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AAUW  **California
Connection**



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**It's that time of year.
'Nuff said.**

Dear <<First Name>>,
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



Now that you've gotten your shopping done (right?), you have time to join the state board as a director and help make things jolly all year long. We have EIGHT openings, which is a number that pops up all throughout this season: reindeer, candles, maids-a-milkin'. If you want to be a helper at our busy workshop, submit your application [here](#). You will not have to wear elf shoes. And yes, they do make your feet look big.



Not to be left behind like the kid in the holiday movie "Home Alone," AAUW California's 100th anniversary will be celebrated in National's newsletter *Membership Matters*. There will be an article trumpeting our history and accomplishments. Keep an eye out for it. Sorry you have to look through all the emails for the blow-out holiday sales on foot massagers.



'Tis the season of giving. So we're giving a gift to you: You might want to take advantage of an opportunity to donate to your favorite organization and save on your taxes. If you're 70 ½ or older and don't itemize, you may reduce your taxable income by making a Qualified Charitable Donation from your retirement fund to a qualified 501(c)(3) and even count it as part of your Required Minimum Distribution. Just be sure the donation is paid directly from the IRA to the charity. Ahem, may we suggest AAUW Fund or AAUW CA SPF (for a Tech Trek donation)? But wait, there's more. AAUW Fund donations for this year will be matched. That's like two partridges in a pear tree. Check with your tax advisor.

Things to Do

Save us from using too much clip art! Volunteer to help our merry-making Communications Committee as a graphic artist, web designer, or website maintenance elf. If you have the experience and desire to fill one, two, or all three of these roles, contact Tracey Clark at communications@aauw-ca.org or click [here](#) to apply.

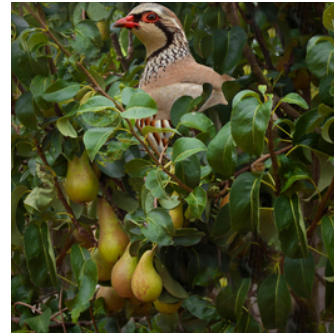


Put down the Scotch® tape and fancy bows (we're impressed by all those loops though) and sign up to be a Trail Guide for the Annual Event, *Adventures in AAUWland*. All you have to do is talk, talk, talk with fellow members. This is something we are all very good at. Just host a 30-minute drop-in Zoom breakout room and prompt some informal conversation on whatever AAUW-related topics, stories or experiences interest YOU. No agenda. No Powerpoint. No



candy canes (wait a minute, no candy canes?).
Need inspiration? Click [here](#). Need to stop stringing (or eating) popcorn so you can sign up by the Dec. 15th deadline? Click [here](#). Need an eggnog for courage? Can't help you.

The good news is that prices for partridges are flat this year. The bad news is that the cost of pear trees is up, as it is for French hens and swans, whether swimming or not. What can you do that's inflation-free? Learn more about AAUW's non-partisan, but very political, history tackling tough policy issues. Register [here](#) for the December 15th webinar "*Exploring Tough Policy Issues Through an AAUW Lens.*" Those birds would be messy anyway.



See you next month, at which time we will discuss how many of your New Year's resolutions you have already broken.



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