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**December 2020**

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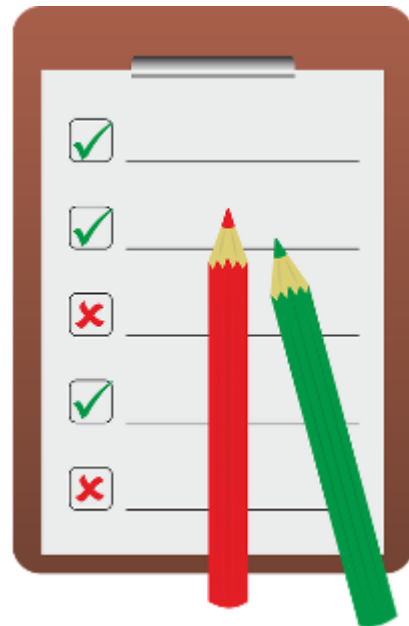
Is your shopping done?

Dear <<First Name>>,

Welcome to the December issue of the *California Connection*, the monthly e-blast sent to every member from your state organization for a quick read of things to know and do in AAUW!

**Is your holiday shopping list just a blank sheet of paper?**

**This month we offer some ideas to fill it:**



**1. A Ticket to Inspiration:**

Have the COVID cobwebs in your brain made you forget why you joined AAUW in the first

place? Munch on some unbuttered, guilt-free popcorn and watch this fast-paced and moving video on what AAUW has done in the past 130 years (which appears to also be the length of this pandemic). Watch by clicking [here](#).

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## 2. And Another Free Ticket:

Oh my, so much joy! Add the upcoming state webinars to your gift list. Click the link to register. Reminder: you can click on any prior webinar to watch the recording or download the materials.



**12/12/2020** *How to Manage Your Speech Trek Contest on Zoom.*

Zoom is our new best friend. See how you can use it for something besides virtual wine tastings with friends. Register [here](#).

**1/11/2021** *Title IX – Breaking Down Barriers 2020*

It's not just about sports! Learn about the broad impact of groundbreaking law and how you can advocate for it. Register [here](#).

[View Webinar Schedule](#)



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## 3. A Chance to Be Incredibly Powerful:

Face it. You like to be “in the room where it happens.” Hamilton stepped up to leadership and so can you. The AAUW California Board of Directors has three openings. You don't need to fill all three. 😊 Click [here](#) for details. Deadline for nominations: March 15, 2021.

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## 4. A \$500 Gift Card:

Well, it's almost like a gift card. Just sneak a peek under your bed for an unwrapped idea for a new branch project. If it meets AAUW's mission and could be duplicated by other branches with the potential to expand state-wide, your branch could get \$500 seed money. Click [here](#) for details.



**Deadline to apply:** March 1, 2021.

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### 5. An Elf on a Shelf®:

Who's watching your legislators to see if they're naughty or nice? YOU can. Register [here](#) by January 8th to participate in a virtual Lobby Day to connect with your own legislators on March 24th. Let them know what you think! Training provided in a Zoom [webinar](#) on March 22nd.



### 6. The Gift of Gab:

Fourscore and seven years ago.....there was no COVID-19. So it was easier for Lincoln to make a speech. And thanks to Zoom, so can your local students. There's still time for you to help your branch host a Speech Trek contest. Maybe your winner will get first place (and \$1,500!) at the state finals. That's a big present to wrap! **Deadline to sign up:** December 18, 2020.



Oh, and notice the shiny ornament for you to hang on your branch:  
the NEW Speech Trek logo!



**And for the #1 gift on your list.....  
Let's wrap up 2020 (ha, ha....get it?) and send  
it on its way!  
Happy Holidays from**

# AAUW California

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