



January 2024

**AAUW to the rescue.
Here are your New Year's resolutions for
2024.**



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!

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Resolution #1



Forget vowing to read more. The 715-page bestseller *The Covenant of Water* is too daunting. Cheat with this CliffsNotes [AI version](#) and instead put your

peepers to work diligently reading all the communications from your branch and state: newsletters, emails, website posts, and, duh, the *California Connection*.

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Resolution #2



Forget vowing to eat more kale. Feast instead on the glory of winning an award! If your branch pulled off an innovative program that other branches could steal (er, replicate), encourage your branch leaders to submit an application for the state's [Branch Activity of the Year Award](#) by March 1st. Swell with pride instead of [too much kale](#).

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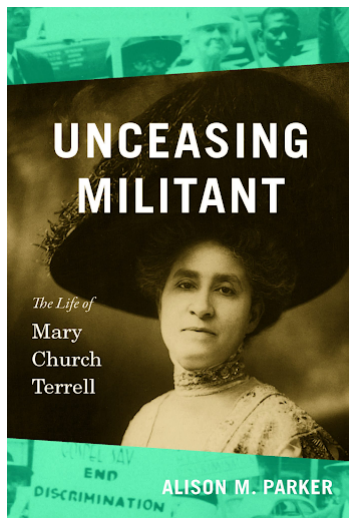
Resolution #3



Forget vowing to stop being a shrinking violet. Say YES to volunteering and YES to helping AAUW with your skills and likely brilliant ideas. Start by applying for a position on the AAUW California Board of Directors. Check out the various positions and terms [HERE](#) and apply by March 1st. You know you want to be a boss.

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Resolution #4



Forget vowing to sign up for more Pilates, weight lifting, and crew rowing. Exercise your mind instead. Learn about the remarkable Black activist, Mary Church Terrell, who had to file an anti-discrimination suit to join AAUW in the 1940s. Ouch. Register [HERE](#) for the webinar on Sunday, February 4th, at 3 pm to hear her story as told by author Dr. Alison Parker. Side benefit of this resolution: no unsightly sweat stains.

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Resolution #5

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Forget vowing to get more organized. You only need AAUW dates on your calendar. Start with this one: February 15th. That's the deadline to sign up to participate in [Lobby Days](#) on April 2nd and 3rd, which is your chance to face California legislators eyeball-to-eyeball or screen-to-screen and plead our case to pass bills we care about. Although babblative AAUW members don't usually need coaxing to make their views known, we'll provide coaching at the mandatory training webinar on March 25th at 7 pm. You should probably add birthdays to your calendar too. We'll be happy to send you ours.

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Resolution #6



GOV TREK

AAUW California

Forget vowing to eradicate poverty, end war, and banish robocalls for car repair warranties. Start with something smaller. How about supporting more women in government? We can help. Tell a California high school junior or senior girl you know about [Gov Trek](#), the free AAUW California online program to excite interest in public service. The deadline to [sign up](#) is January 20th, so don't dawdle. Want to know more? Attend the informational webinar today, January 8th, at 7 pm. Register [HERE](#). This is the easiest resolution we're offering: just a text, email, or phone call and you're off the hook for 2024.

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**Do not break these resolutions.
We're watching.**



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