



June 2016

Thank you for the work you have done for your branch this year. This is the final 2015-16 B2B. Please share it with the person assuming your current position.

There is still space available on all of our state committees for 2016-17 and there is still time to submit your vita as **the deadline has been extended until further notice**. Click [HERE](#) for the Vita Form.

HELP WANTED

Hey Sacramento area! Kim (our Office Manager) needs help putting together some big shelving for our storage unit. We'd like to get this done as soon as possible, since there will be a lot of projects she will need to focus on at the start of our new year (July 1st). If you can help between 10:00 and 3:00, please let her know (office@aauw-ca.org).

Thanks!

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The Leadership Development Committee presenters ([Susan Negrete](#), [Dawn Johnson](#) and [Sandi Gabe](#)) enjoyed the interaction with session participants at the convention in April. If you'd like to download the presentations from the sessions, please use the links provided below:

- > [Let's Get Disruptive](#) (Sandi Gabe, Dawn Johnson, Susan Negrete)
- > [Change Easier, Said and Done](#) (Susan Negrete)
- > [Strategic Planning](#) (Sandi Gabe)
- > [Care and Feeding of Volunteers](#) (Dawn Johnson)
- > [Advance Your Branch Through Technology](#) (Sandi Gabe)

As you begin planning your programs for 2016-2017, remember that you can engage a presenter through the Leader on Loan program by completing an application form by clicking [here](#).

Sandi Gabe, (sandi.gabe@hotmail.com), Dawn Johnson (dawnandjay@gmail.com), Susan Negrete, (snegrete@aauw-ca.org), Leadership Development Committee

PROGRAMS

As you plan your mission based programs for next year, don't forget that we are inaugurating a state wide project, Leadership: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. Our subject for the Yesterday portion will be Eleanor Roosevelt using the book, "Leadership the Eleanor Roosevelt Way" by Robin Gerber. For the today portion we will study Malala and for the tomorrow portion we will support our current programs featuring experiences for girls and young women (Tech Trek, Speech Trek, NCCWSL, workshops for elementary, middle, high schoolers, mentoring programs, AVID, International Day of the Girl, STEM) and build new programs for our future leaders. More information is coming soon!

Congratulations to our branches whose Mission Based Programs were recognized at convention. These Program Recognition Wall of Fame branches are Alameda, Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek, Monterey Peninsula, Nevada County, Sacramento, Humboldt, Long Beach, Beach Cities, Morgan Hill, Paradise, La Mesa-El Cajon, Los Altos, San Clemente-Capo Beach, Auburn, Santa Barbara-Goleta Valley, and Victor Valley. You may read more about their programs on our website soon.

Lynne Batchelor, Program Chair, lynneaauw@aol.com

IT'S GRADUATION TIME!

A great way to increase your membership is to urge your members to use "Give a Grad a Gift." Did you know that you can give both **National and State** memberships FREE? Any member can give an unlimited number to relatives, friends, neighbors, acquaintances, even your enemies. It costs nothing for you nor for the grad(s). Go to [Dues and Fees Schedule](#), scroll down to Give a Grad a Gift, click [HERE](#) for the form. Be sure to follow the directions at the bottom of the Dues and Fees Schedule to utilize the FREE State membership for the graduate. How about a contest to see how many grads your branch members can gift? Since the grad will be both National and State member, the giver could also gift a branch membership! These memberships can be given to any recent graduate with an AA degree, an RN, a bachelor's degree or an advanced degree.

As you process your branch dues for 2016-17 please don't forget to conduct an exit interview for non-renewing members. When a member does not renew their membership in your branch, it is important to follow up and find out why. The resources on the National website can help click [HERE](#). Be sure to pay attention to the dos and don'ts. It would be very helpful in your board planning meeting to have this information.

Kathy Andreini, Membership Chair, kathyaauw@gmail.com

PUBLIC POLICY

Bills are moving through the State Legislature. Many have failed or have been held in committee. Most of our targeted bills on pay equity and STEM issues are continuing to move forward. Be prepared to respond to action alerts when the bills reach critical points in their progress. When alerts come to board members, pass them on to your members.

Start making plans for the November election. In addition to voter registration and candidate forums, there may be up to 18 ballot measures. The Public Policy Committee will take positions on ballot measures that relate to our mission. We will send information on our positions to you. You may want to plan a meeting focusing on those measures. Or you may want to partner with another organization in providing ballot measure information – for example, the League of Women Voters.

We are in the process of updating the Public Policy section of the AAUW CA website. Watch for more information there.

Nancy Mahr, Sue Miller, Public Policy, nmahr@aauw-ca.org

TECH TREK

2016 Camp season is about to begin. Thank you to all the members of all the branches that participate in Tech Trek, raising funds, reading applications, selecting campers and volunteering at camp. This wonderful program would not be possible without all of you!

As you outgoing presidents work on your Branch Officer Reports, be sure to give the Tech Trek assignment to everyone who needs to receive information about

the program. That could include your Treasurer and/or President in addition to the TT Chair or Committee members.

Linda Stinebaugh, Tech Trek State Coordinator, lstinebaugh@verizon.net

Harriet Tower, Tech Trek Financial Liaison, htower.techtrek@gmail.com

STATE PROJECTS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The State Projects Oversight Committee is looking for committee members for the 2016-2017 year. Click [HERE](#) for the application to become a committee member. Our task is to oversee Tech Trek and Speech Trek by updating policies and procedures and by working with the state coordinators to prepare and approve their budgets. This past year, we also helped produce an "Introduction to Tech Trek" video. Please apply to join our committee and then come to the July Leadership Day on 7/16. You can help us set our goals for the coming year.

Jane Niemeier, AAUW CA Director, Chair, State Projects Oversight Committee, jniemeier@aauw-ca.org

VISIBILITY IS THE KEY

Marketing our existence is crucial for branches as well as the state. At convention this year, each attendee received a copy of the new state brochure. The Development and Marketing committee worked hard this past year to create and get it printed. If you haven't seen it yet, click [HERE](#) to see a PDF copy. The brochures are available for the branches by contacting the office. Thank you to all the committee members: Carol Holzgrafe, Carolyn Garfein, Kathleen Cha, Shirley Stowers and Roberta Coffin. Our design and production work was done by James Holzgrafe. Have a great summer!

The Development and Marketing Committee is looking for members with marketing and development skill. Please submit your vita. We can always use exciting, vibrant individuals to push the process along.

Donna Mertens, Chair, Development & Marketing, dmertens@aauw-ca.org

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

June 30, 2016 is the end of our AAUW fiscal year. Please check here for your reporting requirements to AAUW California, IRS, and Franchise Tax Board. Your annual report to AAUW California is due July 31, 2016. Tax filings are due by November 15, 2016. Please check [HERE](#) for your reporting requirements to AAUW California, IRS, and Franchise Tax Board.

Still mailing your dues checks to AAUW? It is on the move and will have a new mailing address as of June 6th.

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COMMUNICATIONS

It has been a great pleasure and learning experience to serve as communications chair for the past 2 years.

There are many changes in the wind. Your new communications chair, Sandi Gabe is amazingly bright, organized, a true techie and will bring great changes to your communications experience.

To that end, let me repeat one more time, communications is a 2-way street. We have been able to process the material we receive from many sources. Communications would love to receive more information from our branches and members.

PLEASE enter your BOR (Branch Officer Report) information. This is our backbone of communications. We use this to assign you to our communication lists, the president's message and more importantly where the information comes for our directory. The sooner we get the information – the more quickly the directory can be processed.

We are a TEAM – let us all continue in the spirit of AAUW's advocacy and education for women and keep pulling together as we always have.

One last time: User name is **member**. Password is **aauwca**
Deanna Arthur, Communication Chair, communications@aauw-ca.org

AAUW CA FUND

The AAUW CA Fund committee wishes you a wonderful, relaxing summer. Be sure to check out the Fund pages on the AAUW CA website for forms and other information including unfinished endowments, fundraising tips and ideas, and other information. Click [HERE](#) to access the AAUW Funds page.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the AAUW Fund luncheons. The Southern luncheon will be on Sunday, October 23 at Old Ranch Country Club in Seal Beach. The Northern luncheon will be on Saturday, October 29 at Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville. More details will be available at a later date.

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