

Literary Luncheon



Laguna Beach Festival of Women Authors

Dear AAUW-LB Branch Member,

In planning our **26th Annual Literary Luncheon, Saturday, March 9, 2013**, at the beautiful Surf & Sand Resort, the luncheon committee would very much appreciate your help with the fundraising efforts. Included with this cover letter are the following forms for your consideration:



AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

The American Association of University Women Laguna Beach Branch is a unique multidimensional group of women in the arts, education, business, science, law and community affairs. Together we are working to empower women and girls through education to reach their full potential.

In principle and in 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, class, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

1. Member Sponsorship Benefit Levels. We hope that you will become a sponsor, and/or ask friends and colleagues to be sponsors, with a personal message in the Program Booklet. Just **circle your choice** and mail it with your check as instructed. Note all the perks that come with each of the different benefit levels!

2. Silent Auction & Raffle Donation. Please be generous with your own donations, e.g., art, jewelry, collectibles, trip artifacts, theme baskets, as well as donations solicited from boutiques, hotels, restaurants, music/theater events, hair salons, spas, etc., for great silent auction bids and raffle prizes.

3. Supporter Letter. When a donation is obtained, a Supporter Letter is to be given to the person or business. Please complete the Silent Auction & Raffle Donation Form and mail or deliver it with the donated item as instructed.

4. Business/Organization Sponsorship Levels. If you are a business owner or know someone who owns a business, or know a person in an organization who might want to contribute, please use this form to gift a sponsorship that features donation levels honoring famous women in history.

5. Underwriting & Other Opportunities to Contribute. Through our branch nonprofit arm, the AAUW-LB Foundation,* you can fund a scholarship for a high school senior girl or a woman returning to college, send a girl to the AAUW CA Summer Science Camp, or support the El Morro School tutoring program. Or you can underwrite all or part of the event expenses: Invitations, Program Booklet, Floral Centerpieces & Authors' Bouquets, Posters, or Table Favors. If this is a way in which you would like to be involved, please complete this form and mail as instructed.

[NOTE: Additional forms can be downloaded from our branch website: www.aauw-lagunabeach.org, or contact Jean Brotherton, jeanlagunabeach@cox.net, 949/494-8796.]

Make Your Reservations Early! Mail your reservation as soon as your invitation arrives during the last week of January 2013. Alert your friends *NOW* and plan a **Reserved Table of 10** for priority seating.

Help make this our most successful Literary Luncheon ever! Beneficiaries of our fundraising have historically included graduate study and research through AAUW Funds, middle school girls to attend Tech Trek Science Camp, scholarships for deserving high school graduating senior girls and women returning to college, elementary school tutoring, and community grants to local nonprofit organizations.

Become involved in any way you can! Volunteer, donate and/or solicit auction items, attend the luncheon, buy a sponsorship and/or message, get a sponsorship funded, underwrite part of the event -- participate in AAUW's mission of educational and gender equity for women and girls. It takes all of us to make this event a success, so if you can help, please contact me: karendennis@mac.com, 949/494-5378. **Thank you!**

Karen Dennis, Literary Luncheon Chair

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