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**HAPPY SUMMER!** Thank you for the work you have done for your branch this year. This is the final Board to Board for 2017-18. Please remember to share the information in this edition with those who are assuming new responsibilities in your branch as we are in a transition between the existing and new officers.

It has been suggested that branches include the password for the AAUW California website [aauwca] in their branch directory. This will encourage members to make better use of the website.

## REFLECTIONS FROM DONNA...

*Donna Mertens, President, AAUW CA, [statepresident@aauw-ca.org](mailto:statepresident@aauw-ca.org)*

### A Time for Reflection and Planning

June is a time for reflection and planning in AAUW. As I look back on this past year, I am reminded of our accomplishments. As a state, we have raised over \$1.3 million dollars for AAUW Fund. We identified over 900 girls who will attend Tech Trek Camps this summer. We had 18 branches participate in the statewide speech contest with the finalists delivering their speeches at the state convention in Irvine. Sadly, we lost many long time members this last year and some of our branches closed. But, we added over 1,000 new members in 2018.

As we think about the new year dawning on July 1st, we know that there will be challenges. We also know that there will be opportunities. So, let's remember why we joined AAUW in the first place and prepare for a new year with enthusiasm. We will use our individual creativity and passion to move AAUW forward for 2019.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you for the past seven years on the state board. It has been an honor and privilege.

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## AAUW FUND

*Sharon Westafer, Director, AAUW Fund Committee Chair, [aauwfund@aauw-ca.org](mailto:aauwfund@aauw-ca.org)*

## Save the Dates!! Fall Fund Luncheons

The Fall Fund luncheons are set! There will be two luncheons in Northern California and one in Southern California. As you plan your fall programming, save these dates: October 6 luncheon at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco, October 7 luncheon at Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville and October 13th luncheon at Old Ranch Country Club in Seal Beach. These luncheons are a great opportunity for your branch members to meet and hear Fellowship and Grant recipients studying in California. More information will be available via the AAUW California website, Board to Boards and the Fall Perspective newsletter.

Thank you to everyone for your support and encouragement over the past six years. We've enjoyed working with so many of you. Congratulations to Dianne Owens, Director and newly appointed AAUW Fund Chair. We wish her every success.

Due to an erroneous mention in one of the Convention Snapshots, there has been some confusion regarding the unfinished endowments. The completed endowments listed in the article were actually the list of unfinished endowments. Please see the list of [California Unfinished Endowments](#) on the AAUW California website. We apologize for the confusion caused by the error.

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## COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY (C/U) COMMITTEE

*Tina Byrne, C/U Committee Chair, [aauwtina@gmail.com](mailto:aauwtina@gmail.com)*

### Campus Partners

Your local campus is a great source of new branch memberships. For only \$175, a campus can [join or renew](#) its membership in AAUW as a C/U (College/University) partner. Each C/U partner is entitled free AAUW national memberships for 2 campus representatives when they join or renew. Don't know your C/U rep? Contact Donna Lilly at [donnalilly@roadrunner.com](mailto:donnalilly@roadrunner.com).

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## COMMUNICATION

*Sandi Gabe, Director, Communication Committee Chair, [communications@aauw-ca.org](mailto:communications@aauw-ca.org)*

### Who's Who in your Branch?

### *AAUW California Branch Officer Report (BOR)*

Outgoing Presidents are requested to update the records by JULY 1st. You may delegate this responsibility to another officer by forwarding them the email that you received with your login and password information.

## ***What is the Branch Officer Report?***

AAUW California maintains a database of California branch leaders and state committee members to facilitate communication between the AAUW state board and branch boards. The information is used to produce:

- Job-specific email distribution groups which are used to send important email messages from the state organization to branch officers.
- Annual print and online directory of state and branch leaders. The directory is distributed annually to branch presidents and state committee members and is available on the state website.

Please note that not all branch leadership positions are listed in the directory.

## ***What's new this year?***

We will be using the traditional branch roles for our mailing lists this year. *Please choose one individual who you would like listed in the directory and to receive information on topics associated with the position.* For instance, if you have a "Leadership Team" where many people share the responsibility of running the branch, please designate who should receive information for the key roles such as President, Finance Officer etc. You can also select "All Communication" and we'll send you each message that is sent to the branches.

We've added a place for you to note a secondary phone number. All existing phone numbers will default to the "primary" phone number. Please update this if necessary when you enter your leadership information.

## ***How do I update my branch information?***

Click [HERE](#) to access the BOR.

Click [HERE](#) to download instructions.

Access to the [Branch Officer Report](#) is now also available online on the AAUW California website.

If you have difficulty updating your records, please contact Julika Barrett in the AAUW California office at 916-448-7795.

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# FINANCE

*Pat Ferrer, Chief Financial Officer, [CFO,cfo@aauw-ca.org](mailto:CFO,cfo@aauw-ca.org)*

## The end of the year is nigh!

The treasurer's job is never done but, if you haven't heard, you have one less task after fiscal year ends. We eliminated the Annual Financial Report that was required to be sent to AAUW California.

But those pesky tax submissions still need to be prepared. If your branch's GROSS income (total in, not net) is \$50,000 or less you can request that AAUW National file for you. If you prefer to file, filling out the postal card form on the IRS website only takes a few minutes and ensures that it is done. PLUS, AAUW National CANNOT complete your state of California (Franchise Tax Board) tax filing. It too has a postal card submission that is done online. Information about how to file these forms may be found [here](#).

Are you handing your job over to another member of your branch? I highly suggest that you use our Branch Treasurer's Checklist (found on the link above) to document your branch's bank accounts and other critical information before handing over the job to someone else.

While the tax filings are not due until November 15, 2018, if your branch fiscal year ends June 30, 2018, it just takes a few minutes to file these simple postal card forms online. File now—so it isn't forgotten. Three years of no filing equals loss of non-profit status.

Thank you to Belle Bohn, Treasurer, Carlsbad/Oceanside/Vista Branch. She provided great ideas for strategic plan goals for the Finance Committee. If you have ideas you forgot to submit, please send them to me at [cfo@aauw-ca.org](mailto:cfo@aauw-ca.org).

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# LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

*Cathy Foxhoven, Co-President Elect, Leadership Development Committee Chair, [leaderdev@aauw-ca.org](mailto:leaderdev@aauw-ca.org)*

## Introducing The New Leadership Development Chair – Sharyn Siebert!

Sharyn Siebert is new to the Board of Directors for 2018-2020 and has been appointed as the Leadership Development Chair.

Sharyn has been a member of the Monterey Peninsula Branch and is extremely energetic in encouraging members to value their AAUW membership. She recently gave a 75-minute workshop at the annual CA Community College Student Leaders' Conference.

She will be busy developing workshops for branch leadership days throughout the state in the year to come.

Don't miss out on working with this dynamic and knowledgeable leader! It is still not too late to join her leadership team. [Applications](#) are available on the AAUW California website.

The Leadership Development team had an extremely successful Leadership Day in Novato on May 12, 2018. Members of 10 branches attended.

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## MEMBERSHIP

*Deanna Arthur (Secretary) and Kathy Andreini, Membership Committee Co-Chairs, [membership@aauw-ca.org](mailto:membership@aauw-ca.org)*

### Don't waste free memberships!

We notice that many branches haven't yet redeemed the free memberships earned through the Shape the Future campaign. Remember, the free National memberships can be used for anyone - new member or renewing member. June 30th is the last day to redeem these **free memberships**. This list is organized by state and by branch number so you'll need to scroll down to yours. Click [here](#).

If your branch didn't take advantage of the Shape the Future campaign last year, be sure to consider it for next year - your new members receive a significant discount and the branch receives free memberships to use any way they please. The only requirement is that the new member must join at a mission based branch meeting (aren't all your meetings Mission Based?) or a mission based event at which you participate. Click [here](#) for information.

Membership VPs -we have enjoyed working with you this past year and look forward to the coming year. If you have concerns or questions as you're gearing up for the coming year, you can always reach the Membership Chairs at [membership@aauw-ca.org](mailto:membership@aauw-ca.org).

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## PROJECT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

*Dianne Owens, Chair, Project Oversight Committee, [Dianneowens9@gmail.com](mailto:Dianneowens9@gmail.com)*

### What did the Project Oversight Committee do in 2017-18?

That is a good question! Our committee of six regular members with the help of AAUW California President, Donna Mertens, Tech Trek State Coordinator, Linda Stinebaugh and Tech Trek State Treasurers, Harriet Tower/Kaye Kidwell:

- Completed major revision of the AAUW CA Tech Trek Policies & Procedures;
- Prepared a Tech Trek Camp Checklist for all 2018 camps;
- Redesigned the Tech Trek Annual Branch Participation MOU;
- Made plans to visit all Tech Trek Camps in Summer 2018; and
- Approved a new State Project Grant for “The Zoo Experience” by AAUW Big Bear Valley Branch to be held in July 2018.

With the help of Speech Trek State Coordinator, Marlene Cain, and Speech Trek Treasurer, Donna Mertens:

- Completed revision of the AAUW CA Speech Trek Policies & Procedures, and
- Designed the Speech Trek Annual Branch Participation MOU

Thanks Rozanne Child, Carol Holzgrafe, Susan Negrete, Jane Niemeier and Sandi Gabe for all your hard work!

## SPEECH TREK

*Marlene Cain, AAUW California Speech Trek Coordinator, [spechtrek@aauw-ca.org](mailto:spechtrek@aauw-ca.org)*

### Speech Trek 2018-2019 Topic Announced

“How can we--students, parents, faculty, our communities, and organizations such as AAUW--eliminate violence aimed at our schools? What actions can we take to prevent another tragedy from taking place?”

To guarantee equality, individual rights, and social justice in a diverse society, AAUW advocates many issues--including freedom from violence, fear of violence and hate crimes--in homes, schools, workplaces, and communities.

Unfortunately, American students are not free from violence. Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif) pointed out a disturbing trend in our schools: “Since Sandy Hook (Dec. 14, 2012), around 250 schools have experienced a shooting. That’s an average of around 50 a year, or one school shooting every week. It’s astonishing that so many schools and so many children have suffered. Active shooter drills shouldn’t be a way of life for our children, but sadly they are.”

Singer Kelly Clarkson also expressed sadness at the escalating level of violence in our schools, and stated that the time for ‘moments of silence’ is over. “Why don’t we do a moment of action?” she asked. “Why don’t we do a moment of change?”

In February 2018, after their tragedy, the students of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, seized a moment for change. They created “March For Our Lives” and launched a national movement.

Three months later, another deadly school shooting took place, this time in Texas.

A call to all branches: you can make a difference in this time of tragedy! Start by giving your high school students a voice on this topic. Host a Speech Trek! Email Marlene Cain, AAUW CA Speech Trek Coordinator, to reserve your 2018-2019 Branch Tool Kit now!

## BRANCH MARKETPLACE

AAUW –SIMI VALLEY (CA) BRANCH FUNDRAISER



TECH TREK 20 YEAR PIN is for celebrating 20 years of our successful camps in California, which are STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) camps designed to develop interest, excitement, and self-confidence in young women who will enter eighth grade in the fall. This pin is available to members, campers, and alumnae to wear proudly on their lapels, lanyards, hats etc. Information and order form can be found on the branch website: [simivalley-ca.aauw.net](http://simivalley-ca.aauw.net)

## BOARD BRAG

### AAUW Fellow Wins Prestigious Award



Noura Bishay, an AAUW International Fellow from Egypt, won a prestigious award from the San Diego Chapter of the American Planning Association for her plan to make a greenway from Balboa Park to Chicano Park in San Diego. She was the only student honored, and the other awardees were municipalities, universities and planning companies. Noura has been studying at the New School of Architecture & Design in San Diego.

Sharon Westafer and Jane Niemeier, AAUW CA Directors, attended the dinner celebration on May 17, in Coronado, CA. In her acceptance speech, Noura thanked AAUW for the opportunity to study in our country without having to go into debt. She is a most impressive young woman.

AAUW Fund makes a difference in the lives of women from all over the world.

