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October 2020

Hi!
How are you doing?

Dear << Test First Name >>,

Welcome to the October issue of the *California Connection*, the monthly e-blast from your state organization that gives you a quick read of things to know and do in AAUW!

Things to know

In-person meetings: Yes? No? Maybe? Only if you have fewer than 10 people, wear masks, sit in treetops and use megaphones?



If you're wondering what the ever-changing rules for gatherings are, so are we.

We are doing our best to provide safe guidance. At this time, we are continuing to follow National's recommendations:

AAUW does not sanction in-person meetings at this time nor for the foreseeable future. Our insurance coverage may allow meetings if waivers are signed, but exercising that option would likely be tested in court. AAUW's guidance is in adherence with California mandates and in the best interests of all our members.

Let's remain safe today and enjoy gatherings in the future!



Forget those Hollywood movie stars, we have our own! Several California branches have been busy earning stars in the prestigious [Five-Star Recognition Program](#) launched by National. How do you "catch a falling star?" Check out the list of requirements. Maybe your branch is already part way on the road to stardom.

Five-Star Branches ★★★★★

- Marin
- Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette

Four-Star Branches ★★★★

- Beach Cities
- Healdsburg
- Mid-Peninsula

Three-Star Branches ★★★

- Citrus Heights-American River
- Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek



The Emmys went virtual. The Philharmonic went virtual. And now, Tech Trek will go virtual. At least we're in good company. The AAUW California Tech Trek Committee has announced that, per National's directive, no in-person camps will be held in 2021. But there are amazing plans underway for a stimulating, educational, fun, virtual camp experience for your branch's selected girls. Be assured that those simulated volcanoes will still boil over, just that they'll be in some family's kitchen sink.



Things to do

Attend a webinar! October is as packed as a kid's trick-or-treat bucket. Your state leaders are offering FOUR webinars! Costumes not required.



[View Webinar Schedule](#)

What's coming up?

- **10/10/2020 1pm AAUW Fund Luncheon**
 - Meet our 2020-21 Fellows/Grant recipients and learn about the fascinating and inspiring work they are doing, thanks to AAUW California's support.
- **10/12/2020 4pm Increasing Gender Diversity on the Boards of Nonprofit Organizations**
 - Learn about the gender gap found in typical nonprofit boards and how to apply those lessons to our own boards to build diversity.
- **10/24/2020 1pm AAUW Fund Luncheon**
 - You can go again! Meet a different group of interesting, real women doing interesting, real work, thanks to AAUW California's support.

- **10/28/2020 7pm Why Public Policy Matters**

- Learn why it does and how to explain that to others in the branch. Light a few fires.

Oh no! Did you miss a good one? Recordings of the webinars and accompanying materials are posted at the link above. Just click on the webinar name.

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We bet your TO DO list is as long as ours: microchip the dog, clean under the fridge, cross that exotic cruise off your calendar. But there's something that should be at the TOP of that list: completing the Public Policy Priorities survey. Oh sure, it's another survey, BUT it's your BIG CHANCE to weigh in on the priorities and future legislation that AAUW California should support in 2021-2023. What do you care about?



Let us know by completing the survey by Oct 22nd.

[Click HERE to access the survey](#)

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Winner, winner, chicken dinner! AAUW women are known to be, ahem, competitive. AAUW California is hosting a competition for the branch with the most new Legacy Circle members. Deadline is November 30th.



To become a member of this illustrious group, simply pledge a bequest of any amount from your estate to AAUW.

But wait.....there's more! Your branch can earn stars in National's Five-Star Recognition Program for signing up new members. It's a two-fer!

**There are fewer than four weeks until
Election Day.....and counting.
Vote.**



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