



# CALIFORNIA *Perspective*

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**ADVANCING EQUITY FOR  
WOMEN AND GIRLS  
THROUGH ADVOCACY,  
EDUCATION,  
PHILANTHROPY, AND  
RESEARCH**

## **YOUR VOTE IS NEEDED** Critical Upcoming "Every Member" Vote

AAUW California has a critical governance issue that must be addressed through an "every member" vote. It is important that every member of AAUW California cast a vote in favor of changing the non-profit status from Mutual Benefit to Public Benefit.

On September 10, 2017, the polls will open for AAUW California members to vote on a change to AAUW California's status from a Mutual Benefit to a Public Benefit entity. The vote will be taken online through Survey Monkey and all members with e-mail will receive an electronic notice of the vote and voting directions. Those members for whom we do not have an e-mail address will receive a postcard, prior to the opening of the polls, with instructions on how to vote by phone or online. Members will have until October 1, 2017 to cast their votes electronically or by phone. Additional details and a sample of the ballot are available at [aauw-ca.org](http://aauw-ca.org).

### THE BALLOT

*This information is being provided to give members a preview of what to expect when you vote. This is not an official ballot.*

Members will see two questions to which they will need to respond. The first is a procedural question consenting to the electronic vote process. The second is the substantive question on the change of status for AAUW California from a "Mutual Benefit" to a "Public Benefit" corporation.

Question 1: Do you consent to the electronic vote process?

Explanation: While AAUW California's Bylaws allow for the electronic vote process, state corporate codes require that every member voting by the electronic process also consent to the process at the time the vote is taken.

This is the most economical process for handling voting for those members for whom we have e-mail addresses and who have internet access. Those members for whom we do not have an e-mail address will receive a postcard, prior to the opening of the polls, with

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instructions on how to vote by phone or online.

Question 2: Shall AAUW California change its standing from a Mutual Benefit to a Public Benefit Corporation?

Explanation: When AAUW California undertook its reorganization in 2008, a critical error was made that affects the corporate standing of AAUW California under California non-profit laws well as our standing with the IRS and our affiliation with AAUW National. There are several categories of nonprofit organizations under California law, and in 2008, AAUW California changed its category from "Public Benefit" to "Mutual Benefit", which is inconsistent National AAUW's nonprofit category, which is Public Benefit. As a practical matter, the category change did not have any impact on AAUW California's missions, goals, operations or its members. Similarly, changing back to a Public Benefit organization will also not have any noticeable impact. Nevertheless, AAUW National has informed us that AAUW California must change back to its prior classification as a Public Benefit organization. Unfortunately, the process to change AAUW California back to its prior classification is somewhat complicated and we have spent a great deal of time negotiating with the state of California and conferring with an attorney trying to resolve the issue as efficiently and expeditiously as possible. Without this change, we risk losing our National affiliation as well as jeopardizing our tax exempt status.

QUESTIONS? Any questions should be directed to [governance@aauw-ca.org](mailto:governance@aauw-ca.org). The period for questions/discussion will be open until midnight September 9<sup>th</sup>, prior to the commencement of voting of September 10<sup>th</sup>.



save the date

## April 27-29, 2018

Celebrate the advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research we do to achieve equity for women and girls! Connect with like-minded people. Attend revitalizing workshops. Hear entertaining speakers. Witness the Speech Trek competition. Celebrate the 20th anniversary of Tech Trek. Watch for more details as planning progresses – you won't want to miss this!

## MOVING AAUW FORWARD

Donna Mertens, President  
AAUW California  
[statepresident@aauw-ca.org](mailto:statepresident@aauw-ca.org)

It is a new year for all of us. There have been some changes at the state level over the summer. Change can be difficult, but it keeps us fresh. We have a new director, Stormy Miller from the Marin Branch. She is filling an unexpected vacancy on the board. Most of the directors will be chairing the same committees as last year, but there have been some reassignments. First, we have our new Co-



Stormy Miller

State Project Oversight Committee.

Dianne Owens, who was elected in the Spring, will be chairing the State Project Oversight Committee. Deanna Arthur will be taking over Membership and Charms Goehring will be joining Nancy Mahr to co-chair Public Policy.

Donna Lilly, a former state president, has stepped up to chair the Nominations and Elections Committee. She is replacing Jean Simutus, who termed out this year. I would like to thank Jean for all her hard work to keep filling the board with wonderful candidates.

If you were fortunate enough to attend the national convention in Washington D.C. you heard Kim Churches, our new CEO, talk about a nationwide listening tour.



Donna Mertens

Presidents-Elect, Cathy Foxhoven and Jane Niemeier. Cathy is still chairing the Leadership Development Committee, but she is also serving on the Governance Committee. Jane will be co-chairing the Program Committee with Stormy Miller as well as serving on the

In August, she brought her listening tour to California. Accompanied by AAUW Chief Strategy Officer Mark Hopkins, she met with leaders throughout the state. I wasn't sure what she meant when she said she would be on a "listening tour". At first, I thought it would be to hear about all the wonderful things we were doing, but it was better than that.

Ms. Churches wants to know what we think about AAUW and where the organization should be going. We have heard many national leaders say that we can't continue trying to be all things to all people. She is asking questions that we haven't discussed before. For instance, what can AAUW do better than anyone else? What will make us stand out from the other organizations? How can AAUW put words into actions?

In D.C., Ms. Churches even gave out her email address ([churchesk@aauw.org](mailto:churchesk@aauw.org)) so individual members could give her their thoughts and ideas. Please give some thought to these questions and let her know what you think.

She is an amazing woman, full of energy and a passion for what we do. I look forward to the years ahead with her leadership.

AAUW has been active for over 136 years. We have been behind many changes for women over that time. But, we still have things to do. The team we have put together will take us into the future and keep us relevant. Enjoy your new year and don't forget that we all keep AAUW moving forward.



(clockwise from left) National CEO Kim Churches, State President Donna Mertens, past State President Kathleen Doty, State Director Sharon Westafer, National Strategic Planning Officer Mark Hopkins, and national Legacy Circle team member Judy Horan.

## NCCWSL ALUM SHARES HER EXPERIENCES

Tina Byrne, College/University Representative  
Membership Committee

*Meet 2017 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) attendee Rebecca Higginbotham, of Orange Coast College, one of the 900 student leaders at NCCWSL.*



Rebecca Higginbotham  
Orange Coast College

Thank you AAUW Laguna Beach! Being able to attend NCCWSL was such a wonderful and eye opening experience. From the minute I met my roommate, I knew that I was in a place surrounded by like-minded women dedicated to furthering their own education but with the desire to really make a difference in their communities and the world.

The opening session was inspiring. At one point the MC asked if being a woman in STEM can seem discouraging and how. Hearing the responses from other women from all across the nation who experienced the same sense of isolation and harsh criticism that I have faced raised me out of the "blues" I've been experiencing for this past semester.

The workshops were awesome. My favorite was "Inner Power: The Quiet Strengths of an Introverted Woman." As someone who does not normally love the limelight, it really helped me understand better how to practice leadership. I also enjoyed "The Next generation of Campus Activism: Collaborate for Change." That workshop was centered around learning the different tips and techniques used across campuses in starting, maintaining, and empowering an AAUW student group. I was able to take so much information and can't wait to get started in forming an AAUW chapter on the Orange Coast College campus.

The Women of Distinction awards was beautiful. I cried after hearing Crystal Valentine speak one of her poems. At every turn there were these incredible women, in the

crowd with me, and on stage, and each one was there to create a community. In every aspect and around each corner of the conference, I felt supported and empowered to continue my dedication to my education and serving my community. It was the best opportunity to network and gain insight into the climate of campuses far removed from my own and really connect and bond with several women with whom I have been able to keep in contact. Building those relationships and keeping the fire lit is ingrained into the culture of NCCWSL and now this has sparked a fire in me.

I am so thankful to have been given such a huge opportunity to take part in this conference. It is a wonderful feeling to know that I am supported by a huge "squad" of women and that we will continue to speak up and fight for the rights of ourselves, our daughters and every girl. There's a lot of work left to do and I can't wait to get started.

*Members of the College/University Committee are Dorothy Burk, Tina Byrne, Lesley Danziger, Ainsley Neis, Kathy Toister, and Jo Wagner.*

## LEAD CALIFORNIA INTO 2020

Donna Lilly, Chair  
Nominations & Elections Committee

Campaign as a candidate for Director of AAUW California and win your seat at the Board of Directors' table in April 2018. Your leadership skills are needed to move the vision and mission of AAUW forward across the state.

Step up to fill the office of Secretary or one of the four Director positions on the Board of Directors to serve 2018-20. Job descriptions and duties are located in the Policy and Procedures on the AAUW California Business section at [www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org).

As a candidate in good standing with AAUW California, complete the candidate form at

<http://www.aauw-ca.org/elections-nominations/>.

The deadline for submission is December 8, 2017. Candidates' information and photos will be posted on the website and will appear on the ballot in the order they are received. Voting will begin April 22, 2018, and will end at 5:00 PM on May 12, 2018.

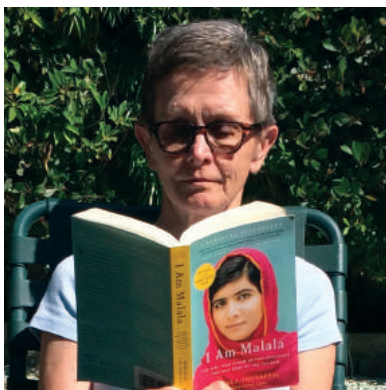
## NEW YEAR, NEW PROGRAMS ELECTIONS CAN INCREASE YOUR VISIBILITY

Jane Niemeier and Stormy Miller, Co-Chairs  
Program Committee

The AAUW California Program Committee is busy getting ready for the state convention to be held in April of 2018. Do you have an idea for a workshop or panel that you would like to present to our members? We are looking for mission-based workshops/panels that follow our theme “Educated. Reasoned. Active.” The form is listed on the website at <http://www.aauw-ca.org/2018-aauw-ca-convention-call-presentations/>

AAUW California also wants to honor those branches that are presenting mission-based programs by selecting one or more programs each quarter. To ensure that your branch is considered for this Program of the Quarter, please send your newsletters to the state at [branchnewsletters@aauw-ca.org](mailto:branchnewsletters@aauw-ca.org). The Program Committee will be reading the newsletters in order to select the top mission-based programs, and programs will be recognized in October, January and April.

Last year, many of you participated in the state project of “Leadership: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow”. There was a monthly conference call available for those who wanted to discuss *Leadership the Eleanor Roosevelt Way*. On October 15, 2017, we will be starting an online book club to discuss the book, *I am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai. Check the website for more details.



Join us as we read and discuss *I Am Malala*

We are also excited to announce Branch Bingo which will also be implemented in October. Those branches who can black out all nine squares will receive a prize. The squares are based on mission-based programs and the good work that we are already doing, like sending girls to Tech Trek. Please stay tuned for these details as well.

Jane Niemeier and Stormy Miller can be reached by email at [programs@aauw-ca.org](mailto:programs@aauw-ca.org).

Charmen Goehring and Nancy Mahr, Co-Chairs  
Public Policy Committee

Election time is a good opportunity for branches to do important work in Public Policy.

Local and municipal elections are scheduled for November 7, 2017. This may include water districts, irrigation districts, recreation and park districts, school districts and city council elections, depending on your location. There will not be statewide ballot measures this fall, but there could be a local measure. Check with your county registrar of voters to see which elections are being held in your area.

Local elections are not as popular with the voters as the state or national elections. But they are very important to your communities and offer opportunities for AAUW branches to increase their visibility. Here are some ways branches can help local voters and improve the outcome of local elections:

- register voters – including at colleges/universities
- hold candidate forums
- hold educational issue forums
- encourage voters to go to the polls or vote by mail

You have great resource material for these activities on the AAUW California and national AAUW websites. National has a useful Get Out the Vote Tool Kit posted online.

Remember in all of your election activities to maintain a non-partisan approach. AAUW does speak on our priority issues, but it does *not* support or oppose candidates, political parties, or factions.

You may want to work with other local organizations on one or more election project. Be sure that the collaborating organization is not planning to take partisan actions in relation to your projects.

If you have questions about your branch activity, contact the AAUW Public Policy Committee. We are here to help. We can be reached by email at [publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org](mailto:publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org).

## TECH TREK

Linda Stinebaugh, State Project Coordinator  
AAUW California Tech Trek

With another successful camp year behind us, and over 900 girls served in California alone this year, we are currently awaiting the final details of Tech Trek's re-adjustment to having the financial portion back from National. While National wishes to maintain the prestige of the Tech Trek program and will continue to seek out grants for STEM curriculum at the camps, they have decided that the financial portion of the program is too much for them to handle. As a result, Special Projects Fund (SPF) will be taking back those duties under a new agreement hammered out recently between them and

### TECH TREK DONATION CHANGE

- Write checks payable to AAUW until further instructions are provided.
- Print the camp name & your branch in the memo line.
- Give the check to your Branch Tech Trek Coordinator or mail it to the Tech Trek Camp Treasurer

For more info: [techtrek-finance@aauw-ca.org](mailto:techtrek-finance@aauw-ca.org)

the AAUW California Board.

Tech Trek Branch Coordinators will again receive an updated Branch Packet this year. All previous versions should be deleted so there is no confusion regarding what to send where, and when. This packet will come out via email later this fall, after the California and National Camp Director meetings have occurred, so don't expect it before mid-November at the earliest.

I would like to personally thank all those who have participated in this wonderful program, whether it is as staff, part of the selection committee, or as a donor. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. You are what make this program so rewarding.

A special thanks goes out to Harriet Tower, who is retiring as Tech Trek Financial Liaison. She helped to keep us on the straight and narrow with the transition to National. Taking her place will be Kaye Kidwell, who has been the Camp Treasurer for the Whittier camp for the

past few years.

We have some changes for 2018 for a couple of the camps. Sylvia Fath will be stepping down as Director of the Irvine camp. Taking her place will be Co-Directors Jasmine Mendoza and Amanda Nguyen. Joining Nicole Simmons as a Co-Director will be Judy Pfeil, who has worked at several of the camps. We welcome these additions to the Tech Trek Executive Committee.

Please remember to invite your campers to your fall meeting to report on their experience at camp. This is part of the commitment they made in order to attend, and is a vital fundraising tool.

Tech Trek will be featured at the AAUW California 2018 Convention. We will be celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

If you have any questions or concerns about Tech Trek, please don't hesitate to contact me at [lstinebaugh@verizon.net](mailto:lstinebaugh@verizon.net) or call 805-340-1740.

## LEADING YOUR BRANCH TO SUCCESS

Cathy Foxhoven, Chair  
Leadership Development Committee

Are you a new branch leader wondering what programs support AAUW's mission? Or have you been a leader for decades because no one else is stepping up? Members of the state leadership team can help branches and IBCs overcome common challenges such as growing and retaining membership, developing branch leaders, implementing AAUW-relevant programs and better understanding the breadth and scope of AAUW's mission.

Leader on Loan Program is designed to bring state AAUW leaders to branch and IBC meetings, events and programs. The state leadership team members have a broad spectrum of expertise and can assist branches and IBCs that are working to strengthen their internal organization and AAUW's presence in their communities. Some possible programs your branch can request through Leader on Loan are: strategic planning, Title IX education, conflict resolution, non-traditional boards, membership diversity, mission-based programs and so much more. You can learn more about Leader on Loan through the website [aauw-ca.org](http://aauw-ca.org) or by emailing

[leaderonloan@aauw-ca.org](mailto:leaderonloan@aauw-ca.org).

Additionally, you can now train new and potential leaders through our “job-alike videos” – President (small & large boards), (non-traditional boards), Programs, Secretary, and Treasurer. These videos may even help you to decide to take a leadership position, not only in your branch, but also on the state and national committees. These videos will be on [aauw-ca.org](http://aauw-ca.org) soon. For more information, please contact [leaderdev@aauw-ca.org](mailto:leaderdev@aauw-ca.org).



Napa Valley Community College CAP Grant Awardees

## CAMPUS ACTION PROJECT GRANTS UPDATE

Donna Lilly, Co-Chair

AAUW National College/University Relations

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Campus Action Project (CAP) grants provide 10-12 campus teams of students, faculty, staff and local AAUW members with up to \$5000 to promote women's leadership and gender equity in the spring of 2018. Deadline to apply is October 2, 2017 at <http://www.aauw.org/resource/cap-grant-application-instructions/>

Previous CAP teams have promoted AAUW mission through artistic visual campaigns, networking events, mentorship programs, and engaging on-campus speakers. However you decide to take action, AAUW wants to help you close the gender leadership gap on your campus and beyond.

Napa Valley Community College in California was awarded a CAP grant in 2015-16. *Moving Girls Forward in STEM* won them \$5000 to conduct original research to figure out how to close the gender gap at two key points in education: middle school and college. They looked at how many women were pursuing STEM fields at their own college and surveyed 7<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> graders about their perceptions of STEM and their academic interests. The results were about what they predicted: Younger students perceive that mostly men work in STEM fields, and girls reported that they did not plan to major in STEM and had never been encouraged to do so. The gender gap at Napa Valley Community College was very wide in the STEM fields except biology.

The team did not stop there. They put their research into action with two amazing events for students with help from their local Napa Valley branch members. Their SciTech event for girls featured speakers and interactive workshops on robotics, brains, math puzzles, and computer coding. The team formed a support group for women studying STEM at Napa Valley Community College and gained first-hand information at a local engineering company.

One year ago in October 2016, Cosumnes River College in California was awarded a CAP grant to build relationships between college students and community leaders. *Focus 4 Women: Empowering Leadership for Community College Student Success* proved extremely successful for 140 female students who planned workshops that focused on work-life balance, self care, and leadership skill development.

Now is your opportunity to make a difference in your community and on your campus by submitting a CAP grant by October 2. Winning applicants will be notified mid November 2017.

We thank Pantene for their financial support of the CAP grant program.



## INTERNATIONAL ADVOCACY

Indrani Chatterjee, International Advocacy Representative  
Program Committee

AAUW is committed to securing equal access to education and improving the lives of women and girls around the world. Our International Chair, Indrani Chatterjee, is passionate about helping women and girls in other countries and knows first-hand their challenges.

In November of 2015, when she was visiting her family in India, she met Anu, a young woman in Kolkata who had not completed high school. She told Indrani that her goal was to complete her secondary education and get training on the computer. Women have made some progress in India, but they are still discriminated against because of their gender.

In 2015, the United Nations adopted Sustainable Development Goals and one of these is to “achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls”. This echoes our AAUW mission of breaking through barriers for women and girls. These two great organizations can help women like Anu in India.

## WELCOME TO THE 2017- 2018 MEMBERSHIP YEAR

Kathy Andreini and Deanna Arthur, Co-Chairs  
Membership Committee

Welcome to the 2017-2018 Membership Year. We have good news and a challenge to report. The good news – we know how to keep our existing members. The challenge – we cannot seem to engage new members or if we do they do not stay.

GOOD NEWS – Congratulations to the following branches, who are celebrating significant milestones!

**100 Year Anniversary**  
San Diego Branch

**75 Year Anniversaries**  
Redding  
San Luis Obispo

**50 Year Anniversaries**

Half Moon Bay  
Roseville-South Placer  
Siskiyou County  
Placentia -Yorba Linda  
Santa Clarita Valley  
Torrance

**25 Year Anniversary**  
Temecula Valley

The membership team will be asking these branches and others for secrets to their longevity and will share them with you in future Perspectives and B2Bs (Board to Boards).

We invite these branches and all others who will be celebrating a milestone anniversary to post them on the AAUW California Calendar. Contact the webteam at [webteam@aauw-ca.org](mailto:webteam@aauw-ca.org).

Remember to use Meetup.com and other modes of social media to attract a different audience. Don't forget to call and nurture your new members – a little attention goes a long way.

One of our branches even puts a Welcome Mat in the newsletter to acknowledge new members.

Please know that we don't want to “throw the baby out with the bath water,” but if we want to stay a viable, functioning organization we need to acknowledge that we might need to change at least a little. We will never change the mission, but we can change the way we deliver our product.



Past branch presidents attending AAUW-Half Moon Bay Branch's Fiftieth Anniversary on May 6, 2017 (left to right) June Baxter, Cornelia Gould, Mary Vargas, Mary Alice Pearce, Sue Murphy, Jean Slinger, Ruth Raffello (Founder), Elsie Gaura; Back row: Maura Jones, Nancy Evans, and Patricia McNutt.





Redding Branch Co-Presidents Sharon Salpas and Debbie Stokes, CSU Chico President Gayle Hutchinson, and Branch Education Chair Pat Williams

AAUW Redding celebrated its 75th anniversary with a gala at Redding's Behrens-Eaton House Museum. Among the festivities, the branch honored Dr. Gayle Hutchinson, President of California State University (CSU) Chico, as AAUW North State Woman of Achievement in appreciation of her inspiring vision and lasting contributions to the North State.



Joan Adams, tech trek; and Jean Bicocca, created the decorations for OpportuniTea

The Siskiyou County Branch celebrated their 50th anniversary during an afternoon OpportuniTea, held to raise money for Tech Trek. There were speakers in STEM careers, films exploring women in science and a look at the future. Young women from 4-H were servers. The public was invited: parents and their children, teachers and students, and people interested in learning about increasing opportunities for girls and women through exposure to STEM careers. Three attendees joined their branch that day. All in all, the OpportuniTea was a great success.

## The Power of Leaving a Legacy

Making a planned gift to AAUW is a simple way to support our mission and leave a lasting impact.

### Benefits of Estate Giving

- Estate gifts allow you flexibility to provide for your family and support AAUW.
- Bequests do not affect your cash flow during your lifetime.
- Certain planned gifts may reduce estate or capital gains taxes.
- There is no minimum gift requirement, and every gift can be tailored to suit your specific wishes.

For more information and giving options, please call AAUW's planned giving office at 877-357-5587.



## HOW ABOUT A FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAM?

Jan Cook, Financial Literacy Representative  
Program Committee

Do your members have retirement questions, or questions about money matters? Are they concerned about fraud, credit and/or debit cards, investment, home loans, auto loans, education loans, budgets?

There is a wealth of financial information in your community. Every financial institution by law has an education division or a financial educator that presents programs for the public and can come to your meeting. Some programs are online with short videos.

AAUW California has "Financial Literacy is Personal" (FLIP) and "Money Trek" on its website. AAUW National has "Start Smart" and "Work Smart".

You could offer a program with schools, targeted to younger women with limited budgets. Invite the college/university, schools! Invite the community!

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Let me know if you need any assistance. Jan Cook, [jcrumble@aol.com](mailto:jcrumble@aol.com) or phone 760-247-1750 or 760-985-2858.

## PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE GROWS

Charmen Goehring, Co-Chair  
Public Policy Committee

Ever since November, AAUW has been working hard to make sure that women have a voice in this country. In January many of us participated in the Women's March wherever we were. We continue to work on projects to make women's voices heard.

This year, our committee has grown substantially. We have four new members joining the hardworking crew from last year. Our newest members are Ginny Hatfield from the San Fernando Branch, Archeta Maniar from the Sacramento Branch, Suzanne Doty from the San Jose Branch, and Barbara Morrow-Williams, our new Title IX Coordinator from the Victor Valley Branch.

Join us this year in making women's voices heard ([publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org](mailto:publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org)).

## STUDENTS TO SPEAK ON SEXISM AT SPEECH TREK

Marlene Cain, Speech Trek Coordinator  
Program Committee

Speech Trek is an annual speech contest for all actively enrolled high school students (including home-schooled) in California. Now in its twelfth year, Speech Trek is an AAUW California project that begins each year at the Branch level with a speech contest for local students, and culminates with the three top statewide finalists giving their speeches and competing for cash prizes at the AAUW California convention to be held in Irvine on Saturday, April 28, 2018.

Please consider this valuable and educational project for your branch this year! The 2017/2018 topic-- "How Can We Stand Up to Sexism?"-- gives students the opportunity to speak about how individuals and organizations like AAUW can help break down stereotypes and biases in schools, at work, in the military

and throughout our communities.

Not sure how to get started? No problem! The 2017-2018 Speech Trek branch tool kit is now available! This tool kit is a step-by-step guide to running a successful Speech Trek at your branch. The tool kit is posted on our website ([www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org)) under "Mission Based Program" <http://www.aauw-ca.org/category/programs/speech-trek/>.

For more information, please contact Marlene Cain, Speech Trek Coordinator, at [speechtrek@aauw-ca.org](mailto:speechtrek@aauw-ca.org) or call her directly at 909-866-2819. She looks forward to helping your branch find its voice on this important topic!

## AAUW FUND

Sharon Westafer, Chair  
AAUW Fund committee

### California AAUW Fund luncheons:

The Fellowship and Grant recipient luncheons are a wonderful way to meet and hear recipients speak about their remarkable work toward breaking down educational, economic and social barriers for women and girls, and to learn how the funds they receive from AAUW help them achieve these goals. Please join us and some of the 2017-2018 Fellowship and Grant recipients as we celebrate their accomplishments. The luncheons will be in Seal Beach at Old Ranch Country Club on Sunday, October 15, in South San Francisco at the Basque Cultural Center on October 28th and in Danville at the Crow Canyon Country Club on Sunday, October 29th. Details are on our website ([www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org)).

### Fellowships, Grants and Endowments:

AAUW recently announced that due to the generosity of AAUW members and supporters, more than \$3.7 million in funding for fellowships and grants was awarded to 250 women scholars and non-profit organizations for the 2017-2018 academic year. There are 26 recipients who will be studying in California during the year. Because this money represents the interest earned from completed named endowments, we encourage you to donate to the California unfinished endowments so the person/s under whose name the endowment was established can be recognized and their endowment can fund a fellowship or grant recipient. A list of the current unfinished endowments can be accessed by clicking on "AAUW Fund" "How to Donate" at [www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org).



The AAUW California Fund Committee invites you to meet and celebrate our 2017-2018 California Fellowship and Grant recipients!



<p><b>Southern California</b> Old Ranch Country <b>Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup></b> RSVP by October 7<sup>th</sup> Noon to 3:00 pm Registration begins 11:30 3901 Lampson Avenue - Seal Beach 90740</p>	<p><b>\$45</b></p>	<p><b>MORGAN SALAD</b> Mixed greens, grilled chicken breast, mango, papaya, seasonal berries. Please indicate # of each. _____ Regular Morgan Salad _____ Vegetarian</p>
<p><b>Northern California</b> Basque Cultural Center <b>Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup></b> RSVP by October 16<sup>th</sup> Noon to 3:00 pm Registration begins 11:30 599 Railroad Avenue - South San Francisco 94080</p>	<p><b>\$45</b></p>	<p><b>CHICKEN CHASSEUR</b> Chicken, white wine, fresh herbs, mushrooms. Please indicate # of each. _____ Chicken Chasseur _____</p>
<p><b>Northern California Crow</b> Canyon Country Club <b>Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup></b> RSVP by October 16<sup>th</sup> Noon to 3:00 pm Registration begins 11:30 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville 94526</p>	<p><b>\$45</b></p>	<p><b>SUNBURST SALAD</b> Seasonal greens with mixed berries, tomatoes, blue cheese, spiced pecans, grilled chicken, mandarin oranges, balsamic dressing. Please indicate # of each. _____ Sunburst Chicken Salad _____ Vegetarian</p>

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