

# 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



What a wonderful Branch Meeting we had in February! Our young speaker, Camila Araujo de Resende, from Brazil, was such an enthusiastic presenter. She was an inspiration to the members to witness one of the many possibilities of what the AAUW Fund is used for.

A thank you to Kathy Toister and her committee for taking the time and effort to make this celebration such a success. The clarification of the many aspects of the AAUW Fund that Kathy presented was very well done.

I am so proud of our honorees that were recognized at the meeting. They both are very deserving of this honor. Marilyn Shankar and Kathryn Brown are now added to this list of outstanding women from our branch who have contributed their talents to our AAUW success.

I was pleasantly surprised when another award was presented at the meeting. A devoted member, Pat Belk, received the first recognition award for being our Branch Member of the Year. I would like to see the Board approve this award and continue this deserving honor to a branch member each year.

Our Branch held the second Speech Trek Contest on February 2, 2018, at Citrus Valley High School. There were five contestants competing from the high schools in Redlands. "How Can We Stand Up to Sexism?" was presented in five different ways. The winner was Caroline Irving from Redlands East Valley High School. She will be competing by video with the other first-place branch winners in California. Caroline may be one of the top three to compete at the AAUW California State Convention in Irvine on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Ginny Evans-Perry and her committee worked diligently to make this Second Annual Speech Trek Contest a great success. *continued on page 3*

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## March Branch Meeting

### ***"Blue is the New Black - the Life of Incarcerated Women"***



Our guest speaker this month will be Mary Hamlin, founder and CEO of the Pass Job Connection, a Banning-based nonprofit that helps the formerly incarcerated, addicts in recovery, the homeless, and the elderly learn job-seeking skills.

Mary works with local women's recovery facilities, the local jail, and the Probation Department to prepare people who have little or no experience with the necessary skills to gain employment. She also serves as a substitute teacher in the women's jail, helping women earn their GED's.

Mary holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Georgia State University and a master's degree in organizational management from the University of Phoenix.

*~Cassie MacDuff*

## **March Branch Meeting**

**When** Saturday,  
March 3, 2018  
Social 9:00 a.m.  
Brunch 9:30 a.m.  
Program 10:15 a.m.

## **Where**

University of Redlands  
**UNIVERSITY CLUB**  
**(1259 E Colton)**  
**Parking and Shuttle Assistance will be provided, with info sent upon receiving your reservation.**

## **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 and guests: \$19

## **Reservations**

The reservation deadline for the March 3rd meeting is Sunday, February 25, 2018

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***

**2018: 4/3, 5/5, 6/2**

|                                                                                               |                                                           |                                               |                                                                         | March 2018                                         |                              |                                                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Sun                                                                                           | Mon                                                       | Tues                                          | Wed                                                                     | Thu                                                | Fri                          | Sat                                                 |
| <b>Sunday, February 25</b><br><b>RESERATION DEADLINE for</b><br><b>March 3 brunch meeting</b> |                                                           |                                               |                                                                         | <b>1</b><br>8:30am<br>Hike                         | <b>2</b><br>1pm<br>Bridge II | <b>3</b><br><b>9:30am</b><br><b>Branch Mtg.</b>     |
| <b>4</b><br>6pm California<br>Cuisine ONE                                                     | <b>5</b><br>1pm Great Dec #1                              | <b>6</b>                                      | <b>7</b><br>7pm Great Dec #1                                            | <b>8</b><br>6:30pm<br>MOVIE: flyer<br>attached     | <b>9</b>                     | <b>10</b><br>9am STEM Mtg.                          |
| <b>11</b>                                                                                     | <b>12</b><br><u>1pm Great Dec #2</u><br>6:30pm Board Mtg. | <b>13</b>                                     | <b>14</b><br>7pm Great Dec #2                                           | <b>15</b>                                          | <b>16</b>                    | <b>17</b>                                           |
| <b>18</b><br>5:30pm<br>California<br>Cuisine TWO                                              | <b>19</b><br>1pm Great Dec #3                             | <b>20</b><br>9am CHAT                         | <b>21</b><br>12pm I Am,<br><u>Therefore I Think</u><br>7pm Great Dec #3 | <b>22</b><br>1pm & 7pm<br>Reading &<br>the Rainbow | <b>23</b>                    | <b>24</b>                                           |
| <b>25</b>                                                                                     | <b>26</b><br>1pm Great Dec #4                             | <b>27</b><br>11am<br>International<br>Affairs | <b>28</b><br><u>1pm Bunco</u><br>7pm Great Dec#4                        | <b>29</b>                                          | <b>30</b>                    | <b>31</b><br><b>Southeast IBC</b><br><b>meeting</b> |

### Save the Dates

**LUNAFEST Friday, April 13**

**AAUW CA State Convention April 27-29**

#### AAUW Redlands Board Meeting

3/12 6:30pm Cutler Building, 201 Cajon St, Redlands  
~Patty Ahearn

#### Bridge II (page 7)

3/2 1 pm Redlands--Contact coordinator for new bridge groups  
~Judy Adams

#### Bunco

3/28 1pm--Contact Barbara Krause for info.

#### California Cuisine and Conversation ONE

3/4 Host & address will be sent by email.  
~Pamela Ong

**California Cuisine and Conversation TWO** (article in January Newsletter page 7) PHOTOS ON PAGE 8  
3/18 5:30pm contact Patty Ahearn for info.

#### CHAT meeting

3/20 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

#### Great Decisions-8 consecutive weeks (page 7)

Mondays 1pm & Wednesdays 7pm  
~Adriane Gram

#### Hiking PHOTOS ON PAGE 8

3/1 ~Erica Wilson

#### I Am, Therefore I Think

3/21 "Amazing Women"  
This is a group effort. Bring your story of an amazing woman. Facilitator: Sharlene Lund  
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 PHOTOS ON PAGE 7

3/27 11am University Club. Lunch served 11:30am \$17.75 includes tax and gratuity. Reservation by noon 3/24 to Marie Mitchell

#### Movie

3/8 "Equal means Equal" see attached flyer

#### Reading and the Rainbow

3/22 1 pm host: Ellen Cope  
7 pm host: to be announced  
Reservations are not required.  
~ Lynne Reasoner & Jeanne Shevlin

#### Southeast Inter Branch Council

3/31 Contact Patty Ahearn for info.

#### STEM Conference, Redlands

3/10 Committee meeting @ Heather's home.  
~Heather Abushanab

**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 **April newsletter** is **March 5th**. Send articles and photos to the editors via email to [news@aauw-redlands-ca.org](mailto:news@aauw-redlands-ca.org) or by mail to Kay Dobbertin

*continued from page 1* **The President's Corner – Patty Ahearn**

The Redlands STEM Conference is almost here. With over 100 volunteers, this event has the biggest participation of our membership and is still going strong after 24 years. How proud I am of this year's chair, Heather Abushanab. She, with her numerous committee members have impressed everyone with their months of work on this labor of love.

The Nancy Yowell Memorial Scholarship Committee has had two successful fundraisers and is meeting soon to go over the applications for the scholarships.

This year the AAUW State Convention is not too far from us. It is in Irvine on April 27, 28, and 29. Members can attend all three days or a single day. If you would like to take the opportunity to attend, just Google AAUW California State Convention for all of the info.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming events this month.

**From the Membership VP*****What Would You Like First?***

The good news or the not-so-good news? Myself? I've usually preferred getting the not-so-good news out of the way first. What that means in this case is that annual dues are going up next year to \$104. AAUW National fees will increase to \$59 (not-so-good), whereas State and local Branch fees will remain the same (still good) at \$20 and \$25, respectively.



But the ***even-better*** good news is that in March you have a last chance to win a free National membership for 2018-19 by inviting a guest (or several guests!) to our Saturday brunch meeting.

And here's the ***extra-special*** good news: Those guests who decide to join our Redlands Branch that day will get in on a **REAL DEAL** because anyone who joins after March 15<sup>th</sup> will have a full **15 months of membership before they have to renew!** So don't wait until September to invite your friends to come, break bread with us, enjoy themselves, and join our branch! (Myself? I've always believed a word to the wise is sufficient. . . ) ~ Viktoria Norberg, VP Membership

***PLEASE UPDATE YOUR YEARBOOK:***

Pat Kruger

Celeste Beard

**Membership A Warm Welcome**

Our newest member, SAMANTHA TRAD, grew up in Redlands and earned her B.A. in Political Science at the University of Redlands. In 2004, she moved to the Czech Republic to teach English and ended up staying for the next six years. During that time, she also attained an M.A. in International Economics and Political Studies. Returning to the states, she then moved to Tempe, AZ, where she lived for another six years. Last year Samantha says she was "lucky enough to move back to Redlands" with her two kids and dog. She learned about AAUW when she spoke at the Tucson chapter in 2016. She teaches now at the University of Redlands and DeVry University, and she thinks it is crucial to empower women through education. As such, she looks forward to being part of the community and the work of AAUW Redlands Branch.

~ Viktoria Norberg, VP Membership

***PLEASE  
UPDATE YOUR  
YEARBOOK:***

Samantha Trad

Ellen Weiss







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

- *All planning done*
- *600 girls & school staff are looking forward to the 2018 Redlands STEM conference*
- *Thanks in advance to the 90+ volunteers who make this branch project HAPPEN*

### There is still time to get involved!

**Guides** contact Linda Browning to be a **guide** (213-7039, lbrowning66@verizon.net)

- **Hosts** contact Ellen Schollenberger to be a **host** (794-3620 eoscholl@aol.com)

Sign up with or

- **Packets Assembly:** Saturday, February 24, 9 am @ University Methodist Church (940 East Colton Ave)
- We are still accepting donations for the conference. Adopt-a-girl with a \$20 donation!

~ Heather Abushanab, Chair

## Thank You to our Community Sponsors



The STEM Conference received a check for \$800 from the Redlands Community Foundation. The President, Dr. Ken Ballou presented it at the AAUW Board meeting on January 15, 2018.

Tim Huston, president of the Redlands Optimist Club, presents a check for \$2,500 to Patty Ahearn for Redlands STEM conference. Patty was the guest speaker at their January 18, 2018 meeting.



## Member News

In sympathy and friendship, we send our condolences to Eunice Snavelly on the loss of her daughter, Mary Butler.



Convention 2018 will take place April 27-29 at the Irvine Marriott Hotel. The "basic convention" cost to attend all three days is \$199 (early registration by March 7). One day is \$135 (register by April 21). Speech Trek Finals will be held during Saturday luncheon. <http://www.aauw-ca.org/register-aauw-california-convention-2018/>

## Hospitality Birthday Club



Happy Birthday to all of our March birthday ladies. Please be sure to join us at the branch meeting, so we can recognize you and present you with a little gift!

Diane Bennett  
Carol Chaney  
Margaret Galligan  
Melissa Morgan  
Connie Raaz  
Judy Racine  
Rita Reading  
Dorothy Richardson  
Ellen Schollenberger  
Linda Serros



See you at the March meeting so we can give you your gift and sing to you!!

~Barbara Krause & Pat Belk

## Celebration of Named Gift Honorees



**Marilyn Shankar** and **Kathryn Brown** were introduced at the February Branch meeting as the 2018 Named Gift Honorees by Margee Fuller and Kathy Toister respectively. A third recipient was unable to attend the meeting; therefore, her identity remains a secret until the next branch meeting where she'll be introduced. Named Gift Honorees have done outstanding work in promoting the goals and programs of AAUW. Both honorees received an AAUW certificate, a Named Gift Honoree pin, and bouquet of flowers. During the meeting we also recognized previous Named Gift Honorees with special pink name cards.

*~Kathy Toister, Co-Chair AAUW Fund Committee*



**Branch  
Member of  
the Year  
Pat Belk**

## Nominees for Elected Office

Elections shall be held at the April branch meeting.

|                   |           |                 |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| President:        | 2018-2019 | Toni Momberger  |
| President Elect:  | 2018-2019 | Marie Mitchell  |
| Communication VP: | 2018-2019 | Becky Johnston  |
| Membership VP:    | 2018-2020 | Erica Wilson    |
| Secretary:        | 2018-2020 | Patricia Stubbs |
| Treasurer:        | 2018-2020 | Hazel Curtis    |

### Nominating Committee:

|           |                     |
|-----------|---------------------|
| 2018-2019 | Patty Ahearn, chair |
| 2018-2020 | Susan Bangasser     |
| 2018-2020 | Cathryn Oltman      |
| 2018-2020 | vacant              |

*~2017-2018 Nominating Committee*

*Janyth Dison, Chair,*

*Margee Fuller, Barbara Krause, Susan Shodahl,*

*Gail Anderson, Dorothy Nordquist, Sue Wallace*



## Adopt-A-Girl for Tech Trek

Many thanks for your generous donations this year to Adopt-A-Girl for Tech Trek. With your kind assistance and that of our major program donors for both STEM and Tech Trek, the Laura May Stewart Foundation, and the Sun Lakes Country Club Charitable Trust, we are able this year to sponsor four girls to attend Tech Trek one week science camp at UC, San Diego, June 24-30, 2018. We are very excited to be able to send an additional girl this year thanks to all of our donors.

During the STEM Conference just held at Mt. San Jacinto College on January 11, 2018, we noted at least two of the Tech Trek girls from this past year were in attendance. In addition, we have invited the Tech Trek campers from last year to say a few words to you at our April 3 meeting, so please plan to hear them share this wonderful experience that you helped them achieve.

*~Sheron Bealer,  
Tech Trek Chair*

### 2017 Tech Trekkers:

*Aryanna Hernandez,  
Bryn Thornton, and  
Sadey Struna*





## Speech Trek Contest

### *Caroline Irving Wins*

#### ***AAUW Redlands Speech Trek Event!***

Caroline Irving, a Senior at Redlands East Valley High School, took first place in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Speech Trek competition sponsored by the American Association of University Women Redlands Branch.



The competition, held February 2 in Citrus Valley High School's Blackhawk Theatre featured five local students giving five-minute speeches on "How can we stand up to sexism?" What can individuals and organizations such as AAUW do to break

down stereotypes and biases in school, at work, in the military, and in our communities,

Caroline received a \$300 cash prize. A video of her winning speech will be submitted to the AAUW California State Selection Committee to be considered for one of three places and additional cash prizes in the statewide competition at the AAUW California State Convention on April 27 in Irvine.

Others who won cash prizes were Esther Esho, a Senior at Citrus Valley High, second place; and Lea Mulan Clark, a Senior at Redlands East Valley, third.

The judges and timers for the event were members of Toastmasters International, District 12. Citrus Valley High School teacher Deanna Swank coordinated the event with AAUW Chair, Ginny Evans-Perry and members of her committee. Teacher Eva Shinnerl assisted the Redlands East Valley participants.



*The five contestants, for picture caption: Lea Mulan Clark (REV) 3<sup>rd</sup> place; Katie Hunt (CVH), Caroline Irvine (REV) 1<sup>st</sup> place; Esther Esho (CVH) 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Brandon Acosta (CVH); and instructor Deanna Swank (CVH).*

## 18th Annual Pass Area

### **STEM Conference**

As Co-Chairs of this year's Conference, Sheron Bealer and I are indebted to so many people. First and foremost were the women on the committee – Kay Dobbertin, Ann Harding, Theresa Lantz, and Melissa Morgan. This small group worked so hard to make the event successful. In addition, Pat Heselwood and Jeanne Shevlin helped in assembling packets and badges.

Susan Bangasser, Paula Ferri-Milligan, Ann Leonard, and Carrie Raleigh all were speakers at Mount San Jacinto College. Antoinette Brenion, Kathryn Brown, Ellen Cope, Kim Fisher, Margi Galligan, Diane Hurd, Pia Kennedy, Diane Mapes, Susan Shodahl, Kathy Warren, and Susan Willis all served as hosts for the various speakers.



Many donations came from our members as well – Sheron Bealer, Margee Fuller, Ann Leonard, Evelyn O'Prey, Jane Roberts, Marilyn Shankar, Connie Brinkley, Ellen Cope, Amber Costa, Pia Kennedy, Shrdda Singhi, Laura Ruml, and Sally Trost.

As you can see, it takes a village to put on this conference, and we are ever so grateful that so many of you participated. Thanks so much.

*~Marilyn Shankar, Co-Chair*





The 10<sup>th</sup> annual AAUW Art Contest is under way and two of our members have entered,  
**Linda Richards and Sue Young**

**Open attachment for more information and to see their entries.**

Vote for your favorite pieces on the AAUW website.

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<https://www.aauw.org/contests/>



### Great Decisions

Great Decisions will begin in March. The books this year are \$30. Everyone who paid \$25 needs to bring \$5 to the first meeting.

The afternoon group will begin on Monday, March 5, at 1:00 pm at the home of Shelley Bodner.

The evening group will meet at the home of Mary Jane Auerbacher. The first meeting will be on Wednesday,

March 7, at 7:00 pm.

Questions may be directed to Adriane Gram.

### Reading and the Rainbow

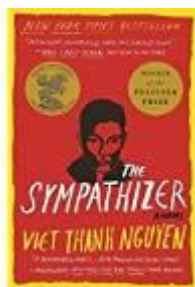
Book: *The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen

1 pm Host: Ellen Cope

7 pm Host: To be announced

Reservations are not required

~ Jeanne Shevlin and  
Lynne Reasoner, Co-Chairs



### Bridge II

AAUW Bridge II met at 11:30 a.m. on February 2, 2018, at the home of Judy Adams in Sun Lakes Country Club. In attendance were Mary Butler, Eunice Snavelly, Carol Chaney, and Judy Adams.

The next Bridge II game is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on March 2 in Redlands. There is room for many more players, and recruitment for the second table is underway.



If you are interested in joining the new group and are a player of intermediate or above skill level, please contact the coordinator, Judy Adams.

### International Relations Luncheon and Guest Speaker







## California Cuisine TWO

### February Hike

Email Erica Wilson for  
info and updates  
[drericar@hotmail.com](mailto:drericar@hotmail.com)



Jim & Erica Wilson,  
Susan Bangasser,  
Kay Dobbartin  
and Jim Hendon  
Bogart State Park in  
Cherry Valley



## February Branch Meeting



Greeters:  
Rosemary  
Conway and  
Ellen Cope

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New member  
Ellen Weiss  
with Barbara  
Simmons



## AAUW Fund Fellowship/ Grant Speaker

Camila Araujo  
de Resende



Sue Wallace and Dorothy Nordquist



## Girls from the San Gorgonio Pass learn about 'courage,' STEM careers

*Press Enterprise, 1-22-2018*

Angie Nett, center Sorenson Engineering, is Banning and Beaumont fields during the 18th San Jacinto College on Jacinto College)

Leaders from the private and public sectors provided hands-on workshops that helped the teens explore careers in STEM fields. Representatives from UC Riverside, CalFire, Sorenson Engineering, San Bernardino County Transportation Authority, and the California Department of Justice were among the workshop presenters.

<https://www.pe.com/2018/01/22/girls-from-the-san-gorgonio-pass-learn-about-courage-stem-careers/>



back, human relations manager at surrounded by eighth-grade girls from who learned about careers in the STEM annual AAUW STEM Conference at Mt. Jan. 11, 2018. (Photo courtesy of Mt. San



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*Redlands STEM Conference committee THANKS our members for processing letters after the February branch meeting.*



**August birthdays**  
*Susan Shodahl,  
Rosemary  
Conway  
(February),  
Heather  
Abushanab,  
Susan Willis,  
Phyllis  
Limbourne,  
Martha  
Lehman and  
Betty Meltzer*

## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Lunafest

Friday April 13, 2018, is our 6<sup>th</sup> annual Lunafest. Tickets are available on-line at the Lunafest website ([www.lunafest.org/screenings/redlands-ca-041318](http://www.lunafest.org/screenings/redlands-ca-041318)) or at the branch meeting. This joint activity with Zonta Club of Redlands and our branch benefits the missions of both of our clubs.

The evening begins at 5:45 PM with hors d'oeuvres and drinks in the beautiful Esri Atrium. The films start at 7 PM in the Esri Auditorium. It will be a lovely evening for a worthy cause. We look forward to seeing you there!

The committee is still looking for businesses to help sponsor the event. Please consider asking the businesses you frequent to be a sponsor. It is a great advertising opportunity for a local business, and most owners are glad to support such a wonderful local activity. Our sponsorship packet is located on the branch website where you can also find additional information about the 2018 event. Contact Heather Abushanab for questions or email the committee at [lunafest@aauw-redlands-ca.org](mailto:lunafest@aauw-redlands-ca.org).



Prefer to get your tickets by mail? Use the order form below.

### **LUNAFEST** Friday April 13, 2018 Tickets by Mail

**Seating is limited. Please Purchase tickets by April 7, 2018.**

Please make \_\_\_\_\_ reservations for me at \$35.00 per person.

Please make \_\_\_\_\_ reservations for me at \$20.00 per student.

Enclosed is my check for \_\_\_\_\_, made payable to **AAUW Redlands**.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to **Redlands Branch AAUW - Lunafest, P.O. Box 7678, Redlands, CA 92375**

## **THE LUNAFEST STORY** The Future of Film is Diversity

LUNA, the makers of the Whole Nutrition Bar for Women, has always believed in the power of women. From the beginning, we knew women had a role to play in shaping the future of the film industry, so in 2000, LUNAFEST was born. LUNAFEST was the first all-women travelling film festival to hit the screens and amplify the voices of strong women everywhere. Today, screenings in more than 175 cities across the nation showcase the work of talented women filmmakers. This year, LUNAFEST partners with Chicken & Egg Pictures, a nonprofit organization that provides mentorship and critical financial support to female nonfiction filmmakers. Together LUNAFEST and Chicken & Egg Pictures celebrate and champion women storytellers while creating a strong community for women in the film industry.

## February birthdays

*Cheryl Jordan,  
Jan Jacobson,  
Kay Dobbertin,  
Kathy Presnell-  
Best, Renee  
Reiswig and  
Ginny Evans-  
Perry*

