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## Holiday Wine Tasting Event (A Fundraiser for Scholarships)



*Join AAUW-LB Program Co-chair, Barbara Hamkalo, Ann Stephens, and Jean Vivrette*

Ann Stephens from Hi-Time Wine Cellars will again conduct the wine tasting, and this year she will feature female wine makers, keeping with the “We-Too” theme of this year’s programs. There will be two dry white and three dry red wines featured from Austria, California, Crete, and Portugal.

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Literary Luncheon.....	Mar 16
AAUW CA Meeting.....	Apr 6

*See Calendar on page 5 for more complete information.*

**WHEN:** Sunday, December 2, 3:00-5:00pm

**WHERE:** Home of Jean Vivrette, 505 Dartmoor, Laguna Beach, CA

**RSVP:** Contact Barbara Hamkalo directly for late reservations at 494-4185, or bahamkal@uci.edu. You must RSVP to attend.

**NOTE:** See page 4 for the description of the Saturday, January 19, 2019, Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) Luncheon and Program.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope to see many of you at the Holiday Wine Tasting on December 2nd at the lovely home of Jean Vivrette. This fundraiser is to provide funds for scholarships for women. We are very proud of our fundraising efforts that raised over \$32,000 last year for scholarships and over \$100,000 since we started.

### ***We support scholarships for:***

- Laguna Beach HS and Dana Hills HS
- Women Returning to College at Saddleback College & Orange Coast College
- Women Returning to College in the STEM Field at UCI
- LCAD women in Art and Design
- Tech Trek, a science summer camp for middle school girls
- LCAD and OCC women to attend NCCWSL

Last year we sponsored 10 middle school girls to Tech Trek. Alice Apkarian, the Tech Trek Chair, expanded our support last year to include middle school girls in Title 1 programs. We have sent over 120 girls to Tech Trek summer camps on six different California college/university campuses since we started participating in the program. If interested in serving on the Tech Trek Committee, please contact Alice at [alice.apkarian@icloud.com](mailto:alice.apkarian@icloud.com) to volunteer.

### ***HUMAN OPTIONS & HOLIDAY GIVING***

As a service project in December, AAUW-LB will be donating to Human Options, an organization that provides safe haven and life-changing programs to help abused women, their children and families rebuild their lives, and it works with the community to break the cycle of domestic violence.

One of the Human Options founding leaders is Vivian Clecak, who is a LCSW, the retired Director of the Orange County Department of Mental Health in South Orange County after 34 years of service, and an AAUW-LB member. The new CEO of Human Options is Maricela Rios-Faust.

Human Options opened the first battered women's shelter in South Orange County, growing from

a small grassroots agency to a multi-service, county-wide program. They began the first domestic violence prevention program for teens in local high schools in 1984 and the first transitional housing program in Orange County in 1993. They have also developed a program dedicated to serving seniors who are victims of family violence.

### ***To date they have served:***

- More than 32,419 individuals in their counseling and shelter programs
- More than 70,984 hotline callers and crises
- More than 328,288 individuals in their prevention programs

Looking at what they are doing for women and children, the AAUW-LB Board decided to help them during this holiday season. We will donate a care basket filled with needed items and gift cards and also a succulent wreath as a holiday decoration.

### ***WE NEED YOUR HELP IN COLLECTING THE NEEDED ITEMS***

Because of health and safety, Human Options only accepts new and unopened items. They need new stuffed animals and toys, new bedding (twin bed size), bathroom, and kitchen linens. The sheets go with the women when they leave the shelter so these items are always needed. They need new, unopened hygiene and household cleaning items. Please help by donating any of these items or gift cards to make the season brighter for the residents of a shelter at this time. As the person at the shelter said, "Gift cards are nice because children, for example, continually need shoes as they grow." A gift card helps the women purchase what is needed if the shelter doesn't have it."

***Please deliver your donations or gift cards of any amount to Karen Dennis, 430 Blumont, Laguna Beach by December 9, so I can deliver everything by December 10th to the shelter.***

If you have questions, please contact Karen Dennis at 494-5378 or [karendennis@mac.com](mailto:karendennis@mac.com).

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## **32nd ANNUAL LITERARY LUNCHEON FESTIVAL OF WOMEN AUTHORS** **March 16, 2019**

**Use Your Magic Key!** The Literary Luncheon mailing you'll receive after January 1st, is your "magic key" to use for buying a sponsorship, donating/underwriting branch programs or event expenses, and buying Raffle tickets for the special pre-event of a beautiful diamond cocktail ring! For all additional forms, contact Jean Brotherton ([jeanlagunabeach@cox.net](mailto:jeanlagunabeach@cox.net)).

Your support is crucial for what is our most important fundraising effort to support graduate women through the AAUW Fund, El Morro School tutoring (TLC), girls at Thurston and Venado middle schools to attend Tech Trek, scholarships for graduating girls at Laguna Beach and Dana Hills high schools, for re-entry women at Saddleback, LCAD, OCC, and UCI. Also, for Start Smart salary and benefits workshops for LCAD and OCC women, and scholarships for women at LCAD and OCC to attend NCCWSL.

**Silent Auction Donations.** When you make a donation like a theme basket or personal item, or obtain a donation from a boutique, restaurant, spa, music or theater event, etc., be sure to fill out a Silent Auction form for each item. All donors will receive letters of thanks for their 100% tax-deductible gifts. For information about the silent auction, contact Joyce Bartlett, 448-9378, [ijgbartlett@gmail.com](mailto:ijgbartlett@gmail.com).

**Member Sponsorships.** You can participate by becoming a sponsor, or share a sponsorship with someone, at several different levels with a personal message or support for one of our branch projects: TLC, Tech Trek, scholarships and Start Smart all of which are published in the Program Booklet. Sponsors and donors will receive acknowledgement letters for tax-deductible purposes.

**Invitations Reply Card.** Mail your Reply Card as soon as your invitation arrives during the last week of January. Make up tables of 8-10 for priority seating (note: all checks or one check must be included with the Reply Card). All other tables are open seating although you can write on the Reply Card in the name(s) with whom you would like to sit. Don't forget to return your completed Raffle ticket(s) and check with the Reply Card in order to participate in the drawing for the special diamond cocktail ring.

**We Need YOU!** Attend the luncheon, donate or obtain Silent Auction items, become a sponsor, donor, underwriter, and/or volunteer to help before or during the event. Your generosity and that of others like you will ensure the success of funding our worthwhile projects.

For more information, please contact Literary Luncheon Co-chairs Farie Momayez (367-1973, [drfarie@yahoo.com](mailto:drfarie@yahoo.com)) or Joan Stratton (cell phone: 714-812-9235, [stratrj@aol.com](mailto:stratrj@aol.com)). Thank you!

**Search for "AAUW Laguna Beach" on Facebook and see what Rachele Cano, the Membership Co-chair started for the branch. Be sure to "like" us.**

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## **AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) (from the [aauw.org](http://aauw.org) website)**

Sex discrimination today takes a variety of forms: unfair pay, pregnancy discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, and violations of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 can affect both women and men. LAF addresses these barriers by informing people of their rights and using the legal system to seek justice and change.

In 1981, during a national convention held by the American Association of University Women (AAUW), a program to support women seeking justice for gender discrimination was born. That pilot program became the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF). Since then LAF has provided millions of dollars to balance the scales of justice for people working toward gender equity through the legal system.

LAF's Impact Goes beyond Words. It provides:

- Financial support
- Organizational support: amicus signatory, statement of support
- Emotional support: a family of AAUW members present at significant legal proceedings.

*Learn more about LAF and Women's Issues at the LAF LUNCHEON on January 19, 2019.*

**LOCATION:** CLUBHOUSE 7 - 24111 Moulton Parkway, Laguna Woods

**COST:** \$35.00 checks payable to AAUW LAF

**RESERVATIONS & CHECKS** Items for the baskets to be auctioned at the LAF event are needed by Jan 10. Our theme is "Laguna Beach - Come for the Beach, Stay for the Art." Beach & art items needed. Contact Susan Kent 494-5789.

**FLYER** on the speaker with luncheon details will be in an eblast soon.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

### **DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS –SERVE ON THE AAUW-LB BOARD**

These are the top skills in employment, and you can develop these skills in working with the AAUW Laguna Beach Board of Directors. We will be forming a Nominating Committee in December and January that will be searching for leaders of AAUW-LB. As the president now, I can easily say that my coordinating skills in my former position at Santa Ana College were developed and honed by participating in our branches' activities where I had mentors and strong team support. You will, too. Just step up and say, "I would like to do that." Our branch believes in teamwork, and my personal philosophy is "Never suffer alone." There are people there to help you. Upgrade your skills in a women-friendly environment.

Volunteer to work on committees, follow your interests, and develop these skills listed below that are valued in the workplace, at home, and in your community! Let the Nominating Committee know of your interests.

Questions or comments? Karen Dennis, [karendennis@mac.com](mailto:karendennis@mac.com)



## DECEMBER/JANUARY Calendar

- Dec 2** (Sunday) HOLIDAY WINE TASTING. See page 1 for details.
- Dec 9** (Sunday) DONATIONS FOR HUMAN OPTIONS DEADLINE. Deliver to the home of Karen Dennis, 430 Blumont, Laguna Beach. Contact Karen at [karendennis@mac.com](mailto:karendennis@mac.com) for information. See article on page 2.
- Dec 12** (Wednesday) 6:15pm: BOARD MEETING at the home of Karen Dennis, 430 Blumont Street, Laguna Beach. Please RSVP Karen at 494-5378 or [karendennis@mac.com](mailto:karendennis@mac.com). Please note that this meeting is NOT at the Susi Q.
- Dec 13** (Thursday) 1:00pm: POETRY APPRECIATION at the home of Caryn Nissimov, 25642 Nottingham Court, Laguna Hills. Please RSVP Caryn at [cnissimov@yahoo.com](mailto:cnissimov@yahoo.com). This group meets bimonthly. See information on this page.
- ### JANUARY 2019
- Jan 9** (Wednesday) 6:15 pm: BOARD MEETING at the Susi Q, Laguna Room, 380 Third Street, Laguna Beach. Board members are expected to attend, and members are welcome at any time to see their Board in action.
- Jan 11** (Friday) DEADLINE FOR LAF LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS to be held on January 19. See page 4 for details.
- Jan 14** (Monday) 7:00pm INTERBRANCH COUNCIL (IBC) MEETING in the Laguna Woods Administration Building, 24351 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA.
- Jan 24** (Thursday) 9:00am: MORNING MEET UP at the Grove coffee pub in Laguna Beach next to the post office on Forest Avenue. Discussion of women's issues of interest. Questions? Amy Jackson ([sixactionjackson@gmail.com](mailto:sixactionjackson@gmail.com), 292-1854).
- Jan 25** (Friday) 1:00pm: LITERARY LADIES at the home of Jean Brotherton, 424 Panorama Drive, Laguna Beach. The book is *The Perfect Horse* by Elizabeth Letts (2018 Literary Luncheon author). New members to the interest group are welcome at any time.

## INTEREST GROUP INFORMATION

- Because of the holidays, the MORNING MEET UP and book discussion groups will not meet in December, but will resume in January.
- Movie Group – Please contact Joan Stratton, [stratjr@aol.com](mailto:stratjr@aol.com), 362-7584 for details.
- Poetry Writers – contact Karen Phelps at [karenphlps@cox.net](mailto:karenphlps@cox.net) for information.

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Jan 19, 2019** (Saturday) Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) Luncheon
- Feb 2, 2019** (Saturday) Girls, Inc. Program at the Susi Q.
- Mar 16, 2019** (Saturday) 32nd Annual Literary Luncheon Festival of Women Authors.
- Apr 6, 2019** (Saturday) AAUW CA Meeting in San Diego. Workshop topics: Leadership and Membership. Questions? Contact Karen Dennis.

## POETRY APPRECIATION

by Jean Paris, Chair

“Oh my” she exclaimed, her breath smoking the windowpane, “it’s fruitcake weather!” (from *A Christmas Memory* by Truman Capote).

As we celebrate Christmas holidays and sacred traditions, we also celebrate family - thus our Poetry Appreciation theme for our December meeting: “Christmas Holidays, Traditions and Family.” Find that special poem that speaks to you or write one of your own that fits the theme.

We will meet at the home of Caryn Nissimov, 25642 Nottingham Court, Laguna Hills at 1:00pm. Please RSVP Caryn ([cnissimov@yahoo.com](mailto:cnissimov@yahoo.com), 331-9043). New members to this interest group are welcome at any time.