruit a few more members prior to the end of this year. Anyone who joins at this time of the year becomes an instant member and her membership is good through June 2013. That is the equivalent of fifteen months of membership for the price of twelve months. This is a really good time to join. You will find an application with this Newsletter.

It is time for our current members to renew their memberships. Please do this as soon as possible. You do need to submit an application, but need only complete those sections marked with an \*. We need this to insure that our yearbook is complete and accurate.

We have an update for an e-mail address for Ruth Currie. It is [ruthcur@gmail.com](mailto:ruthcur@gmail.com).

As always, you can contact Membership at:

Yvette Rawlinson, 562-698-6867 or

Sandy Bridges at 562-697-7427 or [abrid848@aol.com](mailto:abrid848@aol.com) or

Joyce Paul at 909-620-1202 or [joycem.paul@yahoo.com](mailto:joycem.paul@yahoo.com)

## Show Girls

Four of us met and watched "Mirror, Mirror", which we enjoyed. We ate Thai food for dinner. We are back to our regular schedule. We will be meeting the 2nd Thursday in May, May 10, around 3:30. I do not know what exact time because I cannot see the schedule yet. The way I choose the movie, is the one which has the start time close to 3:30.

We will be choosing a different place in Whittier to eat. Send me your email if I do not have it, if you want to join us. The Monday before, I will email you the time to meet and the movie we will be seeing, that Thursday. We would love to have you join us.

Gen'nel Walters [icugwalters@aol.com](mailto:icugwalters@aol.com) 562-943-5333



**Greater Whittier Area American Association of University Women (AAUW)**

**2102-2013 Membership Application**

\*Title: Mrs.\_\_\_\_ Ms.\_\_\_\_ Miss\_\_\_\_ None\_\_\_\_ Other\_\_\_\_

\*Last Name\_\_\_\_\_ \*First Name\_\_\_\_\_ \*Middle Initial\_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name\_\_\_\_\_

\*Street Address\_\_\_\_\_ \*City\_\_\_\_\_ \*Zip Code\_\_\_\_\_

\*Home Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ \*Work Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

\*Cell Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ \*Fax (\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

\*E-mail address\_\_\_\_\_

Degree\_\_\_\_\_ Year\_\_\_\_\_ Major\_\_\_\_\_

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**Please complete and mail your membership application and dues to:**

**AAUW, Whittier Branch Membership, P.O. Box 5333, Whittier, CA 90607-5333**

AAUW Membership Type (please check one) Annual Dues:

\_\_\_\_\_ General \$89.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Life Member \$40.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Student \$42.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Dual \$24.00

\_\_\_\_\_ I want the yearbook mailed to me and will add \$2.00 to my payment check.

\_\_\_\_\_ I also want the AAUW binder that costs \$5.00 plus \$1.50 postage and will add \$6.50 to my payment.

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to advertise my business. I have included the \$15.00 fee and my business card.

Do you have a sponsor? If so, who is it?\_\_\_\_\_

\*Required for all members. **New members must complete all information.**

**Please remember that your dues are tax deductible.**

## Gardening Section

There are no requirements for membership except an interest in plants and a commitment to be an active member. We are extending a special invitation to new members. On Monday, May 14, at 9 AM the Gardening Section is scheduled to meet to give the Transitional Shelter flowerbed more tender loving care. We still have weeds to eradicate. Meet at the home of Barbara Gile ( see directions below) and we will carpool to the flowerbed. Due to the low attendance on the first Tuesday of the month we are changing the meeting dates. Please let us know if you want to be part of the Garden Section and give us your preferred meeting date. The following is the schedule for 2012:

Monday,	May 14	Work Group at Flower Bed	Transitional Shelter
Sunday,	May 20	Huntington Library	Arcadia
June		Gardens of the World	Thousand Oaks
July		Dark	
August		Flower Arranging Demonstration	Florist Shop in Whittier
September		San Juan Capistrano Mission	All Day trip (Sunday)
October		L.A. County Arboretum	Arcadia
November		Wreath Making	Home of Member
December		Potluck and planning for 2013	Home of Member

**Directions to Barbara Gile's home:** 14035 Eastridge is one block north of Mar Vista on the Northeast corner of Eastridge and Vale. **From Colima** Go west on Mar Vista and three streets after the signal at Michigan turn right on Vale. **From Painter** Go east on Mar Vista and three streets after the signal at College turn left on Vale

For more information regarding the Gardening Section please contact:

Barbara Gile [whittieraauw@me.com](mailto:whittieraauw@me.com) or call 562-693-7279

## COMMUNITY ACTION GRANTS

The AAUW website announced that Whittier College, Center for Engagement with Communities, received one of the 2012 Community Action grants. This is a two-year grant (just under \$5,000 each year) specifically to support the mentor program. The grant will ensure that the program will keep going and growing for another two years. This information came from Joyce Kaufman, Director, Political Science Professor, and a Greater Whittier Area AAUW member.

We also want to thank our community partners, Whittier High School, the local AAUW Branch and LEARN, each of which wrote a wonderful letter of support. This program follows female students through the four years of high school and assists them when they enroll in college.

This is great news for us! One more step in our goal of educating young women.

Barbara Gile

## AAUW WHITTIER BRANCH CALENDAR MAY 2012

DAY	DATE	TIME	MEETING PLACE
Tuesday	1	7 PM	Board meeting, St. Matthias Church
Thursday	3	9 AM	MLSF committee, 1st Friends Church library
		9 AM	Walkers Section, La Mirada Creek Park
Friday	4	6-8 PM	First Friday, Sandy and Art Bridges'
Thursday	10	9 AM	Walkers Section, Greenway Trail, Palm Park
		3:30 PM	Show Girls, contact Gen'nel Walters
Saturday	12	11:30 AM	General Meeting, Radisson Hotel, Whittier
			Tech Trek Campers and MLSF Scholars
Monday	14	9 AM	Gardening Section, Transitional Shelter
Tuesday	15	10 AM	International Concerns, Ellen Larson's
		Midnight	DEADLINE FOR MARCH NEWSLETTER ARTICLE SUBMISSION
Wednesday	16	6:30 PM	Mystery Mavens, Marie Callender's Library Room
Thursday	17	9 AM	Walkers Section, Whittier Civic Center
Sunday	20		Gardening Section, Huntington Library
Wednesday	23	1:30 PM	Memories Section, Carole Restovich's
Thursday	24	9 AM	Walkers Section, Legg Lake
		7 PM	Modern Trends, Cindy Birt's
Saturday	26	7 PM	Saturday Night Bridge, contact Mary Ellen Mead
Thursday	31	9 AM	Walkers Section, brunch at park at Penn and Canyon Crest
<b>JUNE</b>			
Monday	4	10 AM	Morning Book, Judy Flanders'

Please consult our style sheet and follow it when preparing your newsletter article.

You will save us both a great deal of work. If you do not have a style sheet, we'll send you one. Thank you.

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## **About AAUW**

**MISSION STATEMENT: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.**

The American Association of University Women (AAUW), founded in 1881, is the nation's leading organization advocating equity for women and girls. Its national membership of 100,000 seeks to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. People of every race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin and level of physical ability are invited to join.

AAUW California was launched in San Francisco in 1886 and began lobbying immediately. It remains the state's most active and diverse organization for women with 14,000 members in more than 150 branches, plus 6,000 members-at-large.

The **AAUW FUND (formerly known as the Educational Foundation )** supports women scholars around the globe, local teachers and activists. Its first research project in 1885 dispelled the notion that higher education is detrimental to women's health. It funds:

- \* Fellowships and Grants
- \* Special Awards
- \* Symposia, Roundtables and Forums

The AAUW FUND is now engaged in cutting-edge research such as the widely publicized 2008 report *Where the Girls Are: The Facts About Gender Equity in Education*. The latest published research is *Why So Few? Women and Girls in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics*.

### **AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) is now part of the AAUW Fund.**

This arm of AAUW combats sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace through community and campus outreach programs, a resource library, online advocacy tools and various research report opportunities for education and discussion on topics of equity, discrimination and tenure at California universities and colleges.

AAUW also encourages women to become involved at every level of the political process. We actively support legislation on educational equity and diversity in public schools, pay equity, reproductive choice, childcare, school-based health care, civil rights and responsible funding for public education.

To further its objectives AAUW has established the Women's Network for Change, a coalition of organizations working together to effect change.