

February 2023

Dear Members and Friends:

Greetings from Women For: 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. 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.

Women For, despite continuing obstacles presented by COVID-19, is proud of its accomplishments during 2022:

In August we celebrated 100 years of women's suffrage at our 40th Annual Suffrage Day Luncheon honoring Susan Guilford, Laura Hernandez, and Glora Suess. Allyson W. Sonenshine, Founding Director of Orange County Women's Health Project, presented the keynote address.

We continued to have online meetings on the third Monday of the month beginning in January with Alison Lehmann Edwards' presentation of "Civil Rights History in Orange County." Other meetings included Dr. Anthony Noymer's "All Things COVID-19: How We Got Here, Predictions for the Future ... Is there any reason to be optimistic?", Stronger Women United presents "Hear My Story: I am not homeless. I am a Human Being.", and "Memory, Aging, and Alzheimer's Disease" a research study at UC Irvine. After the meeting on Alzheimer's Disease, we enjoyed an in-person, informal lunch at the Duck Club. Our meetings continued with "Moms Demand Action in Orange County," "American Democracy: How Democracy is Being Attacked" with David Pepper, the League of Women Voters' presentation "Pros & Cons of California State-wide Propositions," viewing and moderated discussion of "Critical Race Theory: The War on African American Education" featuring Kevin Myles, and finally "White Power and American Democracy" with Kathleen Belew.

Through your membership, we were able to donate money to groups supporting progressive interests such as the League of Women Voters, Moms Demand Action, and the League of Women Voters. We have also continued to support legislation that aligns with our core mission to advocate for causes that create a better world.

Your membership will help us with other great programs and support important causes in 2022. 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,

Carol Tuch, President

Londa Woods, Membership Chair