



Welcome to the beginning of a new year. The *Board to Board* is a monthly e-newsletter from the California AAUW state board to branch boards and leaders. It contains timely, important and useful information meant to make your job, as branch leaders, easier. Please click on any link for more information and feel free to share anything found here with your branch. An archive of previous editions can be found by clicking [here](#).

What Does The Fox Say?...

Cathy Foxhoven and Jane Niemeier, Co-Presidents, AAUW CA, statepresident@aauw-ca.org

MAY WE INTRODUCE OURSELVES?

Jane Niemeier and I (Cathy Foxhoven) are looking forward to serving AAUW California and its members as Co-Presidents for 2018-2020. We will be rotating our messages each month in Board to Board – Jane’s musings will be “Jottings with Jane”, mine will be “What Does The Fox Say?”. I promise that the Fox won’t be saying “meep, meep”!

If your branch hasn't already been contacted, the immediate past president will be called by one of the Board of Directors in the branch's area to hear its concerns and to see how AAUW CA can assist the branch.

I was just talking to one branch president and she said that her daughter has never experienced inequity and is happy, content and well-paid in her job. How fabulous for her and gratifying to know that she is enjoying the fruits of the many efforts women have made over the years in fighting for that equality she is now experiencing. However, many of us have not been so lucky and are still striving for pay equity, quality health care and freedom from sexual harassment and assaults. Every day we are being confronted with the possibilities of losing the strides we have made in those areas. We must continue to work towards equality for all.

Let’s not become despondent – there is much we can do!

AAUW FUND

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Submitted in part by Sharon Westerfer

SAVE THE DATES and plan to attend the upcoming AAUW Fund Fall Luncheons!

- Saturday, October 6: Basque Cultural Center, South San Francisco
- Sunday, October 7: Danville Crow Canyon Country Club
- Saturday, October 13: Seal Beach Old Ranch Country Club

All the details for registration will be in the August 2018 Board to Board. The price will remain at \$45 and the locations are the same as last year! The speakers will be the 2018-19 AAUW Fellows studying in California.

The salads will be delicious and the dessert will be even better! You will be proud to be an AAUW member when you hear these remarkable young women tell their stories!

The luncheons are an excellent opportunity for your branch members to meet Fellowship and Grant recipients and perhaps choose a speaker for one of your branch meetings. Please share this information with your branch members.

All of the [Fund forms](#) on the AAUW California Fund website have been updated; check out the pages as there is a lot of information to help make the Fund V.P. job easier.

When planning designation of your branch AAUW Fund donations, please consider the [Unfinished California Endowments](#).

Have you been thinking about volunteering to be an AAUW Fund committee member? The tasks will be easy and it will be rewarding to meet and interact with the Fellows. Just [complete an application](#) and let me know at dianneowens9@gmail.com.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY (C/U) COMMITTEE

Donna Lilly, C/U Committee Chair, donnalilly@roadrunner.com

Submitted in part by Tina Byrne

Summer “To Do” List

- Give the gift of AAUW national membership to anyone you know graduating within the last two years. Click [here](#) to fill out the form.

- Last year more than 80 college and university campuses were a partner member of AAUW in California and more than 60 members served as branch C/U chairs in the state. Appoint one or two branch members to represent your branch as college/university (C/U) relations chairs to promote AAUW programs such as Start Smart, Title IX discussions, Voter Registration, Scholarship Receptions, AAUW Student Club on campus and activities to recruit e-student affiliates. Click [here](#) for the duties of the branch C/U chair. Make sure your branch president enters her name(s) in that role in both the national and state Board Officer Reports (BOR's).
- Ask the C/U Representatives at the partner campuses near you to become members of your branch. The C/U Representatives are already national members and their state dues are also free. Your branch could sponsor their branch dues.
- Email your branch C/U chairs' contact information to Donna Lilly (donnalilly@roadrunner.com) to enable continued communication between the state C/U committee and branch C/U chairs.

Let's increase gender equity on more campuses starting now!

FINANCE

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Happy New Year!

It is the start of our new fiscal year! But, there are still tasks to be done to close out the old year.

Each branch must file a Federal Income Tax submission. You may request that National do it for you or just file your own (mandatory if your **GROSS** income is over \$50,000). I recommend filing your own then you have a record that it is done. You also need to file a State of California Franchise Tax Board return. National CANNOT do this for you. IBC treasurers—you cannot go through National—you must file your return yourself. More information may be found [here](#).

We are awaiting the final invoices for our liability and directors and officers insurance for the 2018/2019 fiscal year. The bills for insurance, which also include the Fund Assessment, will be emailed to the Treasurer and President in the new BOR (Branch Officer Report). Official payment due date is November 15—but we request that you pay as soon as possible as AAUW California will have already spent close to \$45,000 to pay the insurance bill. Information about insurance and the insurance assessment process may be found [here](#).

MEMBERSHIP

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Did you know?

Last year 53 California branches earned 152 free memberships under the Shape the Future campaign.

Some important clarifications:

- Any meeting that is mission based qualifies as a Shape the Future event - it can be your regular monthly meeting (all your meetings are mission-based, right?) or participating in an event in your community.
- The recipients of the Shape the Future half price National (only) dues must be a new or returning member who has not been a member for 2 years.
- For each 2 new members joining under the National Shape the Future program, the branch receives 1 free National membership (3 maximum) to awarded in any way they like.
- The recipient of the FREE membership can be anyone- it doesn't have to be a new member. Use it for a reward for recruiting the most new members; an incentive to get dues paid on time; help for a financially strapped member....
- The Shape the Future campaign reduced dues for new members and the free memberships for anyone are National only. State dues must be paid for all recipients. Branch dues are determined by the branch.

Click [Here](#) for the details. Please contact us if you have questions.

PROGRAM

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Submitted by Jane Niemeier, Co-President

And the Envelope Please....

If you were at our April convention, you were amazed, we are sure, by the wonderful mission-based programs that were honored on Friday evening. Now it is time to honor the Programs of the Fourth Quarter. They are just as inspiring as those from the previous three quarters.

Here they are, taken straight from the headlines:

Humboldt - "Food Insecurity and Homelessness in the CSU System"

Long Beach - "Gender-Based Harassment from the Street to the Screen"

North Tahoe - "STEM Trek Day"

Sunnyvale/Cupertino - "Girl Powered Engineering with Legos"

These branches will be receiving certificates in the mail in the near future.

All of us on the AAUW California Board of Directors look forward to reading your newsletters during the coming year. We know that you will continue to inspire us with your mission-based programs. Please send them to branchnewsletters@aauw-ca.org.

PUBLIC POLICY

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Get ready for the November election!

Summer is the time to begin your planning for November election activities. In addition to the candidates for office, there will be 10 statewide ballot measures. The Public Policy Committee will review the measures to determine if any of them concern AAUW's priorities and mission.

Your branch might consider one or more of the usual voter service activities:

- register voters
- hold candidate forums
- get out the vote ([GOTV](#))

This is a good opportunity to partner with other community organizations on one or more activities.

Voting is important! It is our chance to elect legislators who will support legislation that moves our mission forward.

SPEECH TREK

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Encourage your high school students to speak for their lives!

The 2018-2019 Speech Trek topic is: “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?”

In February of this year, 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.

Calling all Branches: you **can** make a difference in this era 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!