Hi!
We see you.
Get your hand out of the Halloween candy.

Dear Randa,
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

Deadline, schmedline. AAUW members can be bossy. If we want to change our deadline dates, we will. National has extended the deadline for membership renewal to October 31st. Renew your membership on Halloween night! No costume required. Really, we mean it. Take out the plastic vampire teeth. But do tell a friend. Or
an enemy. Or a frenemy. Or just someone who forgot.

Searching for new Tech Trek leaders is like waiting for the Great Pumpkin. Happily, we had better luck than Charlie Brown. We welcome Karen Manelis, a former AAUW California state president (all hail!), as the new state [Tech Trek Program Director]. Susan Stecklair, a numbers-loving former branch president and treasurer of the Sierra Club, also joins us as the new [Financial Liaison]. Remember how rapturous you were when you found a full-size candy bar in your Halloween hoard? Finding Karen and Susan was just as good.

Here’s something to unwrap! Two important AAUW-supported bills were introduced at the federal level by California legislators. Yep, California! That’s us! Keep an eye on the Women’s Health Protection Act (H.R.3755) and Title IX: The Patsy Mink and Louise Slaughter Gender Equity in Education Act (GEEA) (H.R.4097). This may be the most low-cal thing you do all month.
Things to Do

Night is falling earlier these days. It’s dark and quiet and a little bit creepy. Oh wait, what’s that scary sound? There it is again! Calm down. Don’t be afraid. It's just the sound of an AAUW webinar getting started. Join us, if you dare.

- **Beyond the Newsletter! Publicizing Branch Events to Members and the Public**  Explore an arsenal of old and new publicity tools to reach those “I didn’t know about that!” people.
  
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- **AAUW Fund Events**  Black holes. Social classification. Rural women’s health and more! The 37(!) inspiring recipients of AAUW-funded fellowship and grants will showcase their projects on three different dates. Come to one. Come to all. There’s room on Zoom!
  
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“Trick or Treat. Trick or Treat. Give me something good to eat.” Sure, candy corn is good (okay, REALLY good), but money is better. Last year, AAUW awarded nearly $5 million in fellowships and grants to women whose promising research could change the world. Want to be one of them? Know someone who wants to be one of them? Check out AAUW’s programs for financial support here. No tricks. We promise.

No need to pack up your Zoom webcam and light ring or squeeze into those skinny jeans yet. Virtual meetings may “haunt” us (ha! get it?) for a while longer. Take a look at National’s updated guidelines for in-person meetings here. Work with your branch leaders and fellow members to determine the best course for your gatherings. And no, wearing your goofy Halloween cow mask is not what we’re talking about.
See you next month. That will give you time to replace the Twizzlers® and miniature chocolate bars you ate. We saw you.