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AAU  **California  
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## **Batter Up!**



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

### **Things to Know**



Baseball season is opening. Who cares? We do. It gives us lots of opportunities for silly word play, which is much less taxing than actual ball play which requires running, panting, catching high-velocity flying objects, and wearing unflattering clothes. We prefer our imaginary game, for which the opening ceremony is the upcoming election for our board of directors. We have a batting lineup of ten candidates for eight openings. Yes, you read that right. The bases are loaded! Cheer for your team by marking your ballot April 23rd–May 14th. It will arrive in an email. Need a paper ballot? Contact the office at 916-389-0220. But, wait, stay in your bleacher seat because this is a

doubleheader! AAUW National is also having an [election](#) for its board of directors. Check your inbox for your email ballot. (Note that we said inbox, not a cutesy reference to pitcher's box. Such editorial restraint!)



Your Public Policy Committee recently retreated to the dugout and selected the top six bills to support during the 2022 California legislature session. That takes a lot of thoughtful research and discussion, but presumably very little gum-chewing and spitting. They are:

- AB 92—creates an equitable sliding scale for family childcare fees
- AB 1666—enables persons from outside CA to obtain abortions
- AB 1968—mandates websites at CSU/UC campuses to assist sexual assault survivors
- AB 2881—gives priority to student parents in CA colleges
- SB 523—expands health plans' contraceptive coverage
- SB 1375—allows nurse practitioners to practice under standard protocols to provide first-trimester abortion care

We know baseball can be boring, so you can keep yourself awake by Googling for more details on these bills. You can keep your eye on the ball by following them [HERE](#).



Okay, it's a full count and this is the last pitch. Hey batter, batter, SWING! [Register](#) for the Annual Event, [Adventures in AAUWLand](#), via Zoom on April 30th at 9:00 am. Inspiring speakers, shiny awards, Speech Trek videos, informal convos, peanuts, and Cracker Jack®. If you add a cold beer, we won't see it.

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## Things to Do

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Want to learn about starting a new business from someone who swung for the fence? Get a hot dog from the snack shack and join us for our third “*Lunch and Learn*” presentation, a 30-minute chat with working mom Ritu Naryaran, co-founder of Ridezum. What’s that? Nothing less than a reimagining of the school transportation system! She saw a problem and built a solution. Invite anyone you know who wants to do the same. Register [HERE](#) for the April 15th event. It’s as easy as getting a walk to first base.



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Fastballs? Curveballs? Meatballs? (Sorry for our limited baseball lexicon.) Women in the workforce are often pitched salaries that whizz right by them without proper negotiation. You can help. Become a certified volunteer facilitator for AAUW’s Start Smart or Work Smart salary negotiation workshops. What’s involved? It might be easier than batting a thousand. Email [Salary@aauw.org](mailto:Salary@aauw.org) to see if you’ll be picked for the team.



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We admit it. We love baseball caps. They cover a multitude of hair sins. And they also make us look important and coach-y. So why not be an actual coach? The Tech Trek virtual camps need them! Volunteer to help enthusiastic MVP students in a variety of coaching roles helping them with their STEM projects or their virtual social activities. Learn more and apply [HERE](#). You’ll have fun and learn something. They’ll have fun and learn something. It’s a grand slam!



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**See you next month. Please take off your cleats**

# before going in the house.

(P.S. How many times did we use a baseball word or phrase?  
We count 22.)



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