



Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research

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Who We Are ...

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that serves as the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Since its founding in 1881, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day — educational, social, economic, and political.

Shoreline AAUW is a local AAUW branch that was established in 1951 and currently has about 75 members with the majority living between Branford and Westbrook. We are an active group of diverse ages, backgrounds, and interests. Some are retirees, others are still working, and all are friendly, intellectually and culturally active, and interested in women's issues and advocacy.

What Our Dues Support ...

AAUW National Educational Assistance and Legal Advocacy Programs. AAUW is one of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women; this year AAUW is providing more than \$3.7 million in fellowships and grants. AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund provides resources to combat sex discrimination in higher education and workplaces.

Local Branch Scholarships. We give an annual \$2,000 tuition-assistance scholarship to a local woman for undergraduate or graduate studies. We also award one or more scholarships to undergraduate women to attend the annual National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) at the University of Maryland.

Membership Eligibility. Membership is open to anyone who has earned an Associate Degree or higher. We also welcome student affiliate members who attend an accredited, two or four-year college or university.

Why Join ...

Friendship and Enrichment Through Branch Activities. Join like-minded members for fun and friendship. Get involved through leadership positions, interest groups, special events, branch meetings, AAUW conventions, and adventurous outings. These fun and rewarding activities keep our members interested, in touch with current issues, and actively engaged.

Membership in the AAUW National and AAUW of Connecticut Organizations. Branch members can participate in all programs, conventions and other events provided by these parent organizations. They also have access to the informative websites and publications produced by AAUW National and AAUW CT.

What's Planned for 2018-19 ...

- **September:** Welcome Back Potluck Supper - "**Mentoring**", Barbara Soloman
- **November:** Annual Fundraiser - Chris George, **Integrated Refugee & Immigration Services (IRIS)**
- **December:** Branch Meeting: "**Herbs Heal in a Women's Prison**", Cynthia Townshend-Lacock, psychologist
- **January:** Annual Luncheon & Movie Event
- **April:** Lower CT Valley Branch Joint Meeting – **hear from AAUW fellowship recipients**
- **May:** Branch Meeting - "**Five Important Things about the Future**", Ted Gordon, futurist, inventor
- **June:** End-of-Year Social

Interest Groups. New ideas welcome!

- Bridge Groups (2)
- Book Groups (30)
- Great Decisions (International Issues)