



April 2015

You have received this eNewsletter because you are serving your branch or the state organization in a leadership role. Thank you for everything you do! This is the sixth edition for this year. Please share all or any part of this newsletter with your members and others especially any new branch leaders.

AAUW Funds

The AAUW Funds committee thanks and congratulates the members of AAUW California for your generous donations. Because of your commitment to AAUW and its mission, **\$508,644.08** was donated to AAUW Funds from AAUW California members and branches.

As always, we enjoy reading about your branch activities in your newsletters. Here's a reminder: Raising funds for organizations other than AAUW, such as Habitat for Humanity, Friends of the Library or homeless shelters, is against AAUW policy. It's perfectly fine to donate toiletries, clothing, books, food or any other items. Because AAUW is a nonprofit organization and has its own projects, money raised by branches must go to those projects. Click ([HERE](#)) to find fundraising guidelines on the AAUW CA website under AAUW Funds.

Sharon Westafer, Chair, AAUW Funds Committee swestafer@aauw-ca.org

State Election

Please make sure your members' contact information is correct in the national Membership Services Database (MSD) is correct **by the end of March**. The list used for mailing voting codes and information will be pulled on April 1, 2015. If we don't have their contact information in that list, they will not be able to vote.

Please refer your members to the **Elections & Nominations** section of our state website [HERE](#)

Information about the candidates appears in that section on the Candidates Page [HERE](#).

We will also vote on the proposed 2015-17 Public Policy Priorities [HERE](#)

Contact me if there are any questions.

Harriet Tower, 2015 Nominations & Elections Chair, elections@aauw-ca.org

Leadership Development

Registration remains open for Southern California's Leadership Development Day on

April 19th in Manhattan Beach. *Developing the Leader in You* will host a National AAUW speaker and present seven new workshops developed and presented by AAUW CA branch leaders. We guarantee this day will be packed full of ideas and techniques to promote leadership and enthusiasm in your branches. Click [HERE](#) to register. See you for Leadership Day in beautiful Manhattan Beach on April 19th!

Susan Negrete snegrete@aauw-ca.org and **Virginia Beck**, vbeck@aauw-ca.org; AAUW CA Leadership Development Co-Chairs

Membership

Finance Officers -

As you begin to process your renewing members through the MSD, please be sure to double check that all contact information is correct

. Reminder - State dues are \$20 and Student dues are \$10.

The National Shape the Future Campaign is still in effect. Be sure to redeem your free memberships by June 30, 2015. Click [Here](#), click on the green button and scroll down to check on your free memberships. A good way to encourage members to renew on time is to offer one of your free memberships as a prize in a drawing for all members who have renewed by June 1 (or any date you chose). Congratulations to the following branches for earning the maximum 5 free National memberships for their branch - Citrus Heights-American River, La Mesa-El Cajon, Long Beach, Redlands, Sacramento, San Jose, Sonora, Laguna Beach, Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek and Laguna Hills. Congratulations to all for recruiting 1288 new members this year.

Kathy Andreini and Ginny Hatfield, *Membership Co-Chairs*, membership@aauw-ca.org

Branch Presidents/Administrators watch for announcements from National and State regarding Branch Officers Reports. There are separate reports for State and National and both must be completed. Please be sure that you enter the same name in both reports for each office.

PROGRAM

As you begin your program planning for 2015-2016, consider doing a mission-based program on AAUW's new research report ***Solving The Equation***. It is a fascinating, informative and surprising study. You can download the report [here](#).

SPEECH TREK

It is not too late to attend the Speech Trek finals at the annual meeting on April 18, 2015. Register online at aauw-ca.org. Be the first to hear the new 2015-2016 topic!

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