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Did you miss us?



Dear <<First Name>>,
Welcome to the *California Connection*, the monthly missive sent to every member from your state organization for a quick and informal read of things to know and do in AAUW!

Things to Know

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A camel is a horse designed by a committee.
We'll have to respectfully spit on that trite phrase. This month, more than 50 volunteers for state committees will gather in San Jose to jointly plan their goals and figure out how to split a restaurant bill. While working together, there might be a little horse trading ("Trade you a hump for two nostrils."), but we promise to collaborate and design programs for our branches that are far less funny-looking.

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Nothing stops Tech Trek. Not 103 degree temps. Not spotty internet or slips and falls. Not gloppy cafeteria mac and cheese or lost Invisaligns®. It was another banner year. Here are the deets for you deetheads: Eight in-person camps. One virtual camp. 110 branches. More than 800 campers. 250 volunteers. Zero high speed car chases. Hats off to the Tech Trek leadership, camp staff, volunteers, curious campers, and all the parents who mastered CampDoc.

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Sometimes being 100 years old is good. Like for a Giant Sequoia or a fun grandma who knows how to text. It's not good for the ERA. The Equal Rights Amendment which provides a constitutional guarantee that all men and women are truly equal under the law was introduced 100 years ago. It's still waiting to be published as the 28th Amendment to the Constitution. Really? That's even longer than standing in line for a Taylor Swift concert. Take action [HERE](#) and tell your elected officials to support the resolution to affirm the ERA. A fun grandma would.

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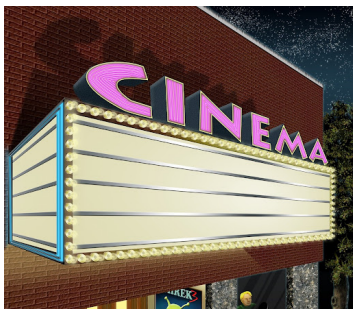
Things to Do

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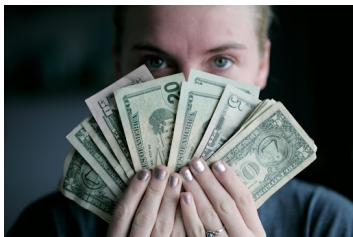
We're puttin' on our gloves. Not the ones Holly Golightly wore. No, our boxing gloves. AAUW is not going lightly into the fight against the book banning and censorship that are creeping into California's schools. Join us for the webinar *Book Banning and Curricula Censorship in California? AAUW California to the Rescue!* on Thursday, September 21st, at 7:00 pm. Hear from our own Public Policy's School Board Project Committee and other heavyweight organizations about the scope of the problem and how you can help resist its appearance in your own school district. Register [HERE](#), then put up your dukes.

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Barbenheimer. It's a phenomenon. It's also a "portmanteau," which we had to look up. We'll save you the trouble. A portmanteau is two related words smooshed together to make a new word. Motor + hotel = motel. Breakfast + lunch = brunch. Spoon + fork = spork. You may be wondering how this subject matter relates to AAUW. So are we.

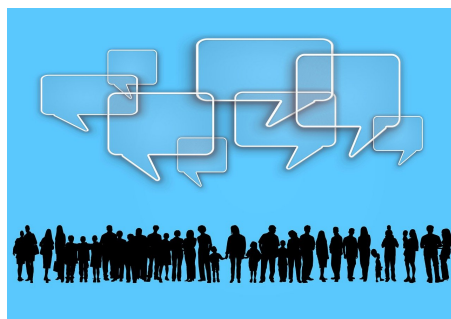
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Is there a chance you know someone who would like some money? Women pursuing advanced studies or organizing community action projects can apply NOW for funding through AAUW's Fellowships and Grants program. Check out the opportunities and apply [HERE](#). Oh, and it's a lot of money. In 2022-23, AAUW dispersed \$6.3M! Okay, so that's slightly less than Barbenhemier's box office take of \$700+M, but what's important is that we tied AAUW in with the previous subject.

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We're done.
Please talk amongst yourselves until next month.



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