

Branches and Twigs

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The President's Corner – Patty Ahearn



Greetings,

I am writing this message to you a week before our first Branch meeting on September 16th. If you were able to attend this meeting, you would have taken home a folder full of valuable information on many of the opportunities available in our AAUW Branch. There are so many chances to participate in interesting and special groups. There are new groups forming that will begin meeting this month. There is definitely something available and of interest to every member of this organization. Please contact the chairs on the flyers in the various groups and become an active part

of this amazing branch. My AAUW card was stapled to every folder. Do not hesitate to call or email me if you have questions or concerns. I am here to help you in having a positive experience in this distinguished AAUW Branch.

I so appreciate the willingness of the members that volunteer to go that extra mile to make our Redlands Branch a vital presence in our community. One of these members was appointed by me this year as Vice President of Communications.

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October Branch Meeting:

“Crossing the Two-Year Divide: How the Memorandum of Understanding Between the University of Redlands and Crafton Hills College Will Ensure More Students Obtain a Bachelor’s Degree”

The recent memorandum of understanding between the University of Redlands and Crafton Hills College was designed to create a guided pathway for community college students to effectively engage with four-year universities. Many of these students are the first in their families to obtain an Associate's degree; those with higher academic aspirations now will have the administrative means to now move on. How many students will this affect? How will it help meet enrollment goals? How will it benefit the local economy? <https://www.craftonhills.edu/current-students/university-transfer-center/understanding-university-of-redlands.php>

Anne Viricel, DPA, an elected member of the San Bernardino Community College Board of Trustees, will discuss these questions and the educational road map this historic document represents for our community and region. Dr. Viricel is the Executive Director of the San Bernardino Symphony and teaches evening classes in quantitative operations and strategic coursework in the U of R School of Business. Dr. Viricel is also an author and member of the Bonnes Meres Auxiliary of the Children's Fund, the Assistance League of San Bernardino, and the San Bernardino Symphony Guild. She joined our AAUW Redlands Branch in 2002 and is a popular speaker at our annual STEM conference.



~ Elaine Brubacher

October Branch Meeting

When

Tuesday, October 3, 2017
Social 5:30 p.m.
Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Program 6:45 p.m.

Where

University of Redlands
CASA LOMA Room

Menu **Chef's Choice** **Dinner Buffet**

Chef's choice main entrée;
Chef's choice vegetarian
entrée; Chef's choice
starch; mixed green salad
with Ranch and Italian
dressing; seasonal
vegetables; dinner rolls
and creamy butter; carrot
cake, coffee/tea

Cost

Members and guests: \$19

Reservations

The reservation deadline
for the October 3th
meeting is Tuesday,
September 26, 2017
Please call 909-362-4955
or email
rsvpmeeting@aauw-redlands-ca.org.
Reminder: a reservation
made is a reservation
paid.

***Members and guests
are always welcome at
all branch meetings.
There is no cost to
attend the program at
6:45 a.m. Chairs will
be available.***

Branch Meetings 2017-2018

Saturday, 11/4 brunch
Tuesday, 12/5 dinner
Tuesday, 1/9 dinner
Saturday, 2/3 brunch
3/3, 4/3, 5/5, 6/2

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6pm California Cuisine		5:30pm Branch Meeting				
8	9 6:30pm Board Meeting	10	11	12	13	14
15 Noon AAUW FUND Luncheon	16	17 9am CHAT	18 12pm I Am, Therefore I Think	19	20	21
22	23	24 11am International Affairs	25	26 1pm & 7pm Reading & the Rainbow	27	28 9am STEM Redlands Mtg
29	30	31				

Save the dates

Tuesday September 26 RESERVATION DEADLINE for October 3 Dinner

Thurs, Nov 30 AAUW FUND Footlighters Theater, 6:30 pm
Sunday, Dec 3 YMCA Holiday Home Tour, 9 am or 12:45 pm
Thursday, Jan 11 PASS STEM Conference

AAUW FUND Luncheon, Seal Beach
 10/15 Noon (see page 4)

AAUW Redlands Board Meeting
 10/9 6:30 pm Cutler Building, 201 Cajon St., Redlands
~Patty Ahearn

Bridge: contact coordinator for information
 If you are playing or substituting in an established bridge group, please contact Louise Schumann.
~Louise Schumann

California Cuisine and Conversation
 10/1 6 pm host & address will be sent by email
~Pamela Ong

CHAT meeting
 10/17 9 am Contemporary Club
DROP-INS ARE WELCOME!

~Katherine Gifford
 798-7565 ext. 4138,
literacy@akspl.org



I Am, Therefore I Think
 10/18 "How to Get Your Word Out"
 Facilitator: Toni Momberger
 12 -2 pm (12-12:30 informal brown bag lunch).
 Trinity Episcopal Church Lounge (Rm 6-8). 419 South 4th St, Redlands.
~ Ellen Schollenberger & Sharlene Lund

International Affairs (see page 8)
 10/24 11 am- 1:30 pm University Club at University of Redlands. Lunch \$17.75, reservation by noon Saturday before luncheon to *Marc Bebbey* 748-8956.

Reading and Rainbow (see page 8)
 10/26 *A Tale for the Time Being*, by Ruth Ozeki
 1 pm host: Linda Richards, 7 pm host: Ellen Schollenberger
 Reservations are not required.
~ Lynne Reasoner & Jeanne Shevlin

STEM Conference, Redlands (see page 5)
 10/28 9 am Committee meeting at Heather's home.
 Conference date: Wednesday, February 28, 2018.
~Heather Abushanab

Branch Officers:

President: Patty Ahearn , **President-elect:** Toni Momberger, **Communications Vice President:** Andrea Saaavedra, **Hospitality Vice President:** Kathy Toister, **Membership Vice President:** Viktoria Norberg, **Program Vice President:** Kathryn Brown, **Secretary:** Diane Bennett, **Treasurer:** Kate Pretorius

B&T Submission:

The deadline for the **November newsletter** will be **October 5th**. Send your articles to the editor via email to news@aauw-redlands-ca.org or by mail to Kay Dobbertin.

The President's Corner – Patty Ahearn *continued*

Her name is Andrea Saavedra. I feel very blessed having someone of her caliber, loyalty, and energy to consistently be available to tackle any task that is asked of her, one of my many board members that needs and wants to make this year an incredible success. I am very impressed with the new website and Facebook page that Andrea has been diligently working on.

Our October 3rd Branch meeting is right around the corner. Our first speaker of the year, Anne Viricel, is one of our very special members. She has been active in AAUW for the last 15 years. Her talents and experience have helped make our Branch one of the most prestigious in the State of California. Please refer to the article on this impressive woman. The meeting will take place at night to accommodate our members that are unable to attend on a Saturday. Please remember to make your reservation, and I hope you will bring a guest to experience our wonderful organization.

The board and I are a “work in progress” this year as we strive to adhere to my theme, “Success Through Communication and Participation.” We serve you. It is our goal to make your journey this year, one that will be an enjoyable experience in helping our membership and members grow in the consciousness of our AAUW mission. I look forward to seeing you at many AAUW functions.

Hospitality Birthday Club

Many happy returns to the following ladies who celebrate their birthdays in October. We hope you will join us at the branch meeting, so we can wish you a happy birthday in person!

Kathy Albrektson
Susan Bentley
Barbara Bowers
Ellen Cope
Elisa Cortez
Amber Costa
Virginia Cruz
Amy Jennings
Nancy Perry
Carolyn Ritchie

Deborah Seibly
Diane Shimota
Karen Skoog
Patricia Stubbs



If you are a member of our branch but have not yet signed up for our Birthday Club, please send an email to me or to Barbara Krause so we can be sure to add you to our list.

~Pat Belk and Barbara Krause

Membership Matters

--Give a Grad a Gift

As we transition into our new year, please remember to help everyone renew their membership. Also, **Give a Grad a Gift** is a great way to introduce any recent college graduate, male or female, to AAUW.

Members may give as many free gifts as they like. Your recipient is

eligible for a free Redlands Branch membership and a free State membership. PLEASE forward the confirmation to Redlands Branch Membership VP, Viktoria Norberg. The Gift program is an excellent means for helping AAUW recruit members of traditional college age, and fortifies us with new blood..

~Viktoria Norberg, Membership VP



2017-18 AAUW Membership

The Competition is ON! Invite Your Friends and Neighbors to Join AAUW!

National is once again running the Shape the Future Membership Campaign, which gives a discounted membership to first-year members and allows our branch to earn up to five free national memberships for the 2018-19 membership year. You can have a shot at winning one just by inviting a guest to a branch meeting! If your guest joins the branch, you have an even better chance to win. The more you invite, the more that join, the better chance you have to win. The competition will go throughout the year, and the free memberships will be awarded in the following way:

- 1 – awarded to member(s) who recruits the most new members** from April 2017 – March 2018. If there is a tie, we will give multiple awards or hold a drawing – 5 maximum
- 1 – awarded to member(s) who invite(s) the most potential new members from April 2017 – March 2018, regardless of whether they join. If there is a tie, we will give multiple awards or hold a drawing – 2 maximum
- 3 (or the rest) will be awarded by a drawing. Members will be entered in the drawing once for each new member** you invited to join AAUW.

**new members refer to paying members, including Members At Large who affiliate with our branch, but not including student e-affiliates.



~Viktoria Norberg, Membership VP

The AAUW of California Fund Committee is proud to honor our 2017-2018 California Fellow and Grant Recipients

Join us at the Old Ranch Country Club, Seal Beach, Sunday, October 15, 2017, noon to 3 p.m. as we celebrate and honor this year's grant and fellowship recipients. RSVP by October 7.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2017-aauw-fall-fund-luncheon-southern-california-tickets-37014930654>

New & Improved AAUW Redlands Website!

The Communications Committee is pleased to announce the launch of our new and improved website!

AAUW National has established this fresh new look we are using today. After months of hard work perfecting the website to make it our own, we are delighted to announce the launch of our new and improved website. You may find us at: <http://redlands-ca.aauw.net/>. The goal



of this new website is to provide a more user-friendly way to learn all about

what the Redlands Branch has to offer. Amongst the new features, you will find a photo gallery and a calendar containing up-to-date information on branch happenings. We are dedicated to keeping this website up-to-date with helpful information, monthly Branches and Twigs newsletters, meeting presentations, reservation deadlines, and more. We hope you like it!

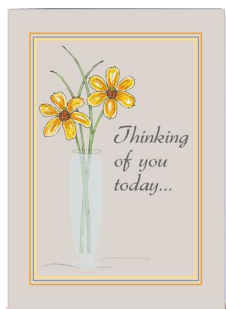
~ Andrea Saavedra, Communications VP

Member News



In sympathy and friendship, we send our condolences to Renee Reisinger on the loss of her father.

Hospitality Member News



We want our members to know that we think of them when they are ill or grieving the loss of a loved one. Please contact me if you know of a member who needs a card from our branch to let them know they are in our thoughts. Thank you.

~Kathy Toister, Hospitality VP

STEM Conferences

AAUW Redlands Branch hosts **two STEM Conferences every year, one in Redlands and one in the Pass Area**. Both conferences invite 8th grade girls from the local, public school districts to participate. All costs of the conference are covered by the branch. This year, the two conference teams are combining efforts wherever possible to ensure that both conferences are a great success! From fund raising to conference administration, we are pooling our efforts, learning from one another, and evaluating how the changes affect conference growth and outcomes.

How can you help?
Let us know if you are willing to help, and we will put you to work!



We have individual tasks, such as letter writing, reviewing/negotiating contracts, snooping out new funding sources, making up conference packets, coordinating volunteers, all the way to ordering lunches. Or we can pair you with one of our subcommittee chairs to oversee a key function, like recruiting speakers or interacting with the schools. Don't have time to work with the planning committee? Sign up to attend on conference day to serve as a guide for students or host for one of our amazing speakers. We will keep you busy as much or as little as you can bear it.

Please contact Marilyn Shankar or Heather Abushanab or by sending an email to STEM@aauw-redlands-ca.org We will see you out there!

PASS Conference Day: January 11, 2018, at
Mt San Jacinto College
Redlands Conference Day: February 28, 2018, at
University of Redlands

YMCA Holiday Home Tour 2017 Volunteers Needed

For the last fourteen years, AAUW has assisted the YMCA with its annual home tour by hosting a home. If you would like to join the fun and volunteer on December 3, 2017, to be a hostess in the home that AAUW is assigned for that day, please let us know. We have two shifts available, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm and 12:45 pm - 4:45 pm. It is a wonderful way to assist the YMCA with its big fund raiser, and this is their 50th year. The money raised goes to support the Y's Legal Aid Program, which provides legal services to low-income clients, primarily women. The program employs a paralegal who helps with the filing of paperwork and helps set up court appearances, and then she has a group of attorneys who volunteer their time to help. It's really a great program that was a YWCA initiative that it brought over when it merged with the YMCA. Your gift of time and energy makes you feel good and serves a wonderful cause. There will be a sign-up sheet at the October meeting, or you can email me your name, phone number, and which shift you would like to work



~ Ann Leonard and Linda Browning, Co-Chairs



Holiday Boutique!

Coming Soon! Only one more month until our BOUTIQUE! We're looking forward to seeing what creative, fun things you will have for our sale. Please let me know if you would like to help but need some ideas for projects. If you don't feel very crafty but would like to help assemble items, I have lots of ideas I can share. Please give me a call or see me at the October meeting. Thanks

~Pat Belk

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Neeta Reddy has lived in Redlands since 1993, and works as a software programmer for ESRI. Her hobbies include reading, watching movies and documentaries, socializing, and attending concert and theatre programs. She also loves to travel and meet new people and listen to their stories. “Almost” an empty-nester, Neeta now feels she has time to give back to the community, and wants to take part in the 2018 STEM conference. Neeta was also a guest of Meena Spangrud.



Cindy Grayson is a longtime resident of Redlands, and is a graduate of the U of R. She enjoys theatre, gardening, reading, and meditating. Cindy teaches yoga, and was the guest of her mother, Cathryn Oltman.

Papri Chatterjee, also a guest of Cathryn Oltman, has conducted research into various scientific fields for the last 35 years as a biochemist. Her hobbies are traveling, teaching, and meeting people.

Shrddha Singhi lives in Highland and works for Wells Fargo Bank in Corona. She is interested in financial education through workshop events and programs in schools and colleges. She attended at the invitation of Meena Spangrud.

Mrinmayee (“Minu”) Bharadhwaj, was born in India, and has been a resident of Redlands for the past 7 years. She loves reading, traveling, and museum-hopping. She has a Masters in Psychology and is employed as a technical writer for ESRI. Her interest in AAUW is focused primarily on the many projects it spearheads, and all the accomplished women she is able to meet, among them Meena Spangrud who brought her as a guest.

Sande Meith-Rask attended as the guest and daughter of Kathy Presnell-Best. She has lived in Redlands since she was 5-years-old, is married, and has 2 sons. For work she is a systems analyst, but she loves to travel and loves animals.



Kim Fisher, guest of Kay Dobbertin, has been a resident of Redlands for most of her life. A graduate of RHS and U of R, she taught Special Ed in Colton for 15 years. Kim likes gardening and cooking. She hates cleaning.

Alice Moore, lives in Redlands, but grew up in New Jersey. One of the recipients of AAUW's 2017 Nancy Yowell Scholarships, Alice has since graduated from Ashford College and is now working at Kimberly Elementary as

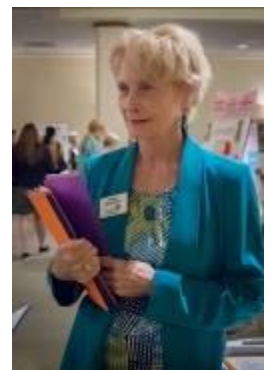
a para-professional aide. Alice's future plans include earning her teaching credential within the next 6 months. Thanks to Kay Dobbertin for inviting Alice as her guest.

Elisa Cortez is a longtime Redlands resident. She explained that she has always been interested in joining AAUW since first moving here, but was too busy raising little ones until now. Her vocation is medical librarian, but her avocations include marine biology, the STEM programs, art, and "making things."



Unfortunately, space does not allow us to include **Pia Kennedy**, **Virginia Cruz**, **Judy Adams**, **Pam Ford**, **Shana Higgins**, or **Carol Ahuja** in this issue. We will catch up with them in the November issue of *Branches & Twigs*. So, stay tuned. Film at eleven. . . .

~Viktoria Norberg – VP Membership



International Affairs



Our group this year is partnering with the University of Redlands' Office of International Students and Scholars. Foreign Exchange Students will be our guest speakers for the year. Our lunch meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of the month in the University Club at the University of Redlands. Meeting time is from 11:00 to 1:30 with a lunch of choice.

Cost is \$17.75 which includes lunch, tax, and gratuity. Make reservations for the October 24th meeting with Marc Bebbey at 909 748-8956. The deadline for reservations is noon the Saturday before the International Affairs luncheon.

~Dorothy Richardson and
Marie Mitchell

Reading and the Rainbow

Book: *A Tale for the Time Being* by Ruth Ozeki

Thursday, October 26th
1 PM host: Linda Richards
7 PM host: Ellen Schollenberger
Reservations are not required.



"If a Japanese-American writer who is also a Zen Buddhist priest wrote a post-Japanese tsunami novel, what themes might you imagine she would address? Biculturalism, water, death, memory, the female predicament, conscience, the nature of time and tide? Tick. All there. Throw in World War II, the reader-writer relationship, depression, ecological collapse, suicide, origami, and a 105-year-old anarchist nun, and you have Ozeki's *A Tale for the Time Being*."

~Lynne Reasoner and Jeanne Shevlin

November 30th Footlighters Theater Event: Wine, Please!

Back by popular demand at our 24th annual Footlighters Theater event on November 30th will be our own Redlands AAUW Branch "Wine Guys," Bob Toister & Jim Hendon.

Help keep them busy by donating a bottle or two to



pour that evening (favorites last year were Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Noir, and Cabernet.) Our gala reception will again feature the three major food groups—cheese, fruit & chocolate—a yummy bite to go with everything, along with sparkling juice and water.



The performance this year, which will take place at 8 p.m., following the 6:30 p.m. Reception, is the captivating comedy, *My Three Angels*. Tickets are \$30 each for the Reception and Play; \$12 each for the Reception alone (for those who have a Footlighters season ticket to the play & wish to use it on the 30th). Tickets will be available at our Tuesday, October 3rd dinner meeting.



Join the Tech Trek Team

Tech Trek is sponsored by AAUW branches throughout California on University campuses for rising 8th grade girls. This program presents curriculum in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) classes, and activities for one week at a residential science camp that ranges from conducting chemistry and biology lab experiments to programming computer applications to using engineering skills to build things. The girls learn firsthand about engaging careers from women role models employed in STEM fields. Field trips expand knowledge and skills to the building blocks of excitement and discovery the girls are exposed to. This experience allows them to develop and expand the base they began on. For many girls, this weeklong camp sparked their curiosity, helped them evolve socially and gain a wealth of knowledge they can use in high school then build upon for college. The experience places them on a path toward successfully finding their place in a STEM-related career down the road.

We know that the girls from the PASS enjoy math and science as many students do; however, it is truly a treasure to see their eyes light up as they are interviewed and chosen to attend the camp. During our Tech Trek Celebration, the selected Trekkers have the opportunity to meet prior TT Campers and hear of their experiences, which helps prepare them for their own journey. And noting that under-privileged girls who gain an opportunity to attend the TT camp are more likely to go to college and select a STEM major they didn't even know existed is really exciting to see in action. This is a great goal to strive for, right?

If you would like to be part of the Tech Trek Team, here are few ways you can assist:

- * Pick-up and delivery of Student Applications (three middle schools in Banning and Beaumont)
- * Read and Grade Applications
- * Participate on the Interview Team (Note this opportunity is very limited)
- * Chaperone at Camp (one-week commitment, summer 2018)
- * Donation Solicitation
- * Correspondence Writer (thank you letters, etc.)

For more information about Tech Trek or to discuss joining the team, please contact Sheron Bealer or Andrea Saavedra

Tech Trek Celebration



College-University Partnership

For **College-University** support our branch provides both Faculty and Students at the University of Redlands and Crafton Hills College in Yucaipa a variety of services to help make them successful members. In providing this support we offer to Faculty the opportunity to develop as leaders on campus and in their fields; AAUW provides faculty and administration membership benefits such as funding, professional development as well as networking opportunities.

For those interested in women's issues, there are grants available for studies based on the gender wage gap, sexual harassment and assault, Title IX violations, or other gender discrimination topics. Benefits available include free national AAUW membership at all levels, free online resources, and access to a diverse global community, mentorship, advocacy, and leadership, and access to the latest AAUW research reports in classroom or programs. We can also provide members with resources to help them learn their rights on tenure and other campus issues.

Should Campus professionals be interested in extending their reach they may wish to serve as a panelist for AAUW's fellow and grantee selection or on a national AAUW committee or task force, or flex their presentation skills by becoming a facilitator for one of our salary negotiation programs. They may also submit a workshop proposal for the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders and attend sessions specifically designed for campus

professionals. Should they want to do more in our community, they can volunteer with our AAUW branch or start an AAUW Younger Women's Task Force chapter, or be an adviser to an AAUW student organization; we heard there is one starting up at the University of Redlands this year!. Basically then we help them steer their way through AAUW to find the resources they need.

As far as students, our branch supports their programs by attending their Gender Studies and

other programs offered during the year, offer opportunities for them to register to vote and join AAUW. We identify the grants and programs available including National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, providing a few travel scholarships.

The rising cost of tuition makes it hard for students to pursue higher education. We help women overcome this barrier. AAUW invests \$3.7 million each year in fellowships and grants for women students pursuing graduate and doctoral study.

AAUW branches offer undergraduate scholarships to women in their communities. Our branch provides Nancy Yowell Memorial Scholarships to women returning to college.

If you enjoy working as a part of the college and university support team and would like to serve the planned workshops on campus this year (StartSmart and Gender Studies) please contact Kathy Toister or Sheron Bealer for details, email: coll-univ@aauw-redlands-ca.org

How you can HELP

...HELP THEM GAIN REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE



...CONNECT THEM WITH OUR COMMUNITY

...BUILD THEIR LEADERSHIP EDGE

...EMPOWER THEM TO BECOME CAMPUS CHANGE MAKERS

...ENCOURAGE OUR STUDENTS TO PUT THEIR IDEAS INTO ACTION!

...FUND THEIR EDUCATION



AAUW
YOUNGER WOMEN'S
TASK FORCE



Happy September Birthday

Kathy Warren, Katherine Gifford,
Cassie MacDuff, Linda Browning,
Dee Ann Palmer, Cathryn Oltman,
Janice Belden, Sue Wallace,
Cheri Dawes, Mary Jane Auerbacher,
Grace Martin



STEM Conferences -- Adopt-a-Girl

900 8th grade girls need your funding support to make our STEM Conferences a reality. Please consider our branch's ADOPT-a-GIRL program. Your donation of \$20 covers the cost for one girl to attend either the Pass Area or the Redlands Conference. This year, the two conferences are joining our fundraising efforts to maximize the success of both conferences. If you have a strong desire to support the Pass Area or the Redlands conference only, that request will be honored, but we hope you will choose to Adopt-a-Girl from whichever conference has a need, by selecting the option to use your donation where it is most needed. Visit the STEM **Adopt-A-Girl** table at the December meeting, or use the coupon below to make your pledge. We value and appreciate your donation so very much. Thank you!

2018 STEM Conference Pledge/Donation Coupon

Conference Dates:

PASS Conference Day: January 11, 2018 at Mt San Jacinto College

Redlands Conference Day: February 28, 2018 at University of Redlands

Benefactors \$500 - \$999 Patrons \$300 - \$499 Friends \$100 - \$299 Adopt-a-Girl (cost per girl) - \$20

I/We: Pledge ☐ Donate \$_____ for the 2018 STEM Conferences.

Donations of \$100 or more received before November 30 will be acknowledged in the Pass Conference Program and those received before January 31 will be acknowledged in the Redlands Conference Program.

All donations will be listed on the AAUW website unless you request to remain anonymous.

Questions? Contact our STEM Chair at STEM@aauw-redlands-ca.org

Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

Phone _____ email: _____

Please use my donation: ☐ Where it is most needed
☐ For the Pass Conference
☐ For the Redlands Conference

Send pledge/donation to: AAUW STEM Conferences

P.O. Box 7678

Redlands, CA 92375-0678

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September Branch Meeting

