

## Branch/Club Committee Report 5/7/2017

Members of our committee have used our agreed-upon talking points when speaking 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. Members have each contacted key members of our alumnae clubs/branches, to speak individually to make a personal connection with all.

Nikole Adams has been generous in providing us with the itinerary of the 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. Other travel plans are extending into the spring and summer. Travels of our president and vice-president have created a great interest among our alumnae nationally, and visits have been very well attended.

Many regional and local holiday teas took place. Alumnae in various areas were urged to attend, and once again, they were well-received and well-attended. These teas included Oakland/East Bay, San Francisco, Puget Sound, Orange County, and Marin.

We are requesting that branches/clubs to make reports to our committee about their activities - get-togethers of all kinds, as well as planned events for the next several months, if that information is available. These reports will be shared at the annual meeting, to be held on May 12, 2017, after Commencement. 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. However, certain events that the branches may be planning, especially visits by our College administrators, or by College faculty, will be funded through the Alumnae Relations office budget. This will be coordinated between the Branch/Clubs committee, and the College office of Alumnae Relations, through Nikole Adams.

Judith James, Lynette Castille-Hall, Lucy Seereiter, Kirstyne Lange, and Marina Simenstad conferenced by phone on May 8, 2017, to discuss further steps for the upcoming months, including working with branches to encourage and develop activities that the branches could plan, and in general developing a stronger relationship with the Branch/Club committee, and the AAMC in general.

Respectfully submitted,

The Branch/Club Committee

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