

Friendship

The members of the La Palma-Cerritos Branch are concerned, determined, intelligent, talented, friendly and fun. There are many interest groups and social activities in which to participate.

All the things that bring us together in the first place – *a desire for growth, for reaching out, for professional challenge, for success* – are also the basis for long lasting personal relationships. At the same time, we find opportunities for socializing – from gourmet and reading groups to lunch and travel outings and many more interest groups.

General Meetings

The monthly General Meetings are usually held on the third Thursday evening of the month at Cerritos Park East or the Cerritos Public Library. Program topics include a variety of issues affecting women and the community. Visitors are welcome, but membership is required after three visits.

Membership

Membership is open to those with an associate, bachelor or higher degree from an accredited institution. Undergraduates enrolled in an accredited two- or four-year institution may become student affiliates.

AAUW dues are an investment in personal and intellectual growth, leadership training, legislative skills, network building for future endeavors, and ever-important friendships.

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Association web sites:
<http://www.aauw.org>
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In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, physical ability, or class.

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American Association of University Women

*La Palma-Cerritos Branch
Chartered 1972*

***Mission:** to advance gender equity
for women and girls through
research, education and advocacy.*

***Vision:** equity for all.*

***Values:**
Non-partisan, Fact-Based,
Integrity, Inclusion and
Intersectionality*

The American Association of University Women is a national organization of college graduates and has been a leader in promoting equity for women and girls for more than 125 years. The Internet and technology now allow us to share this history in a new and exciting way, reaching AAUW members and others who also care about and support education and equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change.

Membership is open to all graduates who hold an associate, bachelor or higher degree from an accredited college or university.

AAUW, with more than 100,000 members, 1,300 branches, and 550 college/university institution partners nationwide, advocates education and equity. Since its founding in 1881, members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day: educational, social, economic, and political. Our commitment to our mission is reflected in our public policy efforts, programs, Leadership and Training Institute, and diversity initiatives. AAUW's work extends globally through its international connections.

The La Palma-Cerritos Branch is part of the California AAUW and the national Association. Our branch has members from many cities in Orange and Los Angeles counties.

The AAUW Fund

AAUW Fund is the world's largest source of funding exclusively for graduate women. Each year the Foundation provides about \$4 million in fellowships, grants, and awards for outstanding women around the globe and for community action projects. The Fund also supports pioneering research regarding women, girls, and education, and host international symposia.

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund, LAF, part of AAUW Funds, is the nation's largest legal fund focused solely on sex discrimination in higher education. The Legal Advocacy Fund provides funds and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination in higher education.

Tech Trek

Tech Trek is a science camp designed to develop interests, excitement and self-confidence in middle school girls. Students reside for the week on a university campus for this summer program. The highly qualified staff is composed of women who model a high degree of science, mathematics or computer expertise as part of their daily lives. The La Palma-Cerritos branch has sponsored students to camps at Stanford and University of California San Diego and currently sponsors girls to Whittier College.

Public Policy

For more than a century, AAUW has influenced legislative debate on such critical issues as education, social security, sex discrimination, civil rights, reproductive choice, affirmative action, Title IX, welfare reform, vocational education, pay equity, family and medical leave, and health care reform. AAUW has legislative lobbyists at the State and Federal levels of government who lobby on AAUW's behalf and inform the members of crucial issues and what can be done to affect their passage or defeat. The branch public policy chair seeks to aid members in gaining skill and understanding in the legislative process.

Community Action Partnership

To fulfill AAUW's commitment to supporting women in the community, the La Palma-Cerritos Branch works in partnership with the Su Casa Family Crisis and Support Center for battered women and children and other community based projects.

We have a close relationship with Cerritos Community College and actively work to assist and encourage women to move on to higher education after that phase of their education.