**CALIFORNIA CHAPTER**

The AAL network is growing rapidly and one of the regions that has a high concentration of network friends is the southern California area. That is why it is a goal of co-founder Tamari Jenkins, who also lives in that area, to have regular "get-togethers" with network friends in that region. Contact Tamari <jenkins@weboaal.com> for more information on the AAL Southern California Chapter.

Some of the issues discussed at the last regional meeting were...

* The increasing Spanish speaking population
* Changing demographics in once predominately African American neighborhoods
* The urgent importance of bilingualism
* Language schools
* Study abroad programs
* The need for more conversational practice for those mastering world languages