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THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

IFUW was founded in 1919 by women from Canada, Great Britain and the United States. It is an international non-governmental organization (NGO) of over 180,000 women university graduates in sixty-seven national federations and associations. AAUW members are automatically members of IFUW.

Internationally, it seeks to improve the status of women and girls; to further the development of education; to promote human rights; and to promote peace.

Through the national federation or associations the Federation provided opportunities for individual members to:

- ❖ Be part of a network of women with a common purpose
- ❖ Develop knowledge of international issues from a specialized women's perspective
- ❖ Have input on issues of world wide concern by means of IFUW initiatives with the UN bodies, conferences and other international forums

ADVANTAGES FOR MEMBERS

- ❖ Obtain leadership training and experience
- ❖ Apply for fellowships
- ❖ Benefit from international friendship and hospitality
- ❖ Take pride in belonging to an influential international non-governmental organization

Members traveling abroad can ask for introductions to members of other IFUW national federations and associations. Members should contact their own national headquarters at least eight weeks before beginning a trip. World-wide conferences are held every three years in various parts of the world. The 28th Triennial Conference will be held in 2004 in Australia.

The Philadelphia Branch, Inc. AAUW is honored to have had two past presidents of IFUW. They are Althea K. Hottel (1965-1968) and Mary H. Purcell (1989-1992). Only four Americans have served in that capacity.

AAUW STRUCTURE AND MISSION

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN is a nationwide organization dedicated to promoting equity for all women and girls, lifelong education and positive societal change. It was founded in Boston in 1881 by seventeen college graduates, and it is the oldest national organization for women. There are more than 1500 branches in the United States. Membership is open to all graduates who hold the baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university.

The three overlapping triangles of the AAUW logo represent the three corporations of AAUW: The Association, the Educational Foundation and the Legal Advocacy Fund, all working with members to remove the encumbrances – social, financial and legal – faced by women and girls.

The triangles form a "W" for women, with the equally separated lines for equity. Also the equilateral triangles are an architectural form that is considered sturdy and enduring. The design is contemporary and portrays a sophisticated, progressive organization. The logo is a symbol for our enduring value and contemporary relevance.

AAUW now has over 150,000 members located in every state and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands. AAUW is a member organization in the International Federation of University Women.

In 1885, AAUW published its first research to refute a popularly held myth that education was harmful to women's health.

The more recent research has been on girls and schools; excellence in education can not be achieved without equity in education.

MISSION STATEMENTS

AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, life-long education and positive societal change. AAUW Educational Foundation provides funds to advance education, research and self development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.

AAUW Educational Foundation – the largest source of funding exclusively for graduate women in the world, supports aspiring scholars from around the globe, teachers and activists in local communities, women at critical stages of their careers, those pursuing professions where women are under represented, and more recently two scholars in residence.

AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund – provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination in higher education.

DIVERSITY STATEMENT

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, sexual orientation, national origin or disability. Any person holding a degree from an accredited institution may join.

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