

Branch/Club Committee Report
October 18, 2017

The committee has been somewhat inactive during the past summer and early fall months, but we are gearing up for a busy winter season.

Three of our committee members Lucy Seereiter, Kirstyne Lange, and Marina Simenstad - attended the fall BOG retreat at Asilomar, and participated in spirited discussions around the MOC and RAH, It was a wonderful opportunity to spend time together and form closer bonds, over casual time and meal times as well.

We will, once again, look to Nikole to provide us with a current itinerary of upcoming travels of President Hillman and 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. 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. Alumnae in these areas will be cordially urged to take part in these events.

Lucy Seereiter recently reported that she and a friend attended a fall luncheon sponsored by the Palo Alto Branch. She said that it was very well attended, and that President Hillman and Jeff Jackanicz were also guests that day. We are also looking forward to connecting with Branches/Clubs about regional and local holiday teas and other events, and encouraging attendance by alumnae in those areas.

We will also encourage 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 are planning to conference by phone in the next few weeks, 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 - Marina Simenstad, Judith James, Lynette Castille-Hall, Kirstyne Lange, Lucy Seereiter