

Branches and Twigs

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The President's Corner – Patty Ahearn

Greetings! The 2018-2019 directories have been printed and are ready. The members that attended the October Branch meeting were the first to receive them. I have been delivering many of the directories in person so that you may begin using them. It has also given me a wonderful opportunity to put faces with membership names. I have enjoyed each and every visit with you. This had been a challenging endeavor but a rewarding one. My personal goal was to have all of the directories to the

members by the time you received this issue of Branches and Twigs.

I do have some disappointing news to share with you. The wonderful officer that I mentioned in my last President's Message resigned October 9th. The void she has left will definitely take a while for our board and branch to recover from. Andrea had many new and innovative ideas that were helping our AAUW Branch to update the communication process. I, for one, will definitely miss her talents, as well as her friendship.

I am looking forward to the November Branch meeting. I understand the speaker has a great message to share with us. Some members may have heard Maria Carrillo speak before. Her topic, "Redlands Women in World War I," is a perfect choice for Veterans Day on November 11th. Come early to the Saturday Brunch meeting on November 4th so that you will have time to shop at the Holiday Boutique. This is a fundraiser for the Nancy Yowell Memorial Scholarship. Most of the items are handmade. This is a great opportunity to do some holiday shopping and be able to help and support women that want to return to college. The Boutique will take place at both the November and December Branch meetings.

There are many activities and special events taking place in November. Please refer to the calendar page in your Branches and Twigs. I hope that you will take the opportunity to participate in as many activities as possible

November Branch Meeting:

Redlands Women in World War I

Maria Carrillo Colato is Associate Archivist in the Special Collections of A.K. Smiley Public Library. She has a Bachelor of Arts in History from California State University, Fullerton, and a Master of Arts in History from the University of California, Riverside, with an emphasis in Public History.

Since her start at Smiley Library in 2013, Maria has co-authored *Early Redlands*, with Ann Deegan, and *Redlands in World War I*, with Ann Deegan, Don McCue, and Nathan Gonzales. While the latter book explores the experiences of local men and women who responded to the call to action following the nation's entry into the Great War in April 1917, Maria's presentation will focus on the brave Redlands women who left home and served the war effort across the United States and overseas.

~Ellen Cope



November Branch Meeting

When

Saturday,
November 4, 2017
Social 9:00 a.m.
Brunch 9:30 a.m.
Program 10:15 a.m.

Where

University of Redlands
UNIVERSITY HALL

Menu Vegetarian

Scramble Buffet

Scrambled eggs with mushrooms, green onions, herbs, and red bell pepper; shredded cheese on the side; bacon; home-fried potatoes; sliced seasonal fruit; assorted breakfast pastries; creamy butter, fruit preserves, ketchup and salsa on the side; coffee/tea

Cost

Members and guests: \$16

Reservations

The reservation deadline for the November 4th meeting is Sunday, October 29, 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 10:15 a.m. Chairs will be available.

Branch Meetings: 2017-2018

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

				November 2017		
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday, October 29 RESERATION DEADLINE for NOV 4TH BRUNCH			1	2	3	4 UNIV HALL 9am Branch Mtg. & Scholarship Boutique
5 6pm California Cuisine	6 6:30pm Board Meeting	7 <u>9am CHAT</u> 7pm Program Meeting	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Noon I Am, Therefore I Think	16 1pm & 7pm Reading and the Rainbow	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 HAPPY THANKS-GIVING	24	25
26	27	28 11am International Affairs	29	30 6:30pm AAUW Funds Theatre Benefit	Save the dates Sunday, Dec 3 YMCA Home Tour Thursday, Jan 11 PASS STEM Conf	

AAUW Redlands Board Meeting

11/6 6:30pm Culter Building, 201 Cajon St, Redlands
~Patty Ahearn

AAUW Funds Theatre Benefit

11/30 6:30pm Footlighters (see page 7)

Bridge: Contact coordinator for new bridge groups
~Dorothy Nordquist

California Cuisine and Conversation

11/5 Host & address will be sent by email
~Pamela Ong

CHAT meeting

11/7 Smiley Library Assembly Room.
Note: Library is closed at 9:00 a.m., so enter Assembly Room from the park side of the Library, across from the Lincoln Shrine
~Katherine Gifford 798-7565 literacy@akspl.org

I Am, Therefore I Think

11/15 "What Books are on Your Nightstand".
Facilitator: Ellen Schollenberger
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)

11/28 11am University Club. Lunch served 11:30am
\$17.75 includes tax and gratuity. Reservation by noon 11/25 to Marie Mitchell.

Program Committee Meeting (see page 8)

11/7 7pm @ Kathryn Brown's home

Reading and Rainbow (see page 6)

11/16 The Moor's Account by Laila Lalami
1pm host Mary Jane Auerbacher,
7pm host Adriane Gram. Reservations are not required.
~ Lynne Reasoner & Jeanne Shevlin

Branch Officers:

President: Patty Ahearn, **President-elect:** Toni Momberger, **Communications Vice President:** vacant, **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 **December newsletter** will be **November 5th**. Send your articles to the editor via email to news@aauw-redlands-ca.org or by mail to Kay Dobbertin

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Carol Ahuja is rejoining AAUW after a lapse of several years. She was born at Norton AFB and, as a baby and small child, lived in France and Germany. She enjoys reading and is the very proud grandmother to a baby girl. She looks forward to being a part of AAUW again.

Pam Ford has lived in Redlands since 1986, and recently retired as a Professor of Anthropology at Mt. San Jacinto College. Pam is an active volunteer with Montessori in Redlands and the Great Y Circus. She is interested in supporting women and girls in education.

Pia Kennedy recently moved from Redondo Beach to Highland; not knowing too many people in this area, she thought what better way to meet interesting women than by joining AAUW? Her employment has ranged from commercial construction to the telecom industry to doctor's offices in administrative positions, all while going to school to receive an MA in Humanities. Pia loves to swim, cook, learn, read, write, music, theater, art, history and gardening. Currently she is learning to bake.

Member News – Yearbooks



Patty Ahearn delivering an AAUW directory to Lynne Reasoner. Patty took on a hand delivery challenge to get acquainted with as many members as possible. If you have not received your directory by the time you read this article, please call me.

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR YEARBOOK

Anna Keegan

UPDATES:

Elisa Cortez:

Denise Davis:

Eunice Snavelly:

Deborah Stanley:

Linda Trainor:

2017-18 AAUW Membership Come One, Come All! The Competition is ON!

The Holiday Boutique will be displaying its wares at our November and December meetings, so now would be one of the best times to 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 who sign up at a branch meeting. The campaign also allows our branch to earn up to five free national memberships for the 2018-19 membership year. You have a chance of winning one just by inviting a guest to a branch meeting! The more people you invite who join, the better your odds of winning. The competition will be conducted throughout the year, and free memberships will be awarded in the following way:



1 – awarded to member(s) who recruit(s) 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 winners

1 – awarded to member(s) who invite(s) the most potential new members from April 2017-March 2018, regardless of whether they join. In case of a tie, we will give multiple awards or hold a drawing. 2 maximum winners

3 (or the rest) will be awarded by a drawing. Members will be entered in the drawing once for each new member** they 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

Member News - Condolences

A condolence card has been sent to Sue Angel who lost a family member in the tragedy in Las Vegas, Hannah Ahlers. Hannah was the wife of Brian Ahlers of Redlands Jewelry store and mother of three children. Sue sent a note: "Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness. It means a lot to us to receive such kindness. I will pass it on to Brian and his family."



In sympathy and friendship, we send our condolences to Karen Skoog on the loss of her father and to Kristi Marnell on the loss of her mother-in-law.

~Kathy Toister, Hospitality VP

Hospitality Committee

New Members

Mentor Program--The fifteen new members who recently joined our branch will be receiving a call from a mentor, a seasoned member who will welcome them and assist with any questions about our branch or AAUW. Thank you to Heather Abushanab for assigning mentors. If you would like to become a mentor, please contact Kathy Toister or Margee Fuller about our mentor program.



Hospitality Table -

Please come to our branch meetings to hear our speakers and to meet other members. There will always be someone to welcome you and to be sure you have someone to sit with if you come to the meeting by yourself. So please look for the next email announcing the November branch meeting.

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

Hospitality Birthday Club

November is the month we celebrate all the things we enjoy and give thanks for them. We are certainly thankful that these ladies are part of our branch and we wish them all a very Happy Birthday!!!



Mary Blickensderfer
Jane Henry
Kate Pretorius
Marilyn Shankar
Meena Spangrud
Bonnie Wallman

Shelley Bodnar
Pia Kennedy
Susan Sechrist
Shrddha Singhi
Leslie Trainor
Sue Young

P.S. If we missed you or you are new, please let us know so we can get you on the list!

~Pat Belk & Barbara Krause



We sang Happy Birthday to our October ladies who attended the meeting but forgot to take a picture....sorry

Kathleen Albrektson, Elisa Cortez, Amber Costa, Debbie Seibly and Patricia Stubbs



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Holiday **Craft Fair**

It's finally here! Our Annual Boutique to fund the Nancy Yowell Scholarship will be up and running at the back of the room for our November and December branch meetings. We have lots and lots of new, handmade crafts for you to purchase for those hard-to-think-of holiday or birthday or whatever gifts. Be sure to come and see what your fellow branch members have created just for this sale. We have so many talented and creative friends!! As a reminder, everything in the boutique is donated, so **all of the money you spend goes to the scholarships we give out in the spring** (see update from *Tammy Ngo* below). Hope you will join us in supporting this wonderful cause.

By the way, if you have things to donate, you may bring them (a little early) before the meeting. If you have them ready, you may drop them off to me between October 10th and the 24th. Of course, food items should be brought directly to the boutique.

Thanking you in advance for your contributions and participation.

~Pat Belk

Nancy Yowell Memorial Scholarship Recipient

Hi ladies,

Again thank for you this scholarship and I wish you all the best.

Have a blessed day.

Tammy Ngo

The scholarship has helped me buy supplies for school such as uniform, nursing education resources, and textbooks. I'm currently in the second year of my ADN-RN program and I'm halfway through my first semester of the second year. I will be graduating next June 2018. This scholarship has helped me by obtaining the necessary material as I start building my nursing foundation in school towards my career fields. I'm extremely thankful for this scholarship because it has showed me that there are people out there that want to help me even though they do not know me. It reminds me that what I'm doing to care for sick individuals is what I want to do to give back. This will be rewarding for me. This scholarship has shown me support and provided me with motivation to focus on my goals.



Getting to Know Kathy Toister

Our Hospitality VP



Hi, my name is Kathy Toister; I am currently the VP of Hospitality. This position is a wonderful

opportunity to

engage with new members as well as existing members. Currently, I am also Co-Chair of our College University Partnership Program and Co-Chair of AAUW Funds. I have been a member of Redlands AAUW since 1999, Chair of Public Policy for a couple of years, Branch Treasurer for two years, and Branch President in 2012-2013. One of the highlights of my year as President was working with Jane Roberts and the University of Redlands to arrange for our special guest, Lilly Ledbetter, who after speaking at our branch meeting, spoke to the community at the University Chapel.

I was born in Boston and lived there during my early years until my family moved to a small town in Maine for most of my growing up years. Luckily for me, I returned to Boston to work when I finished school. I fell in love with my husband the day I met him when we were both still in Boston. Although he says maybe it was just infatuation...I don't think so! We have lived in California since 1969 and lived in our only home in Redlands since 1975. We have one son, Jeff, who lives with his wife, Sally, in San Diego.

I am a Registered Nurse and worked the first half of my career in critical care, mostly in management. After getting my Masters in Management from U of R, I spent the later part of my career in the business world for a medical-related company. In that job, I traveled, visiting hospitals throughout the US and internationally. I have been retired for ten years, and what a treasured time that is!

I love getting down and dirty in my garden; it is total relaxation for me. I talk to the plants, and they talk back by giving me beautiful greenery and flowers! After the garden, I love cooking, reading, hiking and, of course, traveling. My most favorite traveling is our trips to Maine to be with family.

OOOPS!

Due to an unfortunate scheduling conflict, the Redlands Breakfast Club's scholarship benefit event at the Orton Center has been set for the same Saturday morning as our November 4th Redlands branch meeting—which is also the debut day for our annual NYMS Holiday Boutique. But not to worry! Our Boutique will be open at 9 AM, while the Breakfast Club event will not open until 10 AM, allowing our members and their guests who also wish to patronize the Breakfast Club event to attend both.

AAUW California Fund Luncheon

The AAUW Fund Luncheon was held in Seal Beach on Sunday, October 15, 2017. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet a number of Fellowship and Grant recipients studying in California colleges and universities. I



had the pleasure of introducing Camila Araujo. Camila is an International Fellowship awardee from Brazil. Her fellowship was

partially funded by our Redlands Branch International Fellowship Endowment. She is studying urban planning at USC and has been in the US for two months.

We also met Irma Ortiz who is an American Fellowship awardee from Los Angeles. She is studying molecular plant biology at UCR. Her fellowship was partially funded by our Redlands Branch American Fellowship



Endowment. Both young women shared stories of women who inspired them and how they are hoping to keep inspiring younger girls and women to dream big. It was a delight to meet them, as well as others recipients.

~Kathy Toister, Co-Chair AAUW Fund

Speech Trek 2017-2018 - Year Two



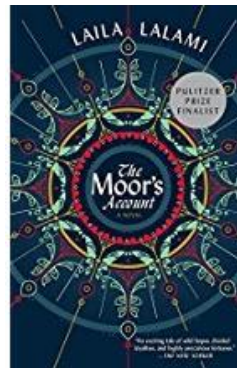
There is still time to join the committee working on Speech Trek 2017-2018! This will be our second year of participation in Speech Trek, a speech contest for high school students sponsored annually by AAUW CA. The students compete locally for prizes and the

opportunity to become one of three finalists to present at the AAUW CA convention for cash awards.

The contest topic for this year is: How can we stand up to sexism? What can I do as an individual and what can organizations like AAUW do to break down stereotypes and biases in school, in the military, at work, and in our communities?

Our local branch competition will take place in February, 2018. Please contact Ginny Evans-Perry if you wish to participate!

Reading and the Rainbow



Book: *The Moor's Account*, by Laila Lalami

In 1527, the Spanish conquistador, Panfilo de Narvaez, arrived on the coast of modern-day Florida with hundreds of settlers and claimed the region for Spain. Within a year, only four survivors remained: three noblemen and a Moroccan slave called Estebanico. The official record, set down after a reuniting of the survivors with Spanish forces in 1536, contains only the three freemen's accounts. Lalami gives us a fictional account by the fourth survivor, Estabanico, the first black explorer of America.

The meetings are on Thursday, November 16th. This is the third Thursday of the month of November, not our usual fourth Thursday of the month meeting time.

1 PM host: Mary Jane Auerbacher

7 PM host: Adriane Gram

Reservations are not required.

~Lynne Reasoner and Jeanne Shevlin

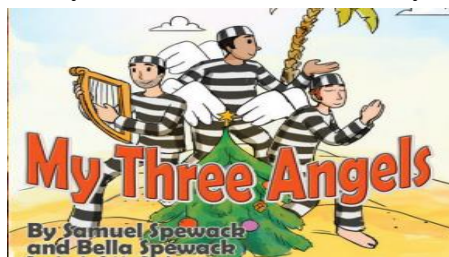
Footlighters Theater Benefit



**Thursday,
November 30, 6:30 PM
Wine, Please!**

We still need wine donations for our 24th annual Footlighters Theater event on November 30th. Please consider donating a bottle or two of your favorite Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Noir or Cabernet to share. You can bring it to our November branch meeting on Saturday, the 5th, or, on weekdays

Monday-Thursday, call Gail Anderson at her office (909-792-1618) and make arrangements to drop it off there (232 Cajon St Ste B, Redlands). Our fun reception will again feature live music, along with cheese, fruit & chocolate, plus your chance to win one of our valuable door prizes. The performance this year, which will take place at 8 PM following the 6:30 PM Reception, is the seasonal 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 Saturday, November 4 brunch meeting.



Pass STEM Conference

We are ramping up for another successful STEM Conference. The keynote speaker will again be the dynamic Amber Price. We are finalizing the speakers, and the student applications will be in the girls' hands by the time you read this.

The conference will be held at Mt. San Jacinto College on Thursday, January 11, 2018. We are still in need of volunteers to help on the day as hosts and guides. If you are interested please call me.

~Marilyn Shankar Co-Chair

Program Committee



College/University Partner Program - Start Smart Workshop

Kathy Toister and Kathryn Brown facilitated our first AAUW Start Smart Workshop, with tech support from Sheron Bealer, on Wednesday, October 4th. It was a small group of students, but they were all eager to learn about salary negotiation, and from their comments, most



felt they are now prepared to negotiate a salary and benefits and are more aware of some strategies to help them obtain their goals. We are grateful that AAUW is supported by the University of Redlands to continue all efforts to educate and empower women. The University has purchased a three-year license from AAUW to present unlimited Start Smart Workshops on campus. Three faculty members plan to train as facilitators for this AAUW educational workshop.

~Kathy Toister and Sheron Bealer
Co-Chairs College/University Partnership

YMCA Holiday Home Tour 2017 Volunteers Needed



For the last fourteen years, AAUW has assisted the YMCA with their 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- 4:45 pm. It is a wonderful way to assist the YMCA with its big fund raiser, and this is its 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 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 they brought over when they 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 November meeting, or you can email me your name, phone number, and which shift you would like.

~Ann Leonard & Linda Browning, Co-Chairs

Update

All current and any newly-interested members who would like to join the committee are encouraged to attend our next Program Committee meeting at 7 PM on Tuesday, November 7th, at the (Redlands) home of Kathryn Brown. Program ideas for upcoming dates in 2018 & 2019 are needed and welcome. If you have a program in mind that you plan to suggest at the meeting, or can't attend that evening but want to suggest a speaker or specific program, please email Kathryn before the meeting date with your idea(s).

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October Branch Meeting

## International Affairs

### *Our Theme: Life Outside the United States*

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 November 28<sup>th</sup> meeting with Marie Mitchell by noon on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.



~Dorothy Richardson &  
Marie Mitchell

## **MEMBERSHIP: What I Did on My Summer Vacation**

*At our September meeting, we asked members what they had done over the summer. So far, we've had the following responses. They make up in enthusiasm what they may lack in numbers.*

### **Toni Momberger**

In August, I took three big trips in a row.

For my birthday, I did something I've always wanted to do: I got a room on the beach in Laguna. My daughter joined me, and we had cocktails overlooking the ocean, read with sand in our toes, attended the Pageant of the Masters, and went to the Sawdust Festival, where we petted a live alligator—and by “petted,” I mean, watched people pet.



The next week was Doug and my 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, which we celebrated at the Ballard Inn in wine country abutting Solvang. This is where I discovered I can eat an entire wedge of brie by myself.

Then the next week we crossed another item off my bucket list—we met up with our son in Denver for the Rocky Mountain Showdown, a rivalry football game for the University of Colorado, Boulder, the alma mater for all three of us. . .

I loved the summer of 2017!



**Pat Kruger** In July, I attended a family reunion celebrating 150 years since my paternal great-grandfather, William Graupmann, arrived in rural Glencoe, Minnesota. Family legend was that he was an adventurous man and rode at one point with Buffalo Bill. That was confirmed, in fact, by family researchers this summer. It was a wonderful time connecting with first and second and third cousins that I hadn't seen for years.



In September, I went to Twin Lakes campground in Mammoth, CA, with friends and my little dog in my RV. Many people were also there with their dogs and, of course, we talked about our dogs. Of the many, only one was a breed adoption, and the multitude were all rescues, as is mine, and that warmed my heart.

**Nelda Stuck** Having been working at our Museum of Redlands for 17 years, our travels always include museums—to see what they exhibit, how they got started and operate, and how well they are supported by the public. We started with the new (two-year-old) Museum of Western Art in Scottsdale, before going on to D.C. We



lived in the Fairfax, VA, area for four years, beginning in 1972, so each time we go back, we catch up on historic sites. This time it was the Frederick Douglass home. Then we went on to the new Smithsonian Museum of African-American History. Monte's favorite thing was seeing Gen. Colin Powell's uniform and photos. Most important to me was the sugar cane display which was a huge glass cube. In the center of this cube, sitting on a huge mound of granular sugar, was a contrasting iron kettle used for boiling the cane. In each corner were antique silver teapots and serving items, and a sign that explained that slaves working the cane fields lived an average of only seven years.

Our third museum visit was to the Frank Lloyd Wright Pope Leighy House in Alexandria. You name a FLW building, and we've seen it. Next, we went on to Michigan for two reunions. . . finishing in Grand Rapids for a repeat visit to the Gerald R. Ford Museum, recently renovated.

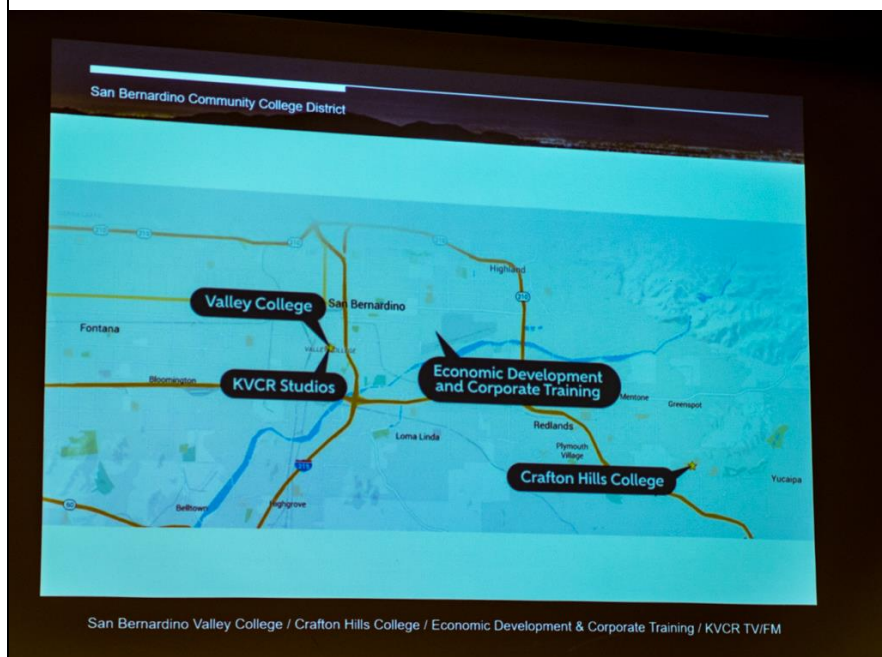
We've learned that at our age, 45 minutes is not enough time for connections with late planes and huge airports where you have to take a train from one terminal to another—but that makes travel still great fun at age 80. You just have to keep your running legs working.

***We look forward to more members sending in more summer stories to share. Especially when the months get colder, and the days shorter and darker, it's good to warm ourselves over a fire of summer sunshine. Please send whatever you want to write to Viktoria Norberg at viktorianorberg@aol.com. Nothing is too short. Too long? Well, perhaps, but write it ALL anyway!*** Viktoria Norberg, VP Membership



### *October Branch Speaker: Anne Viricel*

*Anne Viricel is a San Bernardino Community College Trustees and a 15 year member of the AAUW Redlands Branch.*



September 19, 2017

City of Redlands, Quality of Life Department

The first of three new Service Club Gateway monument signs has been installed on the corner of Redlands Blvd and Ford Street. The plan is to replace one sign per year as funds are raised.

The locations of the other signs will be:

- Redlands Boulevard, adjacent to Jennie Davis Park and;
- Brookside Avenue, east of Price Street