

Branches and Twigs

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AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.



The President's Corner – Patty Ahearn

Greetings! Our November meeting was well attended in University Hall. The boutique made over a thousand dollars in sales. The sale was such a success that the committee was asked to make more items to be on display for purchase at the December 5th branch meeting. The proceeds from this fundraiser addresses one of the goals in our AAUW mission by giving women the opportunity to complete their higher level of education. I am very proud of the Nancy Yowell Memorial

Scholarship Committee for the dedication and time they give to helping women in our community.

The November meeting was enhanced by incorporating a Veterans/Military theme that went well with the speaker's topic. I was so impressed by the AFJROTC Color Guard from Redlands High School. I was delighted to see a young lady as part of this group. The leadership skills that they are taught in this awesome program will open many opportunities for them in the future.

Our speaker, Maria Carillo Colato, was very well prepared. The power point was a great visual aide, picturing many of the women from our community that served in World War I. I admired her knowledge and personal interest with each of these amazing women.

Cassie MacDuff did an outstanding job with the Thought of the Day.

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December Branch Meeting



Lumiere de Chanson is a 34 member choir at Citrus Valley High School. Under the direction of Mrs. Kimberly Anaya, LDC (for short) has traveled singing all over the Inland Empire and United States. This year we are planning on attending a WorldStrides Competition in San Diego and have competed in the past in Los Angeles, Seattle and twice in New York City. At these competitions, we have received Gold ratings for 5 years in a row. We have also been awarded the sweepstakes award and outstanding

choral group. Students are presented with a variety of choral literature throughout the year. We sing classical, madrigals, spirituals, and contemporary. We also bring in a choreographer to choreograph four winter songs. These songs are performed at our winter concert at CVHS. Let's just say we do enough dancing in our year to give our PE classes a run for their money! During our month of December, we spend many a day and night caroling around the IE to raise money for the cost of our big competition. This year's trip will be \$675 per person. Thank you for having us at your event and helping us make our goal!

~Kimberly Anaya, Director ~Sue Wallace, Coordinator

December Branch Meeting

When Tuesday,
December 5, 2017
Social 5:30 p.m.
Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Program 6:45 p.m.

Where

University of Redlands
CASA LOMA Room

Menu

Carving Table Buffet

salad: Redlands mixed greens, julienne local vegetables

main entrée: red wine marinated roast beef

vegetarian entrée: pasta and eggplant bake with ricotta cheese and cremini mushroom sauce.

Sides: garlic mashed potatoes, asparagus and melted tomato

Dessert: assorted holiday cakes, coffee/tea

Cost dinner & wine

Due to **HOLIDAY** menu, members and guests: \$23 & wine: \$5 per glass

Reservations

The reservation deadline for the December 5th meeting is Tuesday, November 28, 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 p.m. Chairs will be available.

Branch Meetings

Tuesday, 1/9/18 dinner
Saturday, 2/3/18 brunch
Saturday, 3/3/18 brunch
4/3, 5/5, 6/2

Tuesday, November 28
RESERATION DEADLINE for DECEMBER 5 DINNER

December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		NOV 28 11am International Affairs	NOV 29 1pm Bunko	NOV 30 6:30pm Footlighters Theatre Fundraiser	1	2
3 9-1 & 12:45-4:45 YMCA HomeTour..... 6pm California Cuisine	4	5 5:30pm Branch Mtg. & Scholarship Boutique	6	7	8	9 9am STEM Redlands Mtg.
10	11 NO BOARD ...MEETING... 5:30pm CHAT	12	13 NO MEETING I Am, Therefore I Think	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 NO MEETING Reading & Rainbow	22	23
24	25 	26 NO MEETING International Affairs	27-31	Save the dates Thurs., Jan. 11, 2018, PASS STEM Conference Wed., Jan. 3, Named Gift Honoree meeting February Bridge Scramble--TBA Wed., Feb. 28, Redlands STEM Conference First Week of March, Mon. & Wed. Great Decisions Fri., April 13, 2018 LUNAFEST		
Bridge (see page 6) December TBA Contact coordinator for new bridge groups ~Judy Adams Bunco (see page 5) November 29 @ Barbara Krause's home California Cuisine and Conversation 12/3 Dine Out, information will be sent by email ~Pamela Ong Footlighters Theater Fundraiser November 30 @ 6:30pm reception, 8pm play			CHAT Meeting 12/11 Smiley Library Assembly Room. Potluck, family welcome. Please RSVP with how Amany will attend and what you are bringing. ~Katherine Gifford 798-7565 literacy@akspl.org International Affairs November 28 University Club. NO DECEMBER MTG ~Marie Mitchell STEM Conference, Redlands 12/9 Committee meeting at Heather's home. Conference date: Wednesday, February 28, 2018. ~Heather Abushanab YMCA Home Tour (see page 6) 12/3			

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 **January newsletter** will be **December 5th**. Send your articles to the editor via email to news@aaauw-redlands-ca.org or by mail to Kay Dobbertin.

The President's Corner – Patty Ahearn (*continued*)

Our December 5th Branch meeting will feature more community talent. The Citrus Valley High School Choir will be presenting part of their Winter Concert. This marvelous group not only sings but is also known as a “show choir” that dances as well. I had the opportunity to see them perform last year. I understand they practice and perform nonstop this time of year. Please plan on attending this entertaining evening with some of our local gifted youth.

There is a new AAUW Bridge group and the second California Cuisine group is beginning soon. Please continue to refer to your red directories to decide on which activities and groups you would like to participate in. If you attended a branch meeting, you can also refer to a program you received with upcoming events listed on the back.

I will look forward to seeing you this month at the Tuesday, December 5th Branch meeting. I truly hope you enjoy your November holidays with your family and friends.

Condolences

Condolences to Kathy Presnell Best on the death of her mother and Sandy Meith-Rask on the death of her grandmother.



In It For Life? Make It Official

Empower future generations through your lifetime membership in AAUW! Show your commitment to advancing equity for women and girls. Join us or upgrade your existing membership today and receive a letter of recognition, a certificate, and a lapel pin that you can wear proudly knowing that you've put your values into action to advance AAUW's mission. Lifetime membership in AAUW is a one-time, fully tax-deductible gift of \$980.

Become a life member today!

~Viktoria Norberg, VP Membership

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR YEARBOOK

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New & Newest Members

The two *newest* members to our branch joined at the November Branch meeting.

RUCHIRA TEJPAL came as the guest of Meena Spangrud, and looks forward to participating in the Adult Literacy and CHAT program, along with Redlands STEM for 2018 and the College/University Partnership committee.



The guest of Diane Shimota, **AIDEE CAMPA** majored in English at Whittier College. She likes to read and write, and had her poetry published in the college literary magazine. Her current goal is to attend law school.

Our *new* member, **RUTH MORVAY**, is really only new to our branch as she has dual-membership with the Hemet AAUW Branch. As a dedicated member of that branch for 15 years, she served in many capacities (President being one, chair of various committees being others) and offered her abilities and time to LAF, AAUW Funds, and Membership. Ruth now looks forward to keeping herself busy with more personal pursuits: exploring art, tending her garden, reading more, watching foreign films, spending time with grandchildren, attending theatre and concerts, practicing yoga—oh, and traveling!

~Viktoria Norberg, VP Membership

Named Gift Honoree Selection



All previously awarded Named Gift Honorees are invited to meet on **Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. at Kathy**

Toister's home. The meeting is to select Named Gift Honorees for 2018. We will honor the recipients at our February 2018 branch meeting. This is a very special award for individual branch members who have done outstanding work in supporting our programs and goals. Our previously recognized Named Gift Honorees are listed in your yearbook, so if your name is there, your participation in this meeting will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

~Kathy Toister, Chair, Named Gift Honoree & Program Coordinator

Give a Grad a Gift

As a benefit of your AAUW membership, you can give recent college graduates a free, one-year AAUW membership (national, state and Redlands branch) within two years of graduation — at no cost to you or them. **It's good for your graduate. It's good for you. It's good for AAUW.**



<http://www.aauw.org/resource/give-a-grad-a-gift/>

PASS STEM Conference Needs Your Help



The 18th annual Pass STEM Conference is fast approaching. If you can help as a guide or host on Thursday, January 11, 2018, please contact Theresa Lantz or Marilyn Shankar.

We will appreciate all donations at the Adopt-A-Girl table at the December branch meeting.

Hospitality Birthday Club

Can't believe it's already December. Time to wish a special Happy Birthday to our December ladies. Many happy returns!

Mary Dalton
Janyth Dison
Marge Emrick
Randa Little
Olivia Milligan
Marie Mitchell
Dorothy Nordquist
Neeta Reddy
Louise Schuman
Carol Townsend
Helen Webb



Birthday Club -- If you haven't "joined" our Birthday Club yet, please put your name and birth month on the sheet at the birthday table at the back of the room, so we can recognize you, too!

*~Pat Belk & Barbara Krause
krausehaus@roadrunner.com*



Happy November Birthdays!!

Meena Spangrud, Marilyn Shankar, Shelley Bodner, Sande Meith-Rask, Pia Kennedy, Kate Pretorius

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## Value Promise

By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair chance.

## Vision Statement

AAUW empowers all women and girls to reach their highest potential.

## AAUW Bunco!

Our first AAUW Bunco, in October, hosted by Patty Ahearn, was a rousing success. Normally meetings are on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 1:00 at various members' homes. November's hostess is Barbara Krause, and due to holiday conflicts, the group will probably not meet in December. You don't need any prior knowledge to get started with Bunco, and since there are 4 or 5 winners each time, players should bring \$8.00 for prize money. Twelve ladies are needed each month, so if you are interested and did not sign up previously, please contact Patty Ahearn to join in or at least be put on the sub list.



## Lunafest—Save the Date!

Please save Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018, for our 6<sup>th</sup> annual Lunafest. This is a joint activity with Zonta Club of Redlands and our branch to support the local missions of our respective clubs. AAUW Redlands Branch will use our portion of the funds to help support a myriad of branch initiatives, including the NCWSL scholarships, Speech Trek, and the RUSD senior scholarship.



The Lunafest Organization has adjusted its timing and chosen a new beneficiary to support: Chicken and Egg Pictures, a nonprofit that supports women nonfiction filmmakers whose artful and innovative storytelling catalyzes social change. Our entry fee to participate in Lunafest (now only \$350) will go to support this organization.

~Contact Heather Abushanab with questions at [lunafest@aauw-redlands-ca.org](mailto:lunafest@aauw-redlands-ca.org)

## Holiday Boutique

Many thanks to all of the wonderful members who contributed their crafts to our boutique and to all the shoppers who purchased them. We had great participation in November, so our crafters are busy making more items for the December sale. Don't miss it! It's a great way to pick up a special gift for someone as well as those stocking stuffers that come in so handy.

Last time I forgot to mention that our recipe boxes are available and they have lots of favorite foods from our members. Take one home from our December meeting!

~Pat Belk



## Help Wanted!...with the recipe cards

I still have some recipes for our AAUW Recipe Boxes, but I no longer have access to the person who did such a beautiful job with the recipe cards. If you are a "computer person" and would be willing to finish up the cards we want to add to our collection, **please** send me an email or give me a call, and I will be glad to bring you what I have, so we can complete the collection.

~Pat Belk



## **Tech Trek at UCSD will be June 24-30, 2018**

### **Fundraising is Underway!**

Branch Coordinators for UCSD met with Camp Directors on November 11 in Murietta to share experiences and plan for next year. Each branch shared what went well, the number of 7th grade girls they sent to camp, how they raised funds for scholarships, what issues they experienced, and the Camp Directors shared where improvements are planned. The program has been transferred back to the state of CA from the national organization.

Several branches send girls to more than one camp, and they send more than the 3-4 Redlands has sent the past couple of years. Of course, their fundraising is substantially different as well. In fact, some of those branches already have their programs underway, having met with teachers to obtain student nominations for camp and gathering student applications at this early date.



So it's time to get the Redlands branch program underway. We request your assistance in any of the following ways:

Are you able to address envelopes or make phone calls or attend our Branch meetings to work a table for the Adopt-A-Girl Program?

Are you able to visit the three middle schools in Banning and Beaumont over the next three months to help explain the program to teachers and administration, deliver forms, pick up applications, etc.?

Are you interested in reading applications, essays, scoring them and interviewing parents and their daughters, scrutinizing the best candidates to represent our branch at camp?

Please contact Sheron Bealer to see how you can help. Thank you!

## **New Bridge Group**

The new Bridge group met October 23 at Sun Lakes Country Club. We are interested in expanding the group, and players are welcome to make contact to be a part of the December game. The date is TBA. One should be at a Beginner/Intermediate Level or higher. Good luck to new, novice players, and please join us after your course study. Contact Judy Adams for more information.



## **Thank You to 42 AAUW Volunteers at the YMCA Holiday Home Tour 2017**

Sunday, December 3, 2017, AAUW will be helping the YMCA with its 50<sup>th</sup> Home Tour. Our home is 124 South San Mateo, the largest one on the tour. Money raised supports the Y's Legal Aid Program, which provides legal services to low-income clients, primarily women. We will learn more about the YMCA Legal Aid Program when Paula Salcido is our speaker at our January AAUW meeting. Linda and I greatly appreciate all the volunteers and their dedication to this worthwhile cause.

*~Ann Leonard and Linda Browning, Co-Chairs*



## November Hike

Hiking our Hills and Mountains We are a group that explores the scores of trails in our local hills and San Bernardino Mountains.



The hikes range from 2-4 miles. Anyone, including friends and spouses, are welcome to join the hike.  
~Erica Wilson

*Pam Ong, Erica Wilson, Susan Shodahl, Kathryn Brown, Ellen Cope*

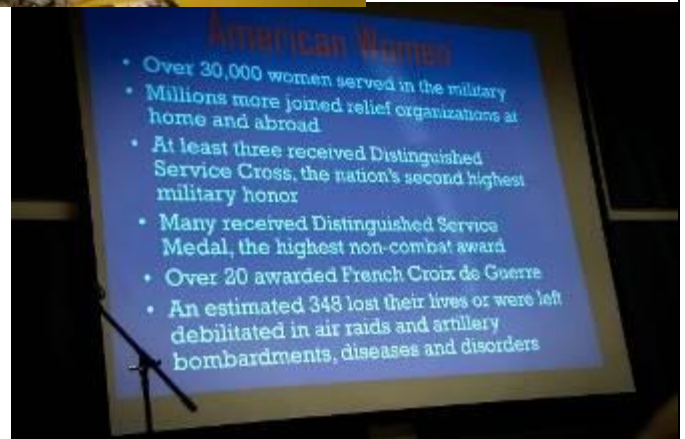
## November Branch Meeting



**Speaker:**  
**Maria Carillo Colato**  
**"Redlands Women in WWI"**



## November "I Am, Therefore I Think"



## Redlands Branch STEM Conferences & Tech Trek

### Adopt-a-Girl

900 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls need your funding support to make our Pass Area and Redlands STEM Conferences a reality. You are invited to Adopt-a-Girl by covering the cost, \$20, for her to attend the conference. Adopt one or adopt many! Together we can insure that girls in Banning, Beaumont, and the Redlands and Yucaipa school districts are well informed and motivated as they enter high school and begin to plan for their future college and workplace careers. Money raised beyond what is needed for the conferences may be used to help send a 7<sup>th</sup> grade girl to Tech Trek this summer. Visit the STEM **Adopt-A-Girl** table at the December AAUW Redlands Branch meeting to make a donation or use the coupon below to make your pledge. We value and appreciate your donation so very much. Thank you! Already donated? Stop by our table to get your STEM sticker and help us spread the word about these conferences! Planning to help on conference day? Be sure we get your name on our Guide or Host list!

### **STEM Conference Pledge/Donation Coupon**



#### Conference Dates:

**January 11, 2018, at Mt. San Jacinto**

**February 28, 2018, at U of R**



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

I/We: Pledge ☐ Donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the AAUW 2017-18 STEM Programs.

Please use my gift for:

- ☐ Where it is most needed.
- ☐ Redlands STEM Conference
- ☐ Pass Area STEM Conference
- ☐ Tech Trek Scholarships

*Donations of \$100 or more will appear in the Conference Programs unless otherwise requested.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Send pledge/donation to: AAUW STEM Conference  
P.O. Box 7678  
Redlands, CA 92375-0678**

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