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AAUW  **California**
Connection



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**It's spring cleaning time.
There are dust bunnies under your refrigerator.
Sorry for mentioning it.**



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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On April 15th, AAUW National awarded [\\$6 million](#) to 320 deserving scholars and community programs focusing on our mission. Think of it. \$6 million! That's almost three tanks of gas.

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[Tech Trek](#) is off and running this month. Girls are packing their bug spray and shower flip flops for five residential camps and their keyboards and servos (Google it) for the two virtual camps. We're clicking madly on our laptops to implement a new online software program to manage the camps. Yep, we're actually practicing what we preach about putting the T in STEM. Not having the benefit of a Tech Trek experience in our younger years, some of us still have to work on those other letters.

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Speaking of STEM (far more rewarding than a discussion of how to remove that layer of tar in your oven), AAUW National's [STEMEd](#) program is returning for a second year. This series of virtual workshops is designed for girls in middle and high school with a particular emphasis on girls of color. It promises to demystify STEM and encourage girls who are peeking down that path. With its unique features, it was a big hit last year. Maybe you know someone who might be interested?

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Things to Do

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Spring cleaning can be paused for two reasons: (1) you legitimately don't care if it's done or not and (2) you need to renew your AAUW membership. At least put down that Swiffer™ immediately, log in on National's [website](#) and renew online. If the new process baffles you, watch a how-to video [HERE](#) or read written instructions [HERE](#). Or just send in your money to your branch. Bitcoin and beaver pelts are not acceptable currency.

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Besides cleaning the ceiling fan blades, June is a time for graduations and proms and celebrations. Your branch is likely also having an annual meeting/luncheon to celebrate its accomplishments, elect new officers, and try to recognize each other after two years (“Are you Trudy or Sharon or the waiter?”). Try to attend and reconnect with your fellow AAUWers. If it’s an in-person gathering, you can wear real clothes, although we’re guessing your high school prom dress is no longer an option. Just remember to wear bottoms. You’re not on Zoom anymore.



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Who among us has ever been able to say something momentous in 37 words? And who would ever think politicians could? Congress fooled us in 1972 with the passage of the terse 37-word, historically profound Title IX amendment. Don’t believe it? Count ‘em [HERE](#). And note that Title IX is NOT just about girls playing sports! AAUW had a lot to do with that. Join the celebration of Title IX’s 50th anniversary [HERE](#) and be proud.



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**Okay, we can smell the Spic and Span®.
Go ahead. Call it a day.
See you next month.**

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