



April 2021

Dear <<First Name>>,

Welcome to the April 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!

Hi!

The jelly beans that fell between the couch cushions on Easter inspired us to have a guessing game.



CAN YOU GUESS....?



- Who will be named the State's Named Gift Honoree for outstanding dedication to AAUW's mission?
- Which two branches will win the new Branch Activity of the Year award (out of 20

submissions)?

- What retiring state senator advocated for All. Things. AAUW. even before #metoo?
- What three future world leaders won't need teleprompters because they earned top awards in Speech Trek?

Give up? All will be answered at the virtual AAUW California Annual Meeting April 17th (except how many jelly beans there are).

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CAN YOU GUESS....?



- When someone in a meeting will be able to see your feet again?
- When you can stop lighting up your desk like an airport runway?
- When you won't be sitting in front of a swirling photo of the Golden Gate Bridge wearing virtual kitten ears?
- When we can AT LAST meet in person again?

If you guessed, "NOW, if we follow the guidelines of our county," you win. Check YOUR county health department's COVID-19 guidelines (there are practically more counties than jelly beans!) to understand the restrictions on group meeting size, location, masks, and social distancing. Be smart. Be safe. And then, ladies, get your toes done. They will be seen.

CAN YOU GUESS....?

- How many members visited legislators on Virtual Lobby Day to advocate for AAUW-supported legislation, specifically on



childcare fees, piece rate wages, and coerced debts?

- How many branches were represented?
- How many Assembly offices were visited?
- How many Senate offices were visited?

We're so proud, we have to give away the answers: 111, 68, 36, and 23.

That's no hill of beans, jelly or not. Thank our Public Policy Committee and all those volunteers.

CAN YOU GUESS....?



- What NCCWSL stands for?

Jelly Bean flavors? N=nectarine; C=cherry; C=cinnamon; W=watermelon; S=salmon (that's just to see if you're still reading); L=licorice? Hmm. Bad guesses.

NCCWSL stands for National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. Try saying that with—or without-- a mouthful of candy. Held virtually May 25th -26th, this enriching weekend will provide training in leadership, advocacy, change-making, networking, and inspiration to college women. Is your branch sending someone to this life-changing event? If not, it's not too late.

CAN YOU GUESS....?



- Whether AAUW will eliminate the degree requirement for membership? Two-thirds (2/3!!) of the voters must approve the bylaws change. That's a lot of jelly beans to count. Add your vote to the jar April 7th-May 17th.
- Who will win our state election? (Well, okay, pretty easy answer since only one position

is contested.) But, approval of our Public Policy Priorities and two bylaw changes are also on the ballot. Watch for an email or letter to vote April 16th-May 7th.

CAN YOU GUESS....?



- What is missing from Tech Trek Virtual Camp?

If you said, “Salamanders,” you’re wrong. If you said, “Volunteers,” you’re right. The camps need adult coaches, near-peer (below 18 years old) coaches, instructors, workshop presenters, and logistics coordinators (ooh, that sounds fun). Your branch doesn’t have to be participating and you can even help out more than one camp.

[Click HERE for an Application](#)



We thought we’d end our guessing game with a joke, but, instead,
we sadly dedicate this issue in memory of:
Jim Doty



Member of AAUW California Board of Directors

His fine mind, clever quips, probing questions, gentle nature, and corny comments were matched only by his dedication to AAUW and years of service to his branch and the state.

He probably would have appreciated a joke.

The goofier the better.

AAUW California has established the James Doty Memorial Fund #4497 to fund AAUW leadership programs. Click [HERE](#) to donate online. At checkout, check the box “in memory of” and add Jim’s name and fund number or mail checks to: AAUW P.O. Box 98045, Washington, DC 20090-8045 and note #4497 James Doty Memorial Fund on the check.

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