



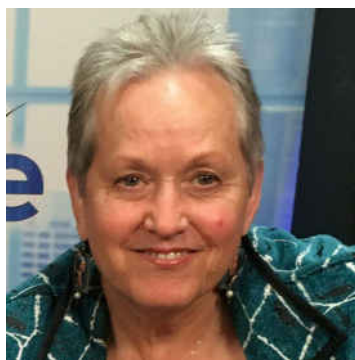
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Can it Happen to Anyone?

Herlinda Chico, Program Vice President

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. To learn more about intimate partner violence and the impact COVID-19 has had on our community, we will hear from an expert: our very own Alyce LaViolette.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention defines intimate partner violence (IPV) as physical violence, sexual violence, stalking and/or psychological aggression (including coercive acts such as limiting access to phones, family, and transportation, or exploiting vulnerabilities such as immigration status or undisclosed sexual orientation) by a current or former intimate partner (spouses, boyfriends, girlfriends, ongoing sexual partners, and/or dating partners). Since the Safer at Home health order took effect, there has been an increase in calls related to



domestic violence. For a data snapshot of incidents in Los Angeles County, please visit http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/dvcouncil/resources/snapshot_0320.pdf.

Our speaker has extensive experience working on this topic. Alyce started one of the first programs in the country for spouse abusers and specializes in anger management, domestic violence counseling for survivors and perpetrators, gender issues, couples counseling, and a broad base of individual issues including serving as an expert witness. Alyce is also the author of *It Could Happen To Anyone: Why Battered Women Stay*.

Please note, this presentation was originally scheduled to take place earlier in the year but due to COVID 19, we had to reschedule. Thank you to our immediate past Program VP Ginny Baxter for originally confirming Alyce to participate. Join us on October 3rd for this important talk. Please RSVP using this link:

<https://forms.gle/sVCE2ChrfChwqFrH7>

AAUW Mission :

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

AAUW Vision:

Equity for all.

AAUW Values:

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

AAUW Diversity Statement:

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks an inclusive membership, workforce, leadership team and board of directors. There shall be no barriers to full participation on the basis of age, disability, gender, location, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status.



From the Co-Presidents

by Stelet Kim & Jeane Rellve Caveness, Ph.D.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month, *again*. So, let's talk about some serious issues. Since AAUW's priorities include Workplace and Economic Equity, we wondered what current figures exist on the economic impact of domestic violence—which is also known as intimate partner violence (IPV). According to a 2004 World Health Organization report:¹

- Victims of intimate partner violence lose a total of 8.0 million days of paid work each year.
- The cost of intimate partner violence exceeds \$8.3 billion per year.

Can we even imagine how those figures have changed 16 years later?

Further, the Centers for Disease Control provides the following:

Although the personal consequences of IPV are devastating, there are also many costs to society. The lifetime economic cost associated with medical services for IPV-related injuries, lost productivity from paid work, criminal justice and other costs, was \$3.6 trillion. The cost of IPV over a victim's lifetime was \$103,767 for women and \$23,414 for men.²

The disproportionate economic impact of IPV on women versus men is astounding: 443% more . IPV was a major U.S. public health issue before COVID-19. After? Consider United Nations chief António Guterres in April calling for measures to address a “horrifying global surge in domestic violence” directed towards women and girls, linked to lockdowns imposed by governments responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.³

While we have not shared data here on the differential economic impact of IPV on women of color or gender non-binary persons, we are going on record: promoting Workplace and Economic Equity for

women goes hand in hand with preventing IPV and all gender violence.

If you want to take action, consider at least one opportunity for: 1) educating yourself on the characteristics of healthy vs. unhealthy relationships, 2) encouraging schools to support teen dating violence prevention programs, 3) participating in local drives to support people being served by domestic violence shelters, 4) support legislation identified by AAUW CA and National as supporting survivor services and/or supporting gender violence prevention.

Sources:

¹ As reported here: <https://ncadv.org/statistics>

² <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/intimatepartnerviolence/fastfact.html>

³ <https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/04/1061052>

Calendar Dates to Note

Sat. Oct 3	Branch meeting
Mon. Oct. 19	Board meeting
	Executive Committee & Appointed Officers
Sat. Nov. 7	Branch meeting
Sat. Dec. 5	Wassail event

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Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Death Marks the Loss of a Pioneering Juror and Inspiring Role Model

A statement by AAUW CEO Kimberly Churches

America lost one of our most beloved role models this week, a pioneering jurist and iconic feminist who blazed new trails, not only in her own life, but in the lives of the countless women she championed — and inspired.

On behalf of AAUW and its members and supporters who recognized Justice Ginsburg with a 1999 AAUW Achievement Award, we extend our condolences to her family, her colleagues and to every American whose lives and hearts she touched.



The nation owes it to her — and to all women — to honor her final wishes and refrain from naming a replacement until after a new president is inaugurated.

FYI from AAUW California Board (Sept. 2020)

- Members are requested to email askusfirst@aauw-ca.org with questions rather than contacting AAUW national with inquiries.
- “Meet” the 2020-2021 Fellows/Grant recipients. Registration is now available for the October AAUW Fund luncheons being held via Zoom on Sat. October 10th & 24th a 1pm. [Click HERE.](#)
- The 2020-2021 AAUW California Directory and AAUW California Administrative Packet are available online. Use the password “aaauwca” to access.
- Check the AAUW CA’s website for a variety of informative Zoom webinars. <https://www.aauw-ca.org/2020-2021-webinars/> Consider “Increasing Gender Diversity on the Boards of Nonprofit Organizations” on Oct. 12 or “Why Public Policy Matters” on Oct. 28.
- Consider the positions of President-Elect, Chief Financial Officer, or Director if you wish to serve at the state level. Our CA Nominations and Elections Committee will be seeking candidates soon.
- AAUW CA Public Policy Committee has recommended support for seven out of 12 propositions on the November ballot <https://www.aauw-ca.org/proposition-update> Branches do not need to officially support the seven measures, but they cannot oppose them. Individuals may not act as representatives of AAUW in supporting or opposing any propositions.

AAUW Yearbook

by Mary Lamo

This year's yearbook features 2020 relevant photo of our Co-Presidents socially distanced wearing masks, and reminding all of us to vote in this year's presidential elections. It shows respect and care for our members.

The yearbook committee worked during the summer to have our 2020-2021 yearbook to all members in September. We want acknowledge the Yearbook Committee members Jeane Relleve Caveness, Stelet Kim, George Jackson and Mary Lamo who worked on the current content.

This year, due to COVID-19 restrictions, the distribution of yearbooks was a concierge service with books either mailed to homes or hand delivered - often with an extra smile and chat. I want to extend a special thank you to our committee, plus Dee Dee Catalano, Frances Rozner, and Anne Supple for delivering yearbooks. If you have not received your yearbook, please email marylamo@verizon.net.

We wanted to start the year off right, albeit different from any other year in our history.

Branch Business

There are no motions from the September 12 meeting to report.

AAUW 18th Annual STEM Career Conference

After careful consideration and consultation with many of the School Champions, AAUW Long Beach, (CA) Branch has decided to cancel our annual STEM Career Conference that was scheduled for February 26, 2021. Although we are greatly disappointed about having to make this decision, our organization is still very committed in sparking interest in STEM Careers, and feel that in our current environment a virtual zoom event may not be as impactful and meaningful. We will take this additional time to recharge and develop fresh ideas, careers and workshops that will continue to be relevant in these changing times and in the years to come.



We want to thank all our past Sponsors, School Champions and Volunteers for your continued support in bringing together this wonderful event. We will see you again in February 2022 for the 18th Annual STEM Conference!!

By Mary Lamo & Raquel Sanchez

Check out the new section on our branch website where we list upcoming community events that align with our mission!

<https://longbeach-ca.aauw.net/news/events/>

Meetings are held virtually the third Tuesday of each month at 12:00 p.m. For the Zoom meeting invitation, contact Arnedra Jordan, (310)722-6594 or ajordan6@my.keller.edu

The 2020 Election: Responsibilities and Opportunities Nancy Mahr, AAUW CA Public Policy Committee

Responsibility: Vote and help others vote.

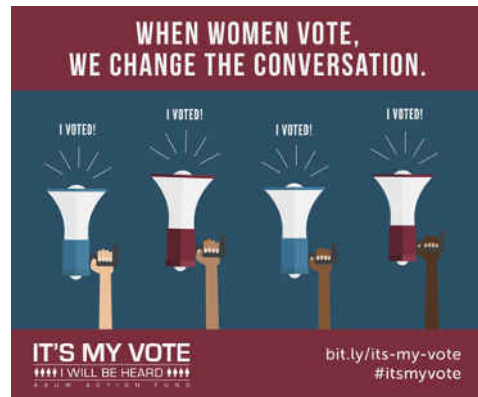
First you have to register. You can check your registration status online at the CA Secretary of State's website. Then you have to vote. All registered voters in California will receive a Vote-by-Mail (VBM) ballot in early October. You have choices for using that ballot:

- 1) Complete it and mail it in – if you do this, mail early. Ballots must be postmarked by Nov 3. They have 17 days after that date to reach the Registrar's office, but the postmark must be by Nov 3. If you put it in a mailbox on Nov 3 it will not be postmarked in time. Be early!
- 2) Complete the ballot and drop it in an official drop box. Your Registrar of Voters will post locations of drop boxes. The Registrar regularly collects the ballots from the boxes.
- 3) Take your completed ballot to a Vote Center and hand it in. You don't have to use the VBM ballot. You can vote in person and just hand in your unused ballot at a Vote Center.

Opportunity: Candidates - Black women and other women of color
This election gives all of us an opportunity to expand our thinking and vision by making a conscious commitment to AAUW's work for racial justice and societal change.

The coronavirus pandemic has disproportionately impacted Black Americans. We are seeing a call to address police brutality. In the face of these historic challenges, a record number of Black women are running for Congress, determined to work for change.

The Center of Women and Politics (CAWP) reports that black women are nearly 8% of the U.S. population, but 4.3% of Congress – only 22 out of 435 Representatives and 1 out of 100 Senators. They are underrepresented in statewide executive's jobs and among mayors and city councils.



This November, in addition to federal, state and county elections, local elections are on the ballot – cities, school districts, and water districts. There may be black women or women of other ethnicities on the ballot in your area. You can support women of color who are running for office in your community, state and nation. Be aware. Create an environment of inclusion. Make an effort to meet and talk with these candidates. Commend them for stepping up. Listen to their stories and their goals. Ensure they are included in election discussions and activities.

AAUW has a long tradition of advocating for positive societal change and political activism. Change is underway, and AAUW can be a part of that.

Read our statement on racism on the AAUW website

Sources: *The Washington Post*, *Reuters*, *Higher Heights for America*

PLEASE NOTE:

You will soon have the opportunity to contribute to AAUW CA's Public Policy Priorities for 2021-23. All members will soon be receiving an online survey asking for your input. Please complete it by the deadline, October 15, so we can begin revising it for a member vote in April, 2021.

Did You Know?

Proposition Chat Group Reminder

Keeping our AAUW branch vital during these pandemic times can be a challenge. But now that members have been trained in the ways of "Zoom", we are happily joining online meetings, online happy hours, and online book clubs.

The evening Great Decisions group has formed an online Proposition Chat Group. Members are using ballotpedia.org and other online resources to get information about the California Propositions that will be on the November ballot. The propositions are divided up into five sections for five meetings:

Race and Civil Rights (Props 16, 17, & 18)	Housing and Prop 13 (Props 15, 19, & 21)
How Tough on Crime (Props 25 & 20)	Labor vs. Management (Props 22 & 23)
Coming Back for More (Props 24 & 14)	

We meet every two weeks to share our findings and discuss the "rightness" of our positions. We don't all agree, but we come away fully understanding the propositions. Plus, we all get to know each other a little bit better. If your Great Decisions Group, or a group of your AAUW friends, want to start their own Proposition Chat Group contact Shelley Arnold at shelleyarnold1@aol.com.

Great Decisions is coming!

I will be taking orders for the Great Decisions books from the Foreign Policy Association.

"American in the World 2020" will cost \$30.00. Please send me (Rita Powell) a check for \$30.00 mailed to: Rita Powell, 3524 Brayton Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90807. This will also give the Great Decisions groups an opportunity to meet again (maybe only on Zoom) and discuss these current topics in the World. Thank you. Rita Powell



Negotiate Your Pay & Benefits with Confidence

Free Webinar

Wednesday, October 21

12pm - 1pm

Register now: bit.ly/32Vqc6R

Sponsored by LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn
& Ginny's Getaways

Facilitated by AAUW - Coordinated by AAUW Long Beach
Advancing equity for women and girls

Online workshop anytime: salary.aauw.org

BRANCH INTEREST GROUPS

Joining an AAUW members-only interest group (or many) is a great way to get to know other members on a more personal level. Make friends while participating in fun, informative and educational activities. To start a new interest group, submit a description to the President and it will be passed along to the Interest Group Coordinator, for help with implementation.

Reminder: All interest group participants MUST be AAUW Long Beach members. Guests may attend a branch meeting or an interest group a maximum of three times before they are required to join AAUW.

Interest groups are for the benefit of AAUW members. (See COVID-19 statement from AAUW CA on page 8)



Book Chat Plus Group members present the most interesting book they have recently read, film they have seen or the most exciting travel experience they have had. If time allows, all three! Light refreshments are served along with the intriguing conversation. We meet the 1st Tuesday at 10 a.m.
Contact **Betty Thompson**, 562 - 430 - 8438 or bettythom@aol.com



Cultural Adventures Group plans trips to museums and other points of interest. It is usually a mid-week tour & lunch scheduled several times a year. Join a group that enjoys checking out museums and other cultural interests—maybe by Zoom for now. Contact **JoAnn Kuroda** at 562-429-6923 or email sojoinlb@aol.com



Great Decisions Groups meet weekly to discuss, share opinions and ideas on a critical global issue. To all Group Members: Great Decisions books will be available starting in October for 2021. Planning to participate? please contact your group leader or **Rita Powell** at 562 685 2096.



International Cuisine Group meets and dines at restaurants of different ethnicity in the local area. It is usually scheduled every few months on a Wednesday within an easy drive of LB. Car pooling is an option. When we get back to normal dining...Come join a group who enjoys unique flavors of the world. Contact **Fay Denny** at 714-894-0416 or email faydenny@yahoo.com.



Literary Ladies Group Well, the Lit Ladies are still hibernating. Here are some book suggestions from us: *Under the Wide and Starry Sky* by Nancy Horan, *The Compton Cowboys* by Walter Thompson-Hernandez, and *The Orphan's Tale* by Pam Jenoff.
Contact **Sharon Westafer**, 562-493-4749 if interested—and keep reading even if we are alone.



Public Policy meetings, explore, discuss and support the active legislative issues of AAUW, which underscore our mission of promoting equity and education for all women and girls. The group passes on knowledge and information to all branch members and encourage them to become involved with AAUW issues. For the next meeting by Zoom, see info on page 5 - Contact **Arnedra Jordan**



Residential Rentals Discussion Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of odd months year round from 10:00-11:30 am. We met by way of ZOOM for our July 15th meeting and it worked very well. We are going to do that again for November 18th. Instructions will be sent out before the meeting. Want to join us ? (contact information below) Anyone with an interest (owner or not) in residential rental is welcome. We cover current landlord/tenant topics, share experiences and work to keep current in the housing industry all in an informal setting. Contact Co-Chairs **Ellen Mathis** — epmathis@verizon.net Joan Gustafson — jwg221@aol.com



Movie Mavens enjoy each others company at a movie and then chat about it over coffee afterwards. We are looking for a new leader for this group... **On hold for now.**



Under the Umbrella Book Group - This Book Club will try meeting the 3rd Saturday of the month at 2:00 PM - Zoom meetings pending. We will read a variety of genres. We have room for more members! Ask Beverly about the titles to be read. Contact **Beverly Krivokapich** 562-596-1826 or email bevkrivo@yahoo.com



Join and enjoy the Social Hour meetings....
<https://www.meetup.com/American-Association-of-University-Women-Long-Beach/>

We hope you will join us for this branch meeting. Please RSVP using this link:

<https://forms.gle/sVCE2ChrfChwqFrH7>

If you are unable to register through the link, please email aauwlongbeach@gmail.com

RSVP's received after 6 pm on October 2nd will not guarantee that you will receive the Zoom link in time to join the October 3rd meeting.

AAUW BRANCH MEETING

Saturday, October 3, 2020

9:30 a.m.	Digital Mingle
10:00 a.m.	Business Meeting
11:00 a.m.	Program

Place: Your Home via Zoom

Everyone who RSVPs will receive an email to clarify the meeting details. It will include the Zoom link, and other connection information.

Important COVID-19 Reminder

AAUW CA does not sanction in-person meetings at this time nor for the foreseeable future. AAUW's guidance is in adherence with California mandates and in the best interests of all our members. Let's remain safe today and enjoy gatherings in the future!



AAUW Long Beach Branch

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