

Branch/Club Committee Report  
February 29, 2020

Several clubs and branches have submitted reports on their current, past, and future events.

Judith James, representing the DC/Maryland/Northern Virginia Branch, reported that they are planning a visit to Hillwood in the spring. Their comments were that they always appreciate the \$75 stipend that the Alumnae Association is offering to the branches to help plan and carry out their events. They also commented that they would be happy to support a visit from a Mills professor. This is always their greatest draw for attendance. They would need the support of the OIA, and the BOG.

Lucy Seereiter reported that the Palo Alto Branch is very active. Their premier event, a silent auction art show at a country club, is well attended. Lucy also attended the Oakland Branch Holiday Tea. Even Lucy's granddaughter enjoyed the event. It was also well-attended. There has been discussion on re-starting the monthly wine club that was so popular in the past, meeting at RAH. This discussion will continue, with the involvement of Vicky Luibrand.

Several Governors attended the San Francisco Holiday Tea, on a very stormy day! Beth Hillman and Jeff Jackanicz were also there. The event was hosted by Kristin Wolfe, in her beautiful Pacific Heights home, full of lovely art.

The Marin Mills Club did not have a holiday event this year, but their ongoing Book Club is very popular. Their upcoming meeting, on March 22, will be discussing "Where the Crawdads Sing", by Delia Owens. The meetings alternate between the homes of Linda Jaquez-Fissori and Kaila Sanford. There will also be a speaker on March 7, from the Mills faculty - Assistant Professor of Biology Sarah Swope, discussing rare Marin County plants, and focusing on conservation of endangered plants.

Other events, reported by the eUcalyptus, are a financial workshop in New York, and also a panel with Beth Hillman. There will be a brunch in Portland with Mills faculty.

Other thoughts: Continuing our previous outreach to the recent alum group, offering discounted attendance to events. This was very popular in the recent past.

As a committee, we will strive to divide up our committee members, assigning them active branches with which to stay in contact, submitting reports on their progress. We must continue and improve our communication with branches around the country, asking them their needs, and attempting to serve them in their efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kirstyne Lange, Lucy Seereiter, Judith James, Miki Hong, Courtney Long.

