

## **FUND RAISING IDEAS**

### **A MOCK HIGH SCHOOL REUNION**

#### **Tustin**

Guests are assigned "faux" identities, which are mailed along with individual biographies and "yearbook" photos, and are asked to come in character. Announcements, awards, the crowning of the Reunion King and Queen and a chance to reunite with old friends is part of the fun and hilarity. Long-forgotten scandals, grievances and romances surface as food and friendship are enjoyed. Members provide the potluck dinner.

### **ANTIQUES APPRAISAL EVENT**

#### **Chico**

Participants pay a donation to have a specified number of items appraised by antique experts.

### **ART AND WINE WALK AND OTHER ART EVENTS**

#### **Concord, San Ramon**

Participants stroll around a specified area enjoying wine, viewing art and meeting local artists.

### **AUTHORS' LUNCHEON**

#### **Multiple Branches, including Long Beach and Westminster-Fountain Valley-Huntington Beach, Laguna Beach and Los Altos-Mountain View**

After lunch, various authors speak about their books. A silent auction is also held.

### **BOOK SALES**

#### **Multiple branches**

Gently used books are offered for sale at various branch meetings.

### **BRIDGE TOURNAMENTS AND OTHER GAME TOURNAMENTS SUCH AS BUNCO**

#### **Multiple branches**

Participants pay a donation to participate in the tournaments. Refreshments are served and prizes are awarded for winners.

### **DINING AT VARIOUS RESTAURANTS**

#### **Multiple branches**

Participating restaurants donate a percentage of the proceeds when attendees dine at the restaurant on a specified day.

## **DINNER AND TRIVIA BEE**

### **Auburn**

Attendees enjoy a delicious dinner and enjoy the excitement as teams compete to see which one knows the most trivia.

## **HOME TOUR**

### **Multiple Branches including Stockton and Amador**

Guests purchase tickets and tour various homes in the community.

## **NON EVENT FUNDRAISERS**

### **Multiple branches**

Mail tea bags and invite members to enjoy tea in their home.

Invite members on an imaginary tour and offer different “excursions” for set prices such as touring ancient ruins-\$10 or bungee jumping \$5.

## **TEA PARTIES**

### **Multiple branches**

Members pay to dine at a restaurant or at a designated meeting place. The charge for the tea includes the meal and a donation to the fundraiser.

## **TRICK OR TREAT FOR AAUW FUNDS**

### **Novato**

When: Halloween, between 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. Pairs of member volunteers canvas the homes of branch members to request contributions of any amount; members are encouraged to donate whatever they can for this collection. If you will not be at home, or for any reason you do not want member volunteers to knock at your door, the Funds VP is contacted to let her know. Members are encouraged in that case to send a donation by mail (check payable to AAUW Funds) to the Finance Chair.

## **VARIOUS LESSONS FOR DONATIONS**

### **Laguna Beach**

A member offered a one-day candy making session at her house. Attendees learned some old fashioned techniques and took samples away with the recipes. Minimum donation requested was \$35.

Another member offered a four day session on ceramic hand built objects. Each participant learned basic clay techniques and left with the finished a finished product. The cost was \$50, a donation to their fundraiser.

This fundraiser can be adapted to include all kinds of lessons, such as computer, needlepoint, knitting, art-the possibilities are numerous.