

JANUARY 2016

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Because so many of our members have been working very hard, this year promises to be a good year for AAUW. Below is just the beginning. Please share any part of this B2B with your branch leaders and your members.

AAUW FUND COMMITTEE

Thank you to all the branches and individual AAUW members who made donations to AAUW Funds in 2015. AAUW California continues to be one of the top contributors to the AAUW Fund nationwide!

Nominations for AAUW CA Named Gift Honoree and Branch Named Gift

Honoree/s deadline are February 15, 2016. Branches and individuals can nominate a special AAUW member to be selected as AAUW CA Named Gift Honoree for 2015-2016. Nominees for this award have shown dedication to AAUW at the branch and state level. Click (HERE) to access the nomination form. Click (HERE) for the nomination form and guidelines for Branch Named Gift honoree. These are individuals who contribute at the branch level to the mission of AAUW.

If your branch has requested a fellowship or grant recipient and you haven't received an acknowledgement, please contact Sharon Westafer. There have been glitches with a couple requests.

We wish you a Happy, Healthy New Year!

Sharon Westafer, AAUW Fund Chair swestafer@aauw-ca.org

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE

The NCCWSL adventure is coming on June 2-4, 2016 at the University of Maryland, College Park

Early bird registration is now open for the 2016 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). Early bird ends on April 1, 2016 at 5 p.m. Eastern. The early bird price of residential (with housing) conference is \$425. The regular price of \$475 will end on May 10, 2016. Learn everything wonderful about NCCWSL and how to register at www.nccwsl.org. Is your branch planning to sponsor a student to attend? If your branch is connected with a college or university there is a student there that you can help find her wings by attending NCCWSL. If you do not have a local student to help attend, you can donate to NCCWSL and help fund other students applying for scholarships. Last year there were 48 students from California attending; how many do you think we can add to that number this year?

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TECH TREK DONATIONS

Please make sure your members understand that Tech Trek donations must now be payable to AAUW. The AAUW CA Special Projects Fund (SPF) no longer accepts donations for Tech Trek and has begun to transfer to AAUW the money it has held on deposit.

Checks can be submitted to Tech Trek using the deposit form found <u>HERE</u>. Write your check(s) payable to AAUW, with Tech Trek/camp name in the memo line, and mail to the Camp Treasurer. Treasurers' contact information is found on the second page of the form. Credit cards may be used to make donations <u>HERE</u>. You will be given the option to choose your camp.

Tech Trek donations are still tax deductible.

Please email me with any questions.

Harriet Tower, Tech Trek Financial Liaison, techtrekfinance@aauw-ca.org

COMMUNICATIONS

We have miles to go before we sleep but we are steps closer to our goal of faster and easier communications with our members.

Please be sure your emails are correct in the National Membership Database. If we can't find you, we can't let you know the latest and greatest news. The Spring Perspective (convention issue) and the voting information will be sent shortly.

Most of the hiccups are out of the new email system. Sorry for the problems but spam has been reduced dramatically. New groups have been established and are now working. Experiencing problems please let us know. Like something? Let us know.

Deanna Arthur, Communication Chair, communications@aauw-ca-org

MEMBERSHIP

IT'S TIME TO GET BACK ON CAMPUS

It may have been decades since many of us were undergraduates/graduates on campus but if your branch hasn't been in contact with your local college or university; it's time for you to get back on campus. The future of AAUW depends upon it. In keeping with our series on the top 10 ways AAUW branches recruited new members, number 8 is Establishing and Fostering C/U Partnerships. Here's a glimpse at what some of our branches have been accomplishing.....

Newport Mesa Irvine: Is actively working with UC Irvine and the campus student group. They sponsor:

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- · Financial Literacy
 - A workshop about AAUW's Fellowships and Grants

Redlands:

· Has a longstanding relationship with University of Redlands, where they host their STEM conference (600 8th grade girls) and where they hold branch meetings each month.

- · Has a College and University Relations team who have worked with the C/U liaisons from University of Redlands and Crafton Hills College to produce a closer working relationship and find opportunities for student involvement.
- · Sent a student to NCWSL who became their first E-student branch member
- · Supported an application for an Elect Her Workshop which resulted in several new members

San Fernando Valley: Branch president developed a relationship with the Chair of the Engineering Dept. at CA State Univ., Northridge. Met with him and his professors, six of whom were women. They all joined the branch.

San Jose: Increased visibility of AAUW at the local colleges and universities and within the community.

Victor Valley: Participated in the Women's History Project at the local community college. If you'd like to contact any of the above branches for more information you can click <u>HERE</u> for the AAUW CA online directory (ID - member, password - aauwca) . For more information on how your branch can benefit from establishing College and University Partners click <u>HERE</u> or contact c/upartners@aauw-ca.org

Membership VPs - <u>Please</u> be sure to check the National Member Service Database **soon** to make sure that your Branch Member Roster is correct. The February 1st count is coming up and accuracy is important. Keeping an accurate record of your members is a very important aspect of the Membership VPs duties. If you need assistance in completing this please contact us – **Kathy Andreini and Ginny Hatfield**, Membership Co-Chairs, **membership@aauw-ca.org**

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS COME TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA!

Join fellow AAUW members for thought-provoking discussions led by the AAUW-CA Leadership Development Committee. This half-day session will include an Opening Session: *Let's Get Disruptive: New Ways to Do Old Things* followed by two sessions of your choice.

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Registration: January 18 - February 12

Click <u>HERE</u> to register online (preferred) for the **Whittier Workshop** and <u>HERE</u> for the **Laguna Woods Workshop**.

Click **HERE** to download flyer.

Click **HERE** to download mail-in registration.

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