

Branches and Twigs

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The President's Corner –Patty Ahearn



Greetings,

My message to you this month is filled with celebration. At the top of the list is a member that has become a Redlands celebrity overnight. Yes, that's right! Our very own President-Elect, Toni Momberger, was appointed to the Redlands City Council. I am personally so proud of her. She has succeeded in making our organization even more impressive.

I am writing this the day after the December Branch Meeting. The attendance for a Tuesday evening was wonderful. The Thought for The Day by Meena Spangrud and her daughter, Tashi, was done so well. The words to the song from the musical, "Dear Evan Hansen," was appropriate for many times in our lives. "You are not alone. If only you look around, you will be found." The boutique was once again a big attraction to many in attendance. All of the profits will go to the Nancy Yowell Memorial Scholarship Fund to support women returning to college.

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2018 Branch Meeting Meal Cost Increase

Our meal prices in 2009 were \$14 for brunch and \$16 for dinner.

Over the 8 years, brunch meals have increased to \$16 and dinner meals to \$19.

As of January 2018, the University of Redlands will begin charging AAUW a facility use fee for our branch meetings. To cover the cost of this additional fee, the price of brunch meals will be increased from \$16 to \$19 and dinner meals will be increased from \$19 to \$22.

January Branch Meeting

"Spotlight on the YMCA's Legal Aid Services"

Every December since 2003, our Redlands AAUW branch has enjoyed serving as docents for a home on the YMCA Holiday Home Tour. 100% of the proceeds from the tour help fund the YMCA of the East Valley Legal Aid Clinic located on the Redlands YMCA premises. Our January speaker, Paula Salcido, J.D., will discuss her work as the YMCA's Legal Aid Team Leader. Paula has over 15 years of experience in the legal field, having worked on family and housing cases at Inland Counties Legal Services before taking the lead at the YMCA Clinic approximately two years ago. In her current position, Paula works closely with the Clinic's clientele to ensure that their legal matters are being given the care and attention they need. Her presentation will include a discussion of her work as the Clinic's team leader, as well as the variety of services and clients served by the YMCA Clinic. Paula obtained her undergraduate degree at UC Irvine and is a graduate of the UC Davis School of Law.

~Linda Browning and Ann Leonard



January Branch Meeting

Tuesday, January 9, 2018
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;
Redlands orange
chocolate torte, coffee/tea

Cost \$22 for
members and guests:


Reservations

The reservation deadline for the January 9 meeting is Tuesday, January 2, 2018. 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, 2/3 brunch
Saturday, 3/3 brunch
Tuesday, 4/3 dinner
Saturday, 5/5 brunch
Saturday, 6/3 brunch

				January 2018		
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Tuesday, January 2 RESERVATION DEADLINE for JANUARY 9 meeting					
	1	2	3 7pm Named Gift Honoree	4 6pm AAUW FUND Mtg	5	6
7 TBD California Cuisine 1	8	9 5:30 Branch Meeting	10	11 PASS STEM CONFERENCE	12	13
14	15 6:30pm Board Mtg	16	17 Noon I Am, Therefore I Think	18	19	20 <u>9am STEM Redlands Mtg</u> 10am-12pm Women's March
21 5:30pm California Cuisine TWO	22	23 11am International Affairs	24 1pm Bunko	25 1pm & 7pm Reading & Rainbow	26	27
28	29 6pm Adult Literacy	30	31 6pm Speech Trek Contest	Save the Dates Thurs, Feb 15 Bridge Scramble Wed, Feb 28 Redlands STEM Conference First Week March, Mon & Wed Great Decisions Fri, April 13 LUNAFEST		

AAUW FUND committee meeting

1/4 6pm @ Kathryn Brown's 216 E South Ave, Redlands
~Kathryn Brown

AAUW Redlands Board Meeting

1/15 6:30pm Cutler Building, 201 Cajon St., Redlands
~Patty Ahearn

Adult Literacy Tutor Orientation

1/29 6pm. Smiley Library Assembly room, 125 W. Vine
~Diane Shimota, literacy@akspl.org 798-7565 ext 4138

Bridge: Contact coordinator for new bridge groups.

~Judy Adams

Bunko (page 6)

1/24 1pm @ Patty Ahearn's home

California Cuisine and Conversation-ONE

1/7 Information regarding the January get together will be sent by email.

~Pamela Ong

California Cuisine and Conversation TWO (page 7)

1/21 5:30pm @ Patty Ahearn's home

I Am, Therefore I Think

1/17 "Climate Change Stories" Facilitator: Jane Roberts
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

1/23 11am University Club Lunch served 11:30am
\$17.75 includes tax and gratuity. Reservation by noon 1/20 to Marie Mitchell.

Named Gift Honoree meeting (page 10)

1/3 7pm @ Kathy Toister's home

Reading and Rainbow (page 7)

1/25 *American Character* by Colin Woodward
1pm host Evelyn O'Prey, 7pm host Amber Costa.
Reservations are not required.

~ Lynne Reasoner
Jeanne Shevlin

Speech Trek Contest (page 7)

1/31 6pm Citrus Valley High School Theatre
~Ginny Evans-Perry

STEM Conference, Pass

1/11 Conference at Mt. San Jacinto College
~Marilyn Shankar

STEM Conference, Redlands (page 6)

1/20 9am Committee meeting Heather's home.
Conference date: Wednesday, February 28, 2018.
~Heather Abushanab

Women's March (page 7)

1/20 10am - 12 pm in downtown Riverside.
~Dianne Landeros

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 **February newsletter** will be **January 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*)

I so enjoyed the Citrus Valley High School performance. It was such a pleasure watching high school students, and their teacher, display such talent and dedication. What a marvelous way to begin the holiday season.

There are a few people in our organization that I would like to recognize. First are Kathryn Brown and Kathy Toister who volunteered to take on the AAUW Fund Footlighter Fundraiser. Because of these co-chairs and their committee members, the evening turned out to be a great success. Many of the new members may not be acquainted with these two ladies. They were the ones standing at the wine table for much of the evening, selling the left-over wine to enjoy with the delicious dinner at the December meeting. I am also very appreciative of Ann Leonard and Linda Browning for continuing to do such a great job chairing the YMCA Holiday Home Tour Event. If you were at the December Branch meeting, you would recognize Linda as the member excusing the tables with Christmas Songs. Ann was the member announcing half prices at the Boutique during the business meeting announcements.

The month of December is when the nominating committee meets for the first time this year. They have the task of encouraging members to fill five elected positions for next year. They are President-Elect, Vice-President of Communication, Vice-President of Membership, Secretary, Treasurer, and four nominating committee member positions. Remembering my theme, "Success Through Communication and Participation," I know that many of you possess many talents and experience that you have acquired through the years. Whether you are retired or still working, there is a job for you. If a nominating committee member approaches you, please consider taking the officer request by saying yes! I know that some of you have considered filling an officer role. I would love to see a few of you actually contacting someone on the nominating committee and letting them know that you are interested in one of the positions. To keep the AAUW organization a continued success, it is necessary for all members to participate in as many ways as possible.

By the time you read this newsletter, it will be toward the end of December. I sincerely hope that you have been able to enjoy the "magic" of the holidays with your family and friends.

I will look forward to seeing you at the Tuesday, January 9th Branch Meeting. Until then, *MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR.*

Redlands Daily Facts, November 23, 2017

Momberger Appointed to Council

Toni Momberger, a native Redlander and former editor of the Redlands Daily Facts, is now a member of the City Council. The council chose Momberger Tuesday out of a field of 11 applicants to fill the vacancy created by the Oct. 3 death of longtime Councilwoman Pat Gilbreath.

Momberger was sworn in immediately after the council's decision. She will serve a one-year term.

"I didn't expect ever in my life to be entering politics," Momberger said following the meeting. "I did not plan to do this. I am astonished that I am here today and I am overwhelmed with the support and kindness of the community that I've experienced throughout the preparation for this process."

Momberger now a consultant operating her own communications and technology firms, is a former winner of the Mayor's Community Hero Award, an active Rotarian, and she volunteers for the Friends of Smiley Library.

She said she is serving in the memory of the first woman elected to the Redlands City Council, Bertha Rose Grace. "I'm moved by the idea I can do that," she said

The council voted unanimously to appoint Momberger to the council after interviewing all 11 applicants for the seat.



Happy Birthday AAUW!

Tuesday, November 28, was a big day for AAUW — our 136th birthday!

On November 28, 1881, Marion Talbot, then a recent graduate of Boston University, and Ellen Swallow Richards, the first woman graduate of the Massachusetts



Institute of Technology, invited 15 alumnae from eight colleges to a meeting in Boston, Massachusetts. Among the first generation of women college graduates, these pioneering women struggled with a lack of career opportunity. In founding AAUW, they discussed how they would join together to help other women break through educational barriers and attend and graduate college as well as assist those who had already graduated.

The rest is history. Today, AAUW boasts 170,000 members and supporters, more than 100 student organizations, and 800 college and university members. Our community engages in amazing advocacy work—in 2017, AAUW members and supporters voiced their support or opposition to at least 325 state bills, submitted more than 10,000 comments to the U.S. Department of Education in support of strengthening and protecting Title IX, and sent over 270,000 messages to lawmakers. We look forward to many, many more years of advocating for women and girls!

International Affairs



The guest speaker for the November meeting, Tinbitte Legesst, also known as Chena, is from Ethiopia. Wearing her traditional dress of cotton, she enlightened the members of the International Affairs interest group about life in Ethiopia. Her country is full of extremes. The population is either very well educated or has no education at all. Chena's eyes are on the have nots. When she returns to her native country, she is going to become a political figure in order to inspire the haves to provide education for the have nots. She will be the first woman in politics in Ethiopia.

~Dorothy Richardson

Condolences

In sympathy and friendship, we send our condolences to Rita Reading on the death of her mother-in-law.



Hospitality Birthday Club

Happy Birthday to our January Celebrants!

It's a new year and we are happy to recognize these members as our first honorees of 2018:

Nancy Alexander
Sheron Bealer
Rachel Bentley
Kim Fisher
Catherine Glover
Mercedes Gifford
Rosa Gomez
Stephanie Harlan
Jessie Powell
Laura Ruml

Susan Satzger
Bev Woolverton



AND....celebrating their HALF-YEAR birthdays, our July ladies are:

Judy Adams
Linda Adams
Ivette Barnett
Papri Chatterjee
Hazel Curtis
Sue Ferguson
Yvette Guidry
Heidi Hutchinson
Becky Johnston
Ann Leonard
Sharlene Lund

Ruth Morvay
Viktoria Norberg
Pam Ong
Barbara Pike
Cathy Schilling
Barbara Simmons
Denise Spencer
Linda Trainor
Anne Viricel
Rebecca Warren-Marlatt

Whew! That's quite a list. Hope you all will be at the meeting to let us salute you!

~Pat Belk & Barbara Krause



Happy December Birthdays!!

Marie Mitchell, Janyth Dison and Dorothy Nordquist

~Dorothy didn't get her picture taken at the December meeting but she is hosting at the YMCA Home Tour



The Competition is Rounding the Last Bend!

*Every month invite your friends and
neighbors to visit and join AAUW!*

This year's membership recruitment competition is not only ON, but it is coming into the home stretch! The prize is a free national membership for 2018-19. The competition will continue all year. So far, 24 of our members (list on the right) have participated in the competition by inviting a friend to a branch meeting, and 10 have gotten one or more friends to join. Here are the front runners as of the November 4th meeting:

Most Recruits: Currently Meena Spangrud leads with 4 new members while close behind is Kay Dobbartin with 3.

Most Invitations: Meena Spangrud has the clear lead in this category with 9 guests attending.

Remember, the free memberships will be awarded in the following order:

1 awarded to member(s) who recruit the most new members** from April 2017 – February 2018. If there is a tie, we will award multiple memberships or hold a drawing. (Maximum 5 memberships)

1 awarded to member(s) who invite(s) the most potential new members from April 2017 – February 2018, regardless of whether they join. If there is a tie, we will award multiple memberships or hold a drawing. (Maximum 2 memberships)

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

~~~~~  
~December branch meeting



|                      | guest at<br>meeting | new<br>member |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Sheron Bealer        | 1                   | 1             |
| Kathryn Brown        | 1                   |               |
| Elaine Brubacher     | 1                   | 1             |
| Kay Dobbartin        | 2                   | 3             |
| Sue Ferguson         | 1                   |               |
| Adriane Gram         | 2                   |               |
| Jan Jacobson         | 1                   |               |
| Dianne Landeros      | 2                   | 1             |
| Suzy Miller          | 1                   | 1             |
| Marie Mitchell       | 1                   |               |
| Toni Momberger       | 1                   |               |
| Ruth Morvay          | 1                   |               |
| Dorothy Nordquist    | 2                   |               |
| Cathryn Oltman       | 3                   | 2             |
| Kathy Presnell-Best  | 1                   | 1             |
| Jane Roberts         | 1                   |               |
| Dawn Romo            | 1                   |               |
| Ellen Schollenberger | 1                   |               |
| Diane Shimota        | 1                   | 1             |
| Meena Spangrud       | 9                   | 4             |
| Leslie Trainor       | 1                   |               |
| Erica Wilson         | 1                   | 1             |

~Viktoria Norberg, Membership VP

## Name Badges Available

I am currently holding nine name badges which have yet to reach their designations. They are for the following members:



Minu Bharadwej  
Elisa Cortez  
Sue Ferguson  
Cindy Grayson  
Yvette Guidry

Kristi Marnell  
Kathy J. Ogren  
Lynne Reasoner  
Neeta Reddy

Unfortunately, due to cost, I am unable to mail badges to their named owners, but they are always available for pick-up at the membership table before/after meetings. I do check the Reservation roster before each meeting to make sure I'll have name badges on hand for listed attendees, but it wouldn't hurt to give me a heads-up by email, and let me know you'll be coming. My e-address is [viktorianorberg@aol.com](mailto:viktorianorberg@aol.com).

~Viktoria Norberg, Membership VP



## Redlands STEM Conference Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

**There is still  
time to get  
involved!**



- **Guides and Hosts** are still needed. Sign up with Ellen Schollenberger to be a **host** or with Linda Browning to be a **guide**
- **Host Walk Throughs:** Thursday, February 22, 3:30pm & Saturday, February 24, 9am. Meet in the Casa Loma Room at University of Redlands.
- **Packets Assembly:** Saturday, February 24, 9 am @ University Methodist Church (940 East Colton Ave)
- **Luncheon Reservations:** Contact Diane Bennett to make a reservation. Luncheon price will be determined soon. Reservation deadline is February 14. **You must have a paid reservation in order to join us for lunch the day of the conference.**
- We are still accepting donations for the conference. Adopt-a-girl with a \$20 donation! Coupon on page 10

~ Heather Abushanab,, Chair

## Holiday Boutique News

Once again, our boutique was a wonderful success, and it's all due to the hard work of some of our members and the generosity of many more. At the time of this deadline for the Branches and Twigs,



I am not able to give you a final amount of money we raised for the Nancy Yowell Scholarships because we haven't had the second sale yet, but I can tell you that we raised over \$1,000 at the November sale!! A final tally will be in the next BandT. Thanks to all my wonderful helpers, especially those who stepped in when I had to leave earlier than expected and took on the job for me. You are the best!!!

~Pat Belk

## CHAT (Conversation Helps Adults Transition)

On December 11, 2017, the CHAT (Conversation Helps Adults Transition) interest group held its first holiday party at the A. K. Smiley Public Library Assembly Room. Members, "chatters," and "chattees," enjoyed a wonderful evening of conversation and delicious food representing worldwide cuisine. As part of CHAT, AAUW volunteers meet individually with foreign-born, well-educated women who are interested in improving their conversational English. The group also meets monthly at A. K. Smiley Public Library. If you are interested in volunteering, please call 909.798.7565, ext. 4138, or email [literacy@akspl.org](mailto:literacy@akspl.org).

~Diane Shimota



## The Newest Bunco Winner

The success of our new Bunco interest group has been very profitable for a few of our members. If you would like to be part of this fun group, please call Patty Ahearn. There is no meeting in December. The next Bunco gathering will be at 1:00 pm on January 24th at Patty Ahearn's house.



## Speech Trek 2018

AAUW is presenting our second annual **Speech Trek Contest on January 31, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. The location is at the Citrus Valley High School Theatre.** The address is 800 W. Pioneer Ave., Redlands. Admission is free.

Speech Trek is an AAUW State project. Students from both Citrus Valley and Redlands East Valley high school will present a 5- to 6-minute speech entitled, "How Can We Stand Up to Sexism?"

There will be guest judges from Toastmaster International. The winning speech will be posted to YouTube for submission to the state competition.

Support for this AAUW event is encouraged by your attendance at the second annual AAUW Redlands Branch Speech Trek Contest. ~Ginny Evans-Perry



## California Cuisine—Group Two

California Group 2 is going to meet for the first time on January 21<sup>st</sup> at Patty Ahearn's house. The appetizers will begin at 5:30 pm with dinner at 6:00 pm. A future date and time can be discussed at this first gathering.

For the members that aren't familiar with this Interest Group, a brief description may motivate you to want to participate in this unique group. The group meets once a month at a member's home. A potluck buffet consisting of appetizers, salads, an entree, and desserts are served.



You would be assigned a category. It would of course be your choice of recipe. Since this would be a cooking group, store bought items are discouraged. If the member wants a certain beverage, she needs to bring her own. The host supplies the coffee, tea, and water. Each member gives \$10.00 a year to pay for the paper goods and silverware. Spouses or a friend may be included.

If you would like to be part of this AAUW social group, please email me. I would love to send you a detailed description. A few more interested members would help make the new group successful.

~Patty Ahearn



## Women's March January 20, 2018

There will be a Women's March, Inland Empire on



January 20, 2018, 10am - 12 pm in downtown Riverside. If you are interested in attending as a member of AAUW and would like to wear a t-shirt with the AAUW logo,, you can order yours by going to ShopAAUW online.

~Dianne Landeros, AAUW Public Policy Chair

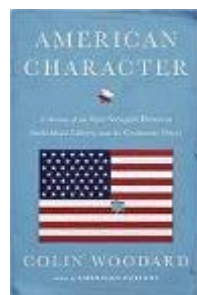
## Annual Bridge Luncheon February 15th

I will be sending out flyers in mid-December for our day of bridge, food, and fun. If you are a bridge player, please join us and help us raise money for scholarships while enjoying a day of bridge, lunch, and drawings for prizes. If you are new to AAUW and are wanting to get started in a bridge group, here's a good way to meet others who enjoy the same things you do. If you haven't heard from me via a flyer by the end of the month, please call or send me an email and I'll be sure you get one.



~Pat Belk

## Reading and the Rainbow



*American Character* by Colin Woodard is a history of the epic struggle between individual liberty and the common good.

Thursday, January 25th

1 PM host: Evelyn O'Prey

7 PM host: Amber Costa

Reservations are not required

Woodard examines the history of, and solutions to, the key American question: how best to reconcile individual liberty with the maintenance of a free society?

The struggle between individualism and the good of the community as a whole has been the basis of every major disagreement in our history, from the debates at the Constitutional Convention to the Civil War to the fights surrounding the agenda of the Progressives, the New Deal, the Civil Rights Movement, and the Tea Party. The book traces these two key strands in American politics through four centuries and explores how different regions of the country have successfully or disastrously accommodated them.

~Jeanne Shevlin and Lynne Reasoner

## 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. We are looking for corporate sponsors for the event, gift basket donations, and bottles of wine for a new activity during the reception. Sponsorship packets and additional event information can be found on the branch website. Tickets will go on sale shortly.

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)*

## An Evening of Theater

On November 30th, many of our members & friends



again enjoyed an evening of theater at Footlighters, complete with delicious finger food, wine & ragtime piano! Many thanks to all whose presence,

donations, and efforts went into creating an even more well-attended event than last year, all to the benefit of the AAUW Fund and our local awards and projects.

*~December branch meeting*



## YMCA Holiday Home Tour Many Thanks!

Many thanks to the AAUW members that volunteered to serve as docents at the YMCA Holiday Home Tour. What a pleasure it was to work with all of you!!!! We had close to 40 AAUW members (+ one gracious hubby) on our volunteer team.

It was a lovely day inside and out. The McGuire home was spectacular and Mother Nature cooperated, giving us perfect home tour weather.

We appreciate your willingness to volunteer your time during the busy holiday season to support the YMCA Legal Aid Program.

Sincerely, Linda Browning and Ann Leonard





## The PASS Stem Conference is awarded a new grant!!

The Laura May Stewart Foundation which was formed to benefit exclusively the citizens of Banning and Beaumont, CA, has awarded a \$2200.00 grant to the PASS Stem Conference. The Foundation provides many local PASS organizations with similar awards. This is the first award to AAUW locally. The distribution ceremony was held December 20.

The Laura May Stewart Foundation Trust was established in 1974 with funds from the Stewart estate that came from the sale of the Stewart's sprawling 2,000 acre Pass Area ranch. The sale provided a significant estate which Laura Stewart preserved until her death at age 90 in 1974.

Prior to her passing, she established a testamentary trust that would go on to provide funds for numerous charitable donations to Pass Area non-profit organizations. (You may be familiar with the fact that the PASS Interest Group held 501 c 3 status on its own for many years, and that our branch has now received its own independent 501 c 3 registration.) The Laura May Stewart Foundation has continued to grow its healthy endowment.

The round of bequests presented on the 20th continues a long tradition of supporting worthy causes in the Pass Area. Sheron Bealer and Marilyn Shankar, Co-Chairs of the PASS STEM Conference 2018, were present at the ceremony where about a dozen organizations received benefit from the Trust proceeds, ranging from a middle school bridge club to Habitat for Humanity. Each year the foundation gives all its income and up to 2% of its principle to such causes. "We are quite pleased and feel very fortunate to be named as recipients" said Sheron Bealer upon hearing news of the award. "Our thanks goes out to the Laura May Stewart Foundation for their recognition of the 18<sup>th</sup> year AAUW has supported young women in the PASS area. We appreciate this opportunity to keep fulfilling promise for younger PASS residents."

We would also like to thank the many Adopt-A-Girl donors and Friend Donors this year; our Conference is well supported and we are ready for January 11.

We hope to see you there!



*The members of the Laura May Stewart Foundation gather around and congratulate their newest awardee, the PASS STEM Conference. They are left to right Jan Wages, Sean Balingit, our own Sheron Bealer and Marilyn Shankar, Co-Chairs of the 2018 Conference, Debbie Franklin and in the front row Dan Hughes, Chairman of the Laura May Stewart Foundation Trust.*



## Legal Advocacy Fund: As Important as Ever

A new book "*BE FIERCE: Stop Harassment and Take Your Power Back*" by Gretchen Carlson features the case of LAF plaintiff Nathalie Gosset who was fired for reporting sexual harassment at her work place.

LAF has adopted three new cases. 1. Partz v St. Cloud State University and Minnesota State College and University Systems where they are accused of manipulating rosters to avoid violating Title IX while still cutting equal opportunity for women athletes. 2. Spencer v. Virginia State University where there was significant discrimination in starting salaries for men and women faculty members. 3. Robb v Lock Haven University in Pennsylvania where for decades women's athletic teams and/or club teams were shortchanged under Title IX.

LAF has also awarded several Campus Outreach Grants, which support events, programs, and resources that educate campuses around issues that affect Title IX and women's equity. For example, Lock Haven's local AAUW branch with its grant money will put on a panel featuring women in STEM fields.

*~ Jane Roberts, LAF Chair*





**HONORING  
OUR OWN**

## 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 Honor & Program Coordinator*

## 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. We value and appreciate your donation so very much. Thank you! 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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***Lumiere de  
Chanson***  
*is a 34 member  
choir at Citrus  
Valley High  
School under the  
direction of Mrs.  
Kimberly Anaya*



### *December Meeting*



*Special thanks to  
our photographer  
Debbie Seibly*

