

Welcome to the California Online Branch

AAUW Mission: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

To be an active participant in our branch programs and to help us provide a strong voice in advocacy work, all branch members are encouraged to subscribe to the AAUW Action Network. Go to the [AAUW Two-Minute Activist page](#) on the AAUW website to sign up.

BRANCH WEBSITE: Please bookmark our website: ca-online.aauw.net

This is your resource for information on branch activities as well as links to other AAUW resources.

The “Members Only” section of the website, contains a copy of this letter, the member roster, financial statements, and the newsletter archive – requires a login password (case sensitive): **Onliners**

If you notice inconsistent or dated information on our website, please notify the branch Communications Chair, Randa Blanding. All branch officers and their email addresses are listed at the end of this document, as well as our branch website.

FACEBOOK: Want to get to know branch members better? Look for our Facebook group, [AAUW California Online Branch](#). Ask other branch members to be your Facebook friend and help us share AAUW’s work with your other Facebook connections.

HAPPY HOUR: The BEST way to meet members and get to know them. **These are held the 4TH Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm, Pacific Time.** The Zoom link is sent one week before and one day before. Please jump on and stay for a bit or the whole time. It is always interesting. It is also ok to share the link with any potential members. Please add the day and time to your monthly calendar.

EMAIL LISTS

Our branch has six separate email lists, each with a different function:

1. Membership Email List:

Add this email to your contact list or address book: members@aauwcaonline.org

The membership list includes all members of the AAUW CA Online Branch. The email list blocks all messages from non-members. *If you change your email address, please notify the Communications Chair, Randa Blanding, randabland@gmail.com*

This list is typically used for short news, to announce upcoming branch programs and other events, or to call for voting in branch elections.

When you reply to a *member* email list message, it will only go to the sender, NOT the entire group. This is *not* true for **Program or Board email lists, which are set up as discussion lists where replies go to the entire subscription group.**

2. Program Email List: program@aauwcaonline.org

Our branch holds programs a couple of ways. One way is by an email discussion on topics concerning the AAUW mission to advance gender equity for women and girls.

The other way we hold programs is by doing a Zoom event. Details are sent two-four weeks ahead of time, then the link one week before and again the day before.

Tips for Program Email participation:

Sign any message you send to the email list with your full name. Your email address alone in the FROM line will not always make it obvious to everyone receiving the message who you are. When an email discussion is taking place, **please refrain from complementing a contributor**, we all want to do it, but it just adds to the length of the discussion. You can always send the person a private email.

All exchanges on this email list must be relevant to the topic under discussion and issues that unite us as AAUW members. **Inappropriate exchanges will be questioned, sent a warning, and the senders will be removed from the email list if they do not abide by these guidelines.**

3. Board Email List: board@aauwcaonline.org

All board members are subscribed to the board email list to discuss and decide branch business. Any branch member is welcome to participate. Contact the branch president, Gail Swain, if you are interested in attending a board meeting.

Public Policy and each of our two Special Interest Groups (SIGs) have an email list. If you wish to be a part of any of these groups, please send an email to the person listed for the group.

4. **Public Policy:** Kathleen Harper kandb1989@gmail.com

5. **Book Club:** Harriet Tower harriet.aauw@outlook.com

6. **Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI) Interest Group:** Cathy Foxhoven iambasque@gmail.com

RE: ALL the Email lists: No matter how compelling the issue, please do not forward outside emails to any of the branch email lists.

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