

February 2019

Dear Members and Friends:

Greetings from Women For: Orange County. Our organization is interested in learning about and supporting vital, relevant and thought-provoking issues that affect us and our communities. Meetings and events are designed to inform and encourage a growing and diverse progressive presence in Orange County. February is our Annual Membership Drive, and we invite you to renew your Women For membership, or to join us as a new member.

Women For can be proud of its 2018 accomplishments:

We held our 33rd Annual Great American Write-In at the Delhi Center in Santa Ana. Over 70 organizations participated, with nearly 550 attendees writing more than 3600 cards and letters to local, state and national legislators and decision-makers.

At our August 2018 Suffrage Day brunch, Pulitzer Prize Winner and Los Angeles Times writer Michael Hiltzik was our keynote speaker. We honored Donna Gilmore, Ada Briceño, Laura Kanter and the memory of Ellen DeYoung.

Our 2018 monthly meetings covered a variety of subjects. We began the year by participating in the Women's March. In February, our membership meeting was titled "Me Too, Beyond Harvey Weinstein." Other meeting topics included "Homelessness in Orange County," "Making Gun Sense in America," "The Immigration Debate" and "Building the Working Women's Movement." In May we viewed the film "Trumping America," and in September we sponsored a League of Women Voters discussion on "The 2018 Ballot Propositions."

For our November Holiday Meeting we raised over \$2900 for supplies in support of Rise Against Hunger. More than sixty of our members gathered for a working event during which we packed 10,000 meals.

Through your membership, we were able to donate money to groups supporting progressive interests. Those groups included OC Women's March 2018, Todd Anglin Home for Children, Herstory, National Organization for Women and Planned Parenthood. We also made contributions to OCCORD, the League of Women Voters, Wayfarers, Jamboree Housing, Elder Law and Disability Rights Center, OC Poverty Alleviation Coalition, Moms Demand Action and Al Otro Lado.

We have included a flyer announcing our upcoming membership meeting on February 27, "The Acjachemen – First People of Orange County." By joining you will help us to present great programs and support important causes in 2019. Please return your membership check in the enclosed reply envelope. If you no longer wish to receive our mailings please indicate this on the remit envelope. We hope you have a healthy and productive New Year and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Judy Curry, President

Londa Woods, Membership Chair