

Branch/Club Committee Report 12/2/2016

We have obtained a list of branches/clubs and contact info for people key to those organizations. We have distributed this list to members of the Branch/Club committee. We have asked members of our committee to choose 2-3 branches each, and to contact them personally. We have also distributed "talking points" to members of the committee, to use when they speak to leaders of branches/clubs, to answer their questions, and to explain our purposes and goals in enriching our communication and relationships among our alumnae membership.

The branch/club list and the talking points will go out to the key branch people in a letter from our committee, in early December.

We have asked Nikole Adams about the itinerary of the planned upcoming travels of President Hillman and VP Jeff Jackanicz. Nikole has stated that the AAMC and her Alumnae Relations office will coordinate these plans, including invitations, RSVP's, staffing, refreshments, and planning in general. These visits will include all local holiday teas, a January event with the LA branch, and Puget Sound and Portland events in February.

We have received plans for the local holiday teas. We will include this information in our communications with the appropriate branches, and encourage them to attend as many activities as possible. These teas include Oakland/East Bay, San Francisco, Puget Sound, Orange County, and Marin. This information has also gone out to alumnae in recent emails.

We will encourage branches/clubs to make reports to our committee about their activities - get-togethers of all kinds. According to Nikole Adams, these events may include house parties, luncheons or museum visits - It depends on the region, what the volunteers would like to do, the President's schedule, and the Alumnae Relations office budget. We are also encouraging the branches/clubs to take advantage of our offer of \$75 to be applied to any activities that the branches/clubs would like to plan.

Judith James, Lynette Castille-Hall, and Marina Simenstad have conferenced by telephone, and we plan to conference with the committee as a whole after the December 7 Board of Governors meeting to discuss further steps for the upcoming months.

Respectfully submitted,

The Branch/Club Committee

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