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AAUW  **California**  
**Connection**



**MAY 2022**

**We saw you going the wrong way in the  
Maypole dance.**



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

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It's May. April is over. So is the Annual Event. It was a hit. Nearly 250 people joined us on Zoom for *Adventures in AAUWLand*. They saw pretty slides and shiny awards, heard inspirational speeches from teenagers and grownups, were dazzled by our lists of accomplishments, and occasionally stole away unseen to get an unnamed beverage. We fearlessly waded into uncharted waters with informal conversational sessions on topics suggested by our own

members. The only thing missing was a pigeon race. Hope you were there. If you weren't you can catch the video [HERE](#).

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“And after winter folweth grene May.” Sure, that was easy for Geoffrey Chaucer to say! Luckily, it’s easier for Google to translate. “Grene” is “green.” So his words might make us think of lovely little green sprouts pushing through the damp earth to reach the warm rays of the spring sun. Nah. They just make us think of money. We are proud that California members contributed \$494,020.04 of the green stuff to AAUW Fund to continue working toward our mission. We admit to being curious about who donated four cents.

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May Day traditions abound. Here’s a weird one: spreading morning dew on your face on the first day of May will (a) bring good luck and (b) slow your skin’s aging. We plan to dump it on our heads by the bucketful, but our Speech Trek winner clearly didn’t need to. Congratulations to Kristine Sy of Poway-Penasquitos Branch for winning admiration and \$1,500 without the use of dew. Click [HERE](#) to see what we mean.

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## Things to Do

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You thought filing your April taxes was done and May would mean lovely afternoons meandering along wildflower-laden trails pointing out Lupine, Apricot Marrow, and the cryptically named Sticky Monkey Flower. Ha! AAUW branches still have tax forms to file and you can learn about them at our May webinar:



May 24th 7:00 pm *Let’s Talk Taxes: Government Filings Demystified*

The Finance Committee will guide you through the gamut of forms and answer all questions about 990s, 199s, RRF-1, and CT-TR-1. And you thought wildflowers had weird names.

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There are 44,640 minutes in May. Spend six of them enjoying the “Doodly” of our accomplishments that we immodestly shared at the April Annual Event. What’s a “Doodly?” Thought you’d never ask. Click [HERE](#) to see it.



You probably never thought you’d say it, but did we hear that you aren’t getting enough emails? AAUW National has received reports that some members are not receiving emails. This cannot go on! If you think you’re missing out, click [HERE](#) and update your preferences to get back on the AAUW email list. Don’t say we never did you any favors.



**Remember last month’s baseball theme?  
A member nominated her granddaughter to our Hall  
of Fame.  
Oh boy, do we love the uniform!**



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