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Hi.

**It's time to look in your closet for your bathing suit.
It's that Spandex thing covered with cobwebs.**

Welcome to 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!

Things to Know



AAUW National's proposed bylaws amendment to eliminate the degree requirement for membership [did not pass](#)...again. BUT, a large number of our California members took the time to click a box and hit SEND. Thank you for expressing your opinion. Usually, people don't want to hear it. 😊.



Huzzah! Woo Hoo! C'est incroyable!...and similar exclamations of awe. AAUW California is in the running for 5-star status in National's recognition program. Yep. Us. And some of the criteria were hard, like 90%(!!) of our branches hosting at least two (!!) programs related to National's goals. Thanks go out to all of our branch leaders and members. Once confirmed, we will be the third state to earn this honor. We are so amazing! And humble.



We're getting back to normal. Small and safe in-person meetings are allowed if they follow county guidelines. Do you remember how to start your car?

Things to Do

"Cruella!" We can't compete with summer blockbusters like that! So our critically acclaimed webinars will take a short vacation. But you can view the recordings of all 21(!!) of them on our [website](#). Click on the title for the recording and downloadable slide presentation. Topics range from how to use Zoom (remember when you didn't know how to do that?) to diversity, mentoring, fundraising, public policy, Title IX, lions, tigers and bears. Oh my!



Still too nervous to pack your roller bag? Travel to exotic destinations on the AAUW California [website](#) instead. Start at the visitor center with a short film of this year's Speech Trek [winner](#). Tour our [museum](#) to find all the forms your branch might need and don't skip the special technology [exhibit](#). Take a side trip to see 19 successful [activities](#) at other branches. Poke around the alleyways to find [leadership](#) resources. Peek into the windows of the public policy [building](#). Be adventurous. Proof of vaccination is not required.



Is the “Cheerful Chipmunk” Brownie Award the only certificate hanging on your wall? That won't fly on your LinkedIn profile! AAUW is offering early to mid-career professionals something with a lot more résumé value: the [Social Change Ambassador Certificate](#). For \$25, you—or someone you or your branch sponsors – can attend a series of seven webinars to learn to challenge workplace practices that marginalize others. [Register](#) by June 21st. The knowledge is what counts; the certificate is just gravy. Oh look, there's a spot on your wall for it. A little more to the right. Just a scooch more. There.



**See you next month at the fireworks show.
We'll be the safe and sane ones.**



AAUW's mission: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

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AAUW California's mission: AAUW California facilitates California branches in meeting the vision and mission of AAUW by providing programs, education and resources.

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