

AWCA Membership Commitment

Welcome to the Arlington Women's Civic Alliance! For the past 32 years, we have donated over \$500,000 and countless volunteer hours to local charities delivering critical support to our community.

The AWCA thrives with an active, engaged membership. With 80 members, 22 Board Chairs, and multiple committees, there are many ways to be involved! Our bylaws state that members are expected to **serve as officers or as committee members at least once every five years**. If you are interested in the Board, answer the call in February when the Nominations Committee emails membership to volunteer for open positions. If you're interested in our committees, opportunities include but are not limited to: Volunteer Services, Fundraising (Benefit), or Social Programs.

We encourage all members to participate in each of the following pillars of AWCA at least once per year. Here are some suggested ways to do so:

Volunteerism

Support our local community through hands-on volunteering

- Join an AWCA volunteer opportunity
- Bring donations to membership meetings and events
- If you sponsor a new member, strive to bring them along to a volunteer opportunity within the AWCA year
- Join the Volunteer Services committee to help shape and support their efforts

Fundraising

Support a local organization through our annual Spring Benefit

- **Pay your dues and purchase your ticket to the annual benefit by June 30th for the following AWCA year (September through June)**
- Donate a silent auction item
- Attend the benefit, consider bringing a +1 who is willing and able to support the cause, and bid on items!
- Join the Benefit Committee to help shape and support the benefit
- Donate on our website or write a check to the AWCA - we are a 501c3 organization

Socializing

Strengthen our community through social opportunities

- **Attend at least one Membership Meeting**
- Offer your home to host one of our four Membership Meetings

- Attend an AWCA social event
- Come to a Book Group meeting
- If you sponsor a new member, strive to bring them along to a social event within the AWCA year
- Share your event ideas with Programs Board Chairs or join the Programs Committee to support their efforts

*items in bold are bylaw requirements for membership in AWCA