

# Branches and Twigs

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## The President's Corner – Patty Ahearn

Greetings to all of the AAUW members in our awesome Redlands Branch. The board has been preparing all summer to make this year in AAUW a great success. The September 16th Branch meeting will be an event that will be a change of what has happened in previous years. From the time you check in, many opportunities will be available for you to participate in. You will be given a folder to keep. The folder will contain a page of information from each group in our Branch. If you are unable to

visit all of the information tables, during the meeting, you will have the information to take home and review later.

There will be incentives for you if you take advantage of the opportunities available at the meeting. The incentives are donated items that you have the opportunity to participate in and win. You will be involved in the drawing by receiving a ticket on your folder for just attending the meeting. If you bring a guest, that will entitle you to another ticket, as well as your guest. If a guest joins on the 16th they will get a ticket. When you visit the information tables, you will receive another ticket if you sign up to participate in that group. For every recipe you bring to the meeting and turn in at the appropriate table, you will receive a ticket. Each ticket you accumulate gives you a chance to participate in the drawing. Each chair will present a 1 to 2 minute presentation about their group during the meeting.

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## September Branch Meeting:

*Please remember to invite prospective members  
to our September branch meeting!*

Inform our membership team now by emailing prospective members' names and contact information to [membership@aauw-redlands-ca.org](mailto:membership@aauw-redlands-ca.org).

The September 16<sup>th</sup> branch meeting opens the new program year 2017-18. Our interest groups are eagerly waiting to launch into a new year of reading, playing bridge, planning two STEM conferences, learning and talking about topical matters, discussing Great Decisions, hosting a diversity of engaging speakers, hiking the local hills and trails, and enjoying the companionship of the caring, intelligent, socially engaged women who make up the Redlands AAUW branch.

This is the best time to invite your friends, neighbors, and acquaintances to come explore the mission of AAUW and what this dynamic branch has to offer. Guests to the September 16th meeting get a complimentary brunch and a reduced price on their first year's national membership if they join that day.

Please make a reservation for yourself and your guest through [rsvpmeeting@aauw-redlands-ca.org](mailto:rsvpmeeting@aauw-redlands-ca.org) and **indicate who will be attending as a guest**, so we can prepare to properly greet them as such that morning. If you have questions about membership, feel free to contact Viktoria Norberg at [membership@aauw-redlands-ca.org](mailto:membership@aauw-redlands-ca.org).  
~Viktoria Norberg, Membership Vice-President

## September Branch Meeting Information

### When

Saturday,  
September 16, 2017  
Social 9:00 a.m.  
Brunch 9:30 a.m.  
Program 10:15 a.m.

### Where

University of Redlands  
**CASA LOMA Room**

### Menu

*Cheesy Scramble Buffet*  
Scrambled eggs;  
combination of cheddar,  
Monterey jack and swiss  
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: \$16  
Complimentary for Guests

### Reservations

The reservation deadline for the September 16th meeting is Saturday, September 9, 2017. Please call 909-362-4955 or email [rsvpmeeting@aauw-redlands-ca.org](mailto: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

Tuesday, 10/3 dinner  
Saturday, 11/4 brunch  
Tuesday, 12/5 dinner  
2018: 1/9, 2/3, 3/3,  
4/3, 5/5, 6/2

## September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Saturday SEPTEMBER 9</b> <b>RESERVATION DEADLINE for Sept 16 BRUNCH meeting</b>					1	2
<b>3</b> NOTE: If interested in joining Recorder Group see below	<b>4</b> <i>Labor Day</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 6pm Adult Literacy Speaker	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>RESERVATION</b> <b>DEADLINE for</b> <b><u>9/16 brunch</u></b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6:30pm AAUW Board Mtg	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <u>9am Branch Mtg</u>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6pm Adult Literacy Tutor Orientation	<b>19</b> 9am CHAT	<b>20</b> 12pm I Am, Therefore I Think	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 1pm & 7pm Reading & the Rainbow	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9am STEM Redlands Committee Mtg

### Save the dates

Sun, Oct 15    AAUW Fund Luncheon (see page 4)  
 Thurs, Nov 30    Footlighters theater event (see page 6)

<p><b>AAUW Redlands Board Meeting</b>          9/11 6:30pm Culter Building, 201 Cajon St, Redlands  <i>~Patty Ahearn</i></p> <p><b>Adult Literacy Speaker</b> (see page 5)          9/7 6pm <i>Francisco Jimenez</i> speaks about his personal migrant experience. Contemporary Club  <i>~Diane Shimota 798-7565, ext. 4138, literacy@akspl.org</i></p> <p><b>Adult Literacy Tutor Orientation</b>          9/18 6pm A. K. Smiley Public Library Assembly Room. Contact Diane if you wish to attend  <i>~Diane Shimota 798-7565, ext. 4138, literacy@akspl.org</i></p> <p><b>Bridge</b>          If you are playing or substituting in an established bridge group, please contact Louise Schumann. At the September meeting, there will be an opportunity to form new bridge groups. (see page 6)  <i>~Louise Schumann</i></p> <p><b>CHAT</b>          9/19 9am Contemporary Club.  <i>~Katherine Gifford &amp; Trudy Waldron 798-7565, ext. 4138 literacy@akspl.org</i></p>	<p><b>I Am, Therefore I Think</b>          9/20 Title: "Discussion on Wide Ranging Events/Cartoons"          This is a group effort--bring articles/cartoons that you have come across during the Summer. Facilitator: Nelda Stuck Meets 12 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church Lounge (Rooms 6-8) 419 South 4<sup>th</sup> St, Redlands.  <i>~Ellen Schollenberger and Sharlene Lund</i></p> <p><b>Reading and the Rainbow</b> (see page 7)          9/28 Book: <u>Ordinary Grace</u>, by William Kent Krueger          1pm host: Pat Kruger, 7pm host: Pat Kruger  <i>Reservations are not required.</i>  <i>~Lynne Reasoner and Jeanne Shevlin</i></p> <p><b>Recorder Music Group</b>          Meets 9 am Mondays. This is a Community Group that welcomes AAUW Members  <i>~Mary Jane Auerbacher</i></p> <p><b>STEM Conference, Redlands</b>          9/30 9am Committee meeting Heather's home.          Conference date: Wednesday, February 28, 2018.  <i>~Heather Abushanab</i></p>
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**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 **October newsletter** will be **September 5th**. Send your articles to the editor via email to [news@aauw-redlands-ca.org](mailto:news@aauw-redlands-ca.org) or by mail to Kay D.

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

The Board will be encouraging you to volunteer your time by signing up to participate in as many groups as possible. My theme is, "Success Through Communication and Participation". My goal is to motivate you to become an active part of this Branch. There are some groups that only need a few hours of your time. My Board and I hope is to see all of the sign-up sheets filled by the end of the meeting.

Please come and participate in this honorable organization. This is the year to help benefit women and girls in our Redlands Branch and feel proud and satisfied that we are a part of its continued success. My team will be looking forward to seeing you on September 16th at 9:00 a.m. and will end at 11:00 a.m.

**Welcome to our newest members!**

Two AAUW members have transferred their memberships to the Redlands Branch. **Ruth Morvay** recently moved from Hemet to Highland and **Judy Adams** from Quincy, IL to Banning. Please welcome Ruth and Judy to Redlands AAUW.

**Ruth Morvay**

**Judy Adams**

**Dee Ann Palmer**

**Pat Zappia**

**AAUW New Member Mentor Program**

Thank you to everyone who graciously served as a mentor to a new member this past year. The mentor

program was very successful.

We plan to continue the program this year. Members who joined in the spring have been assigned mentors. We will need some additional mentors to help with our new members this fall. Please consider volunteering

for this fun and worthwhile activity. Contact Heather Abushanab for additional information.

*~Heather Abushanab, Hospitality Committee*



**Did you forget to Renew?**

Thanks to everyone who renewed over the summer, making it much easier for us to prepare the yearbook. If you have not renewed yet for the 2017-18 membership year, you need to do it immediately to make sure your information is in our branch yearbook. If you wait until the branch meeting, we do not guarantee it will get into the book.

Membership renewal includes the following dues: \$49 national, \$20 for the state, and \$25 for the branch, for a total of \$94. Remember that \$46 of your national membership is tax deductible.

If you want to renew on-line, you have received one or more e-renewal emails from AAUW (memberinfo@aauw.org) that contain a secured link (subject: AAUW Membership Renewal Notice). Click on the link, and it will send you to your renewal...no login required!

If you prefer to renew by check, make your check payable to AAUW and mail to: AAUW Membership, P.O. Box 7678, Redlands, CA 92375-0678. For your information to be included in the yearbook, checks must be received by September 13<sup>th</sup>.

***Contact Susan Willis with questions or problems .***

**Please update any changes/corrections to your contact information for the yearbook by emailing corrected information to [membership@aauw-redlands-ca.org](mailto:membership@aauw-redlands-ca.org)**

*~Viktoria Norberg, Membership VP*

## Get to Know Your Board Member...



Greetings! My name is Andrea Saavedra, and I am your current Communications Vice President. I also manage the Redlands Branch Facebook page and co-chair Tech Trek. I joined the Redlands Branch in 2015 to volunteer my time in any way that I could to the Redlands

STEM Conference. I've had the privilege of being a speaker covering Environmental Health careers for two years now. Joining the organization has become a wonderful networking opportunity, and by partaking in some of the interest groups, I've made some wonderful friends and met some amazing ladies.

Now the moment you've all been waiting for, the personal stuff. I was born at Redlands Community Hospital and raised in Redlands. I graduated from Redlands High School and worked very hard to complete a BS degree in Environmental Health Science and a MA degree in Environmental Education from Cal State, San Bernardino. I've worked for several government agencies in an environmental compliance and education capacity since 2003. If you need to know anything about how to manage your household hazardous waste--what to recycle, what not to recycle--how to prevent storm water pollution, then I'm your girl.

My husband, Gus, and I have been married for 14 years, and we have no children by choice but have plenty of four-legged ones (dogs and tortoises) to keep us busy. We moved to Calimesa last year on Halloween after living in Highland for 13 years. In what spare time I have available, I spend it training for triathlons and going on camping adventures with friends. I look forward to our time together in the upcoming year!

### 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>

## HELP Wanted!

### Holiday Boutique Donations

It's time to get ready for our **Holiday Boutique**, and we are looking for our crafty members and their friends to help us out with handmade items to sell at the November



and December branch meetings. If you sew, knit, crochet, paint, weave, work with wood, etc., etc., please help us out with a few items. If you don't do any of those things but are willing to purchase and "assemble" items for gift boxes, I have some simple ideas for you. We hope to make this the best year yet for our scholarship fundraising.

### ...and Recipes



A new idea for this year was to put together **recipe boxes** filled with your favorite foods. So far, I have only received five recipes, but I am hoping that is because

it's summer and everyone is busy with other things. If you have one or two favorites you can share, please send them to me, and we will include them in our boxes.

If you bring your recipe(s) to the September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, you will receive a ticket for each recipe which will entitle you to participate in the opportunity drawing.

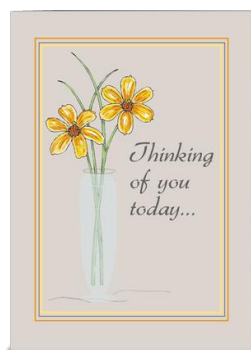
Thanks for your input!!

~Pat Belk

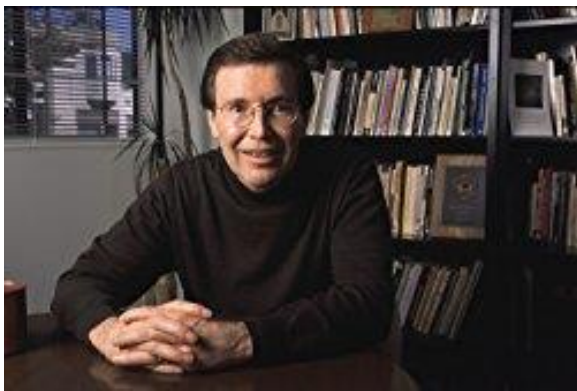
### Hospitality Member News

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



## Redlands Adult Literacy Program



September 7: The Redlands Adult Literacy Program invites you to hear author Francisco Jimenez, who will speak at the Contemporary Club at 6:00 p.m. on ***"The Migrant Experience: A Personal Story."*** Mr. Jimenez was a child migrant worker who later became professor emeritus at Santa Clara University. Mr. Jimenez is the author of several autobiographical books including The Circuit and Breaking Through, which are available for checkout at A. K. Smiley Public Library.

### REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eefkmjvfc2aea&llr=5jeizwab>

## Hospitality – BIRTHDAY CLUB

It's a new year and we'd like to wish a very Happy Birthday to the following ladies who celebrate their birthdays in September:

### September

Mary Jane Auerbacher  
Katherine Gifford  
Dolores Barrett  
Janice Belden  
Linda Browning  
Beverly Cox  
Karen Darnell  
Cheri Dawes  
Nancy Ganther

Cassie MacDuff  
Grace Martin  
Cathryn Oltman  
Dee Ann Palmer  
Kim Roman  
Linda Rowland  
Sue Wallace  
Kathy Warren

If your birthday is in September and you are not on the list, please send me a note so you can be included!

~Pat Belk and Barbara Krause, Co-Chairs



## College University Partnership

Two young ladies are enormously grateful for AAUW's assistance in helping them attend National Conference College Women Student Leaders, NCCWSL, at University of Maryland, June 2017.



Brianna Wilkinson, University of Redlands, wrote, "Dear AAUW Redlands, Thank you for the precious gift of sending me to NCCWSL 2017. It was empowering to be with so many women. The highlight was hearing four incredible women speak at the Awards Dinner: Rosie Rios – 43<sup>rd</sup> Treasurer, Danielle Feinberg – Director of Photography for Lighting at Pixar, Amanda Nguyen – President and Founder of Rise, and Crystal Valentine – Author and Poet. These women empowered me to love deeply, always give, fight for our own civil rights, and always call out sexism.

There were workshops, networking, grad and career fairs, and good food! The conference was humbling and action-inspiring. *Bree Wilkinson*"

Nicole Sarmiento, Crafton Hills College wrote "My experience at NCCWSL was one of a kind and it was an honor to be surrounded by so many women student leaders. I was able to meet and network with student leaders across the United States. I attended several lectures and workout sessions throughout the conference where I was motivated to continue working hard on my campus, and inspiring others to become leaders on their campuses. I would like to thank the AAUW Redlands for making this experience possible. *Nicole Sarmiento*".

Nicole will share her experience with us at the October branch meeting.

~Kathy Toister & Sheron Bealer  
C/U partnership co-chairs

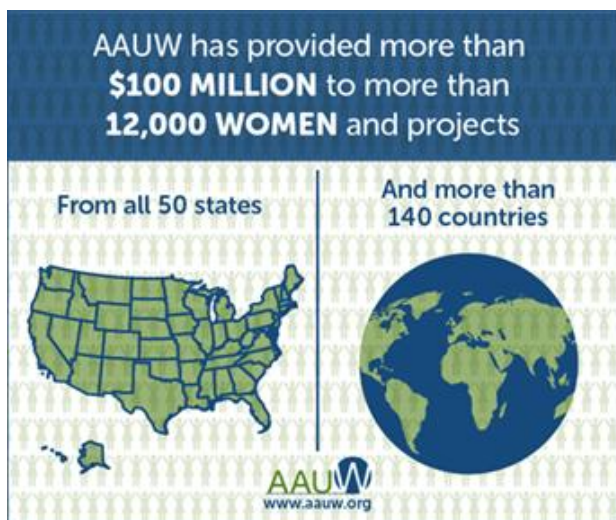




## NEW California Cuisine and Conversation Interest Group

Would you like the opportunity to participate in the NEW California Cuisine and Conversation Interest Group? You can prepare your favorite recipe or try a new one and join other AAUW members for a casual get-together. Members may include their significant others. Gatherings are at members' homes. If there are enough members that sign up at the September 16th Branch meeting, there would be a possibility of having more than one new group. This has been one of the more popular interest groups; unfortunately, it has been a closed group for some time due to space limitations at members' homes. There will also be a sign-up sheet available for members who would like to socially meet at a home or restaurant for appetizers and wine, etc. What about getting together for a Sunday Brunch? There are endless opportunities available to members with a 200+ membership. Please be sure to visit table 13 "A" and 13 "B" to sign up. If you are unable to attend the Branch meeting on September 16th, please email or call Patty Ahearn.

## Educational Funding and Awards



***AAUW has a long and distinguished history of advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe.***

## NEW Bridge Group

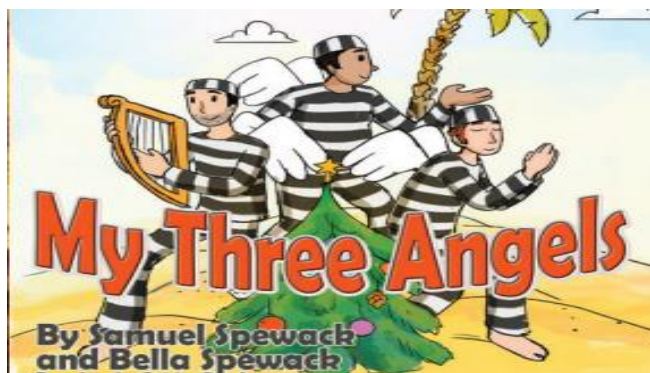
SIGN UP for a new BRIDGE group at the September 16th meeting. No more waiting lists to try to be part of already established and seasoned groups. The newly-formed group will only be members from the AAUW membership. This new group may begin playing as early as October. Perhaps Bridge is not your game of choice. What about an opportunity to participate in an AAUW Bunk-o group? It's a social and fun game to play together and make new friends. This may open up more game ideas for our members to enjoy being part of. If you would enjoy being part of this exciting interest group, then please visit Dorothy Nordquist at table 16 "A" and 16 "B."



## November 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>). Tickets will be available at our Tuesday, October 3 dinner meeting.



## Interest Group

The PASS Area Interest Group has been dark for many months other than to support its long treasured activities, planning the 18<sup>th</sup> STEM Conference to be held at Mt San Jacinto College early in 2018, and Tech Trek, where our Interest Group sends three to four girls to AAUW Tech Trek science camp at UC San Diego. At our recent membership drive interest was expressed in becoming a social group as well so we will explore this moving forward and ask members to invite their friends and acquaintances to join us and find our way to fun and new friends again. Members in the communities of Calimesa, Cherry Valley, Beaumont, Banning, and their related senior communities are all welcome. Anyone interested please contact Sheron Bealer as we organize our next membership/social meetup. We welcome ideas for a location to meet as well as a social event-perhaps we could rotate to different homes while we kick this off? Or, do we want to eat out each month? Please let us know as we begin meeting again.

~Sheron Bealer,

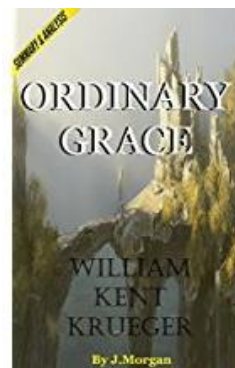
## International Affairs

Our group this year is partnering with the University of Redlands International Department. 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 24<sup>th</sup> meeting with Marc Bebbey at 909 748-8956. The deadline for reservations is noon the Saturday before the International Affairs luncheon.



## Reading and the Rainbow

On Thursday, September 28, we'll begin our reading year with Ordinary Grace, by William Kent Krueger. At the turn of the 21st century, "looking back at a tragic event that occurred during his thirteenth year, Frank Drum explores how a complicated web of secrets, lies, adultery, and betrayal shattered his Methodist family and their small 1961 Minnesota community."



Both the 1 PM session and the 7 PM session will be held at the home of Pat Kruger. Please call or e-mail Jeanne Shevlin if questions.

~Jeanne Shevlin, co-chair

### Reading and Rainbow's Other Book Selections for 2017-2018 are:

- Sept. 28 *Ordinary Grace*,  
by William Kent Krueger  
Oct. 26 *A Tale for the Time Being*, by Ruth Ozeki  
Nov. 16 *The Moor's Account*, by Laila Lalami  
Jan. 25 *American Character : A History of the Epic Struggle Between Liberty and the Common Good*,  
by Colin Woodward  
Feb. 22 *Idaho*, by Emily Ruskovich  
Mar. 22 *The Sympathizer*,  
by Viet Thanh Nguyen  
Apr. 26 *Underground Railroad*,  
by Colson Whitehead  
June 28 *Ways to Disappear*, by Idra Novey  
July 26 *Killers of the Flower Moon : The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI*, by David Grann

Patty Ahearn at AAUW National Headquarters in



Washington D.C. with tour guide Angela

## Tech Trek Thanks

Many thanks are coming your way from our three Tech Trekkers this year. They attended AAUW STEM Camp at UC San Diego over the 4th of July week, and this is what they each had to say:

Sadey (left): This experience has impacted me so much and I thank you for giving me this amazing opportunity...I got placed in Marine Biology class and I learned plenty about the survival of sea creatures in the ocean. What I really enjoyed is when we dissected a shark and a squid! Another thing that caught my attention was Professional Women's Night. I was introduced to more STEM jobs and inspired by the way the women succeeded through their jobs....



Bryn (right): My core class was forensics and I had many "workshops." We also took two field trips. One to Scripps Institute and another to ViaSat. It was cool seeing what it would be like to live on campus...I especially enjoyed the blood splatter...This activity was the best because we were outside & it brought out the reality of being an investigator...Once again thank you a million times because it was probably one of the most memorable experiences I've ever had!

Ary (center): ...Miss Jenn was very passionate and kind, she has taught me that you are never wrong because we still don't know everything about the world...My favorite activity was the Rube Goldberg project because we learned how to be open minded. ...To me, this camp has been a plan changer. Originally, I wanted to have a career in dermatology or coding, but now I'm thinking about physics because of how many activities and ideas I've had throughout this whole camp. Thank you....

In summary, many thanks to you, our Branch members who donate, who seek donations each year, and who work both STEM and Tech Trek to help make these programs available to 7th and 8th grade girls, so they continue to explore and challenge themselves and to plan their future using what they learn because of YOU! Thank you again. You are appreciated!

~Sheron Bealer & Andrea Saavedra  
Tech Trek co-chairs

## Pizza Abbondanza

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Pizza Party in June at La Volata in Redlands. The party raised funds for our Local Scholarships and Awards Fund. A three-course meal of fine Italian foods, including charcuterie, insalada, pizza, and semifreddo was enjoyed thoroughly as guests mingled from table to table. A great summer evening! was enjoyed to the max!



## AAUW Member Benefit:

Download card for discounts on printing and supplies



[http://officediscounts.org/wp-content/uploads/aauw\\_PYFC.pdf](http://officediscounts.org/wp-content/uploads/aauw_PYFC.pdf)

## Redlands Bowl Ushers



Ushers at the Redlands Tuesday evening on August 22, 2017. For "CELTIC SPRING"

A big THANK YOU to Marie Mitchell, Nelda Stuck, Bill Heitmeier, Barbara Simmons, Cathy Schilling, Katherine Gifford, Patty Ahearn, Kathy Presnell-Best, Diane Shimota, Ann Harding, Joyce Heitmeier, Bud Perry, Heidi Hutchinson, (not pictured) Gail Anderson, Ellen Cope, Kay Dobbertin, Theresa Lantz and Kristi Marnell,



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