

# Branches and Twigs

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



## The President's Corner – Toni Momberger

What a fantastic time to be an AAUW member in Redlands!

We are part of something big. With more than 200 members, we have one of the largest of the 140 branches in California, making us a powerful voice for women, which means opportunity.

This year especially we have an opportunity to increase our presence and impact in the community, sharing our mission, history, and projects as we stand in celebration: **This is our**

**STEM Conference's (formerly known as the Math-Science Conference) 25-year milestone.**

We are part of something meaningful. We have introduced models of successful women in STEM fields to about 15,000 girls in our community. I have a friend who majored in science at the University of Redlands because as an eighth-grader she was inspired at our conference. That day we changed the course of her life.

This year is also the nativity of the #MeToo era when we can shine a light on sexual harassment and finally know it will cast shame. Women are increasingly not offering a quiet response when asked to degrade themselves to get the job, the role, or the promotion. I'm proud to report that **our Public Policy group is organizing a community forum on sexual assault for this summer.**

We are part of a revolution. With one in five women being the target of sexual assault while in college, this is exactly the kind of timely and relevant project that makes being in our branch rewarding.

We are part of a capable team in Redlands, in California, and in National. AAUW National has a new CEO who is fired up about modernizing our organization, paring out the areas of redundancy so we can direct resources where we are most relevant. She is heaving our organization into the 21st century, taking advantage of what we can accomplish in the digital age, capitalizing on the strengths millennials bring, and revamping our budget into one that is more responsible and effective.

So it's an exciting time to be us.

We are proactive, providing educational opportunities and teaching the skills women need for equal employment scenarios.

We are reactive, showing up and standing with women of all ages who are denied opportunity because of their gender.

We are generous with time, money, and expertise.

We are fighters because we are educated, and we have seen the data showing women in management make more effective workforces; women in government increase the reality of peace in the home and in the world; and women with power inspire girls to achieve.

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## Branch Meetings: 2018-2019

Saturday, 9/8 brunch  
Wednesday, 10/3 dinner  
Wednesday, 11/7 dinner  
Saturday, 12/1 brunch  
Wednesday, 1/9 dinner  
Saturday, 2/2 brunch  
Saturday, 3/2 brunch  
Wednesday, 4/3 dinner  
Saturday, 5/4 brunch  
Saturday, 6/1 brunch

## September Branch Meeting Information

### When

Saturday,  
September 8, 2018  
Social 9:00 a.m.  
Brunch 9:30 a.m.  
Program 10:15 a.m.

### Where

University of Redlands  
**CASA LOMA**

***At September 8th  
meeting all interest  
groups, community  
action projects, and  
committees will be  
represented!***

***Please remember to invite prospective members  
to our September 8th branch meeting!***

Contact 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 President's Corner – Toni Momberger (*continued from page 1*)

And we are passionate because we believe in ourselves and our sisters.

We are part of something wonderful.

Let us go forth this year and empower.

*If you would like all of the AAUW Redlands branch calendar items to stream into your Google calendar, sent your email address to [aauwredlands@gmail.com](mailto:aauwredlands@gmail.com) with a note that you would like to be added.*

*Late July & August 2018*

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
22 JULY	23	24	25	26 7pm Reading & Rainbow	27	28
29	30	31	1 AUG	2 UST	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 6:30pm Board Mtg	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 7pm PASS area STEM and Tech Trek	22	23 7pm Reading & Rainbow	24	25 9am Redlands STEM meeting
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Save the dates Sat, Sept 8     AAUW MEMBERSHIP Branch Meeting			Wed, Oct 3     STEM Anniversary Celebration Sat, Oct 13     So CA Fund luncheon, Seal Beach Thurs, Oct 18     Footlighters Fundraiser			
AAUW Redlands Board Meeting 8/13 6:30pm 120 Franklin Ave. ~Toni Momberger  Bridge II     Contact coordinator for new bridge groups ~Judy Adams  Pass Area STEM Conference and Tech Trek 8/21 7pm 734 Serpentine Dr, Redlands ~Marilyn Shankar			Reading and the Rainbow     note: NO 1 pm meetings 7/26 7 pm     Killers of the Flower Moon : the Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI by David Grann host Amy Bisek 8/23 7pm     Bad Habitats by Alisa Slaughter host Adriane Gram     ~Jeanne Shevlin  STEM Conference, Redlands 8/25 9am Organizational committee meeting. 167 Bellevue Ave, Redlands Conference date: first week in March 2019 ~ Heather Abushanab			

### Branch Officers:

**President:** Toni Momberger, **President-elect:** Marie Mitchell, **Communications Vice President:** Becky Johnston, **Hospitality Vice President:** Kathy Toister, **Membership Vice President:** Erica Wilson, **Program Vice President:** Kathryn Brown, **Secretary:** Patricia Stubbs, **Treasurer:** Hazel Curtis

### B&T Submission:

The deadline for the **September newsletter** is **August 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 Paula Ferri-Milligan

## September Branch Meeting

September 8th is our kick off branch meeting for the new program year. Our interest groups are ready to dive into a new year of reading, playing bridge, planning the STEM conferences, discussing Great Decisions, thinking of a host of topics, and enjoying the companionship of the wonderful, intelligent, diverse group of 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 branch 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 that they are a guest, so we can be prepared to greet them properly 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) or 909-389-9826

~Erica Wilson, Membership Vice-President

### CLIP & ATTACH TO YOUR YEARBOOK

**New Member:** Debbie LeDoux

#### **Yearbook Updates:**

**Yvette Guidry**  
**Diane Mapes**  
**Jessie Powell**  
**Marilyn Shankar**  
**Karen Wardell**

## Membership Matters

### Did You Forget to Renew?

#### Members Still Have Time to Renew!

March 16<sup>th</sup> marked the beginning of membership renewal for the 2018-19 year, **but it's still not too late to renew now!** Membership includes the following dues: \$59 for national, \$20 for California, and \$25 for the branch, totaling \$104. And really, AAUW has made it so simple to renew online.



**You should have received an email from**

**[memberinfo@aauw.org](mailto:memberinfo@aauw.org) with a unique link to help you renew your membership.** (subject: AAUW Membership Renewal Notice). Click on the link, and it will send you to your renewal...no login required!

If you can't find that email, you can renew online at <https://www.aauw.org/>

**PROBLEMS: CALL 800-326-2289 for help.**

Prefer to renew by check? Make your check payable to AAUW and mail to **PO Box 7678, Redlands, CA 92375-0678.**

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)**

## Hospitality— Thinking of You Corner



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 Vice-President



## AAUW New Member Mentor Program

Thank you to all the wonderful members who mentored new members this past year. It doesn't take very much time, just being in touch with a new member to encourage them to attend Branch meetings and to see if they need information about our activities. We will need some additional mentors to help with our new members this fall. Please consider volunteering to be a mentor. You are guaranteed to meet some wonderful new members. Contact Kathy Toister or Margee Fuller for additional information.



~Kathy Toister, Hospitality Vice-President

## Officers Installed at June Board Meeting

The Installation took place at the Joint Board Meeting for two members that were not able to attend the Installation at the Branch Meeting. Rebecca Johnston is VP of Communication, and Patricia Stubbs is Secretary.



### RESULTS:

**PASSED:** Create three-year staggered board terms at National level

**FAILED:** Open National board positions to those outside of the AAUW membership

**FAILED:** Eliminate college degree requirement for membership in AAUW

## Public Policy Report: Supreme Court Rules in Favor of Fake Health Care Facilities

In a 6/26/18 ruling, the U.S. Supreme Court decided that fake health care facilities—referred to as crisis pregnancy centers—are not required to disclose relevant medical information to clients (*National Institute of Family and Life Advocates (NIFLA) v. Becerra*). The controversial case concerned a CA law that requires such facilities to disclose (through posted or printed materials) the availability of low-cost or free family planning services, prenatal care, and abortion services not provided by their facility, as well as disclosures if the facility and its staff are unlicensed. NIFLA challenged the law as a violation of free speech protected under the First Amendment while the State of CA argued that the law was necessary to provide women access to accurate information about reproductive health care, including abortion. Support for access to safe, legal abortion is at a record high, with about 7 in 10 Americans supporting the U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 ruling in *Roe v. Wade* that found abortion to be constitutionally protected. Among registered voters nationally, 53% of Republicans, 76% of Independents, and 86% of Democrats oppose overturning *Roe v. Wade*. Trump voters oppose overturning *Roe v. Wade* by 6 points. The choice of the successor to replace retiring Justice Anthony Kennedy, who ruled with the 5-4 majority in *NIFLA v. Becerra*, will have a say in the health, education, and economic security of women and girls for decades to come. AAUW supports choice in the determination of one's reproductive life and takes the position that any nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court must be the result of meaningful bipartisan consultation, fully vetted by the Senate, and held accountable for any record of bias. (Sources: AAUW Washington Update; [www.pewresearch.org](http://www.pewresearch.org))

## Celebrate STEM!!

Want to help the Branch celebrate 25 years of STEM? Make a donation to AAUW Redlands Branch in honor of 25 years of empowering girls through STEM!

AND

Save the date: October 3<sup>rd</sup> for the STEM Celebration Dinner!

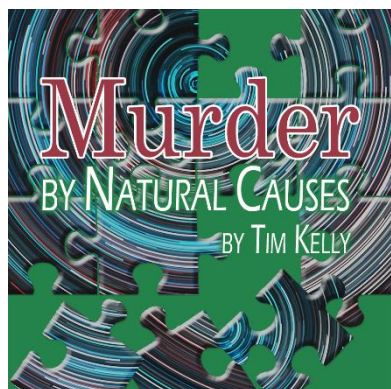
## Public Policy Summer Forum

The Public Policy Committee hopes to hold a summer forum at the A.K. Smiley Library Assembly room in August on the topic of the Me, Too movement. We are currently working to assemble a panel to present different aspects ranging from sexual harassment on the job to sexual assault. If you have any contacts with expertise in these areas, please contact Dianne Landeros.

Watch for further information about what promises to be a very relevant and timely topic. We hope you will plan to attend this forum. We will provide you with the date and time as soon as we have confirmed our speakers.

~Dianne Landeros, Public Policy Chair

## Redlands Footlighters Theater Event— October 18



*Murder By Natural Causes* is the Footlighters production chosen for this year's night out at our local theater. Event Co-Chairs Kathryn Brown & Kathy Toister welcome ideas and assistance from all who would like to help make this another

memorable evening. Tickets will go on sale soon, with a special price for those who have Footlighters season tickets. Contact Kathryn or Kathy for more information.



## Hospitality— Birthday Club

Hope you all are having a great summer! We want to be sure to wish our summer birthday members a happy birthday. We also encourage those of you who have not yet sent in your birth month to send it to us, so you will be included in our celebrations. We would love to see you at our meetings, especially the month you celebrate your birthday! Here are our ladies for July and August. (Just pretend you can hear us singing 😊)

~Pat Belk and Barbara Krause

### July (celebrated in January)

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  
Rebeccah Warren-  
Marlatt

### August (celebrated in February)

Heather Abushanab  
Gail Anderson  
Cathy Curtis  
Roslyn Dunn  
Joyce Heitmeier  
Anna Keegan  
Martha Lehman  
Phyllis Limbourne  
Ann Marshall  
Betty Meltzer  
Toni Momberger  
Jane Roberts  
Anne Sandel  
Susan Shodahl  
Melissa Walker  
Susan Willis



## Welcome New AAUW Board!

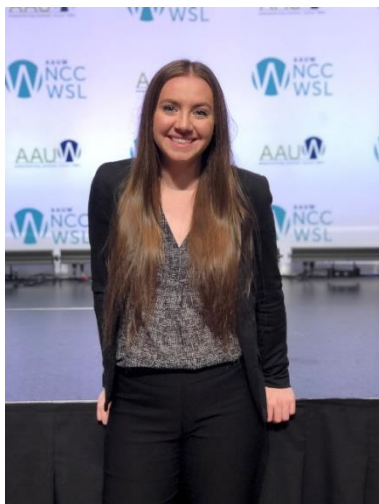




## College University Partnership

Valarie Johnson reports that she had an amazing time at NCCWSL last week. It was such a great experience. "Thank you so much for help in getting me there. I'm so appreciative of the AAUW Redlands Branch for their generosity, and I can't wait to come tell you guys all about it at your meeting."

Valarie Johnson is a Crafton Hills College student.



## AAUW High School Scholarship Recipient

Our AAUW High School Scholarship recipient for 2018 is Tamara Rocha Bueha, a recent graduate of Citrus Valley High School. Patty Ahearn presented her with a \$500 Scholarship on May 31st at Awards Night. A big thank you to our Scholarship Committee for their support. ~Theresa Lantz--High School Scholarship



## Reading and the Rainbow

### Short Story Night

August 23 @ 7 p.m.

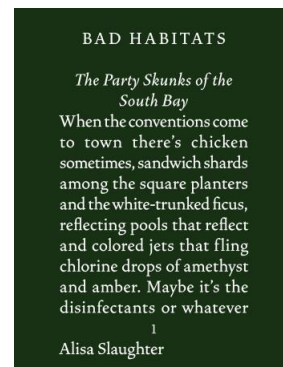
Host: Adriane Gram

Save this date! We will be reading *Bad Habitats* by Alisa Slaughter, and the author will be present to participate in the discussion of this very unique collection of connected short stories. The book won the Gold Line Press award for fiction, and one of the judges writes "Good stories destabilize a reader's view of the world....Startling in its ambition and stunning in its achievements, the amalgamation of the animal and human leaves us with serious questions about who we think we are and who we want to be."

Ms. Slaughter is a faculty member in the Creative Writing Department at the University of Redlands. Her book was the college gift to graduating seniors in 2013 and is still in use in environmental studies. Giving voice to animals is risky business for a writer. The book and author should provide us with interesting discussion about anthropomorphizing, the creative process, and writing with a social message.

We have ordered 10 copies of the book, and the cost will be \$10, so email Pat or Cheryl to reserve a copy. Also, university faculty usually receive an honorarium for speaking. We will discuss collecting that at a later date.

~Jeanne Shevlin



## Scholarship Committee

### 2018 Nancy Yowell Memorial Scholarship Recipients

This year the NYMS Committee met and selected two recipients. Throughout the year the committee works diligently to raise funds with the sole purpose of assisting women who have returned to their goal of higher education after multiple obstacles have attempted to stop them. This committee of dedicated AAUW members include Pat Belk, Rosa Gomez, Ann Harding, Jan Jacobson, Susan Miller, Dorothy Nordquist, Carolyn Ritchie, Susan Salzger, Susan Shodahl, Kathy Warren, and Beverly Woolverton.

**Tashana Lewis** knew her calling was to have a career in nursing. It all started as a teen in her neighborhood. She would soon carry the title of “village nurse” as she helped others by caring for minor cuts and bruises. As an eighteen-year-old, she embraced caring for her grandmother. With her caring, patience, and loving attitude, it was not difficult for her to dream of becoming a nurse. Tashana worked diligently for six years and completed her nursing program. Soon after, she decided to enroll in the Master of Nursing. While enrolled in the program, she experienced challenges and had to postpone her dream. After the completion of the Master Program she enrolled at Loma Linda University in the Doctorate in Psychiatric Nursing. Because of her military background she plans to assist veterans and their families with psychiatric disorders and help them with the transitions to civilian life.

**Kalpana Vadnagara** is rooted in her middle class Indian culture. Although embracing her culture, she has overcome the obstacle she describes as “not placing adequate value on girls’ education.” She earned a bachelor’s degree in mathematics in India and began teaching children. During this period, she discovered a great love for painting and the art form. Because of her social circumstances she was Unable to pursue her dream of becoming an artist. She soon married and dedicated herself to raising her two sons. When she arrived in the United States, she had to deal with the obstacles of learning English and adjusting to a new culture. This translated into opportunities for Kalpana. She utilized her skills of math and art with children in Special Education. She is now seeking a Master of Fine Arts and Craft at Oregon College of Art and Craft in Portland, Oregon. Her goal is to graduate in 2019 and put her new degree to use by working with special needs children throughout local schools, hospitals, and nonprofit organizations.



Chairs Jan Jacobson and Rosa Gomez with recipient Kalpana Vadnagara

## Give Every Grad You Know the Gift of AAUW Membership for a Year at No Cost!

### Here's How

- Identify the recent grad (anyone completing an associate or undergraduate degree in the past 2 years)
- Collect their information: mailing address, phone number, email and alma mater
- Complete the on-line form
- For free State Membership, forward a copy of the confirmation from National to [office@aauw-ca.org](mailto:office@aauw-ca.org).
- To waive branch dues and add a recipient as a branch member, forward the confirmation to [membership@aauw-ca.org](mailto:membership@aauw-ca.org).
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For details, the form, and a video you can play at your next branch meeting go to: <http://www.aauw-ca.org/give-grad-gift/>





## 25 Years of Redlands Stem!

25 years ago, the Branch began its first STEM Conference at the University of Redlands, inviting 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls from the Redlands and Yucaipa School Districts for a day of exposure to STEM activities and STEM careers. Since that first conference, our branch has worked hard, encouraging girls to plan for their futures, take math and science courses in high school, and consider careers in STEM, while looking for ways to expand our reach to more and more girls. 19 years ago, Branch members in the Pass Area wanted their girls to have the same STEM experience, but there was not enough space in the Redlands Conference to add girls from Banning and Beaumont. Our solution was to start a second conference at Mount San Jacinto College. When AAUW CA began hosting Tech Trek Summer Camps, we expanded our STEM activities to include scholarships for 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls to attend these amazing summer experiences.

Our branch has a lot to celebrate! Our Wednesday evening, October 3, dinner meeting has been turned into a celebration event for STEM. We will be inviting community partners, sponsors, past and current committee members, and anyone interested in AAUW's STEM activities to come to help celebrate. Our program will be a mixture of STEM remembrances and STEM hopes, dreams, and impacts. Please save the date and make a special effort to come to this particular branch event.

In order to kick off the entire celebration year correctly, the board has authorized the STEM Celebration Committee to sell premium tickets to this celebration event. Premium tickets will cost \$35 and will include the dinner and program, as well as a glass of wine, a commemorative gift, and other special touches. Members will be able to choose between a Premium ticket or to pay the regular dinner meeting fee of \$22. Non-member guests will be required to purchase a Premium ticket to the event prior to Sept 15<sup>th</sup>.

In order to pay for some of the extra celebration activities this year, we will be asking our STEM supporters to consider a special gift to AAUW Redlands Branch in honor of our 25<sup>th</sup> STEM Anniversary. Because we did not include the added expenses for the STEM Celebration in the budget that was passed in May, the board has approved a motion to increase the budget to cover the added costs. We anticipate that additional fundraising and donations to the branch will cover these added expenses; however, the branch also has adequate funds in reserve to handle the costs of these activities. As a member organization, the budget must be approved (and amended!) by a vote of the branch. This vote will take place at the September Branch meeting. Please refer any questions about the motion to either our Redlands STEM Chair, Heather Abushanab or our Branch President, Toni Momberger.

### **Motion from the Board:**

Amend the 2018-19 General Fund Budget by adding \$2500 of expenses for STEM Celebration and AAUW promotion activities this 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year.

## **Pass Area STEM Conference and Tech Trek**

If you have an interest in being part of one or both of these amazing events, please come to a get together on Tuesday, August 21 at 7 pm to learn about what is involved, what work needs to be done, and how you can fit in. Refreshments will be served.

**WHERE:** Marilyn's home

**WHEN:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, August 21, 2018

**WHY:** you are needed to continue making these events a success

**RSVP:** Marilyn Shankar (text or phone)





July 1st California Cuisine 2 at Sun Lakes. The hosts were Judy and Cork Adams.



Recognition of Caroline Irving at Redlands City Council meeting for receiving first place in the 2018 American Association of University Women California Speech Trek (Mayor Foster and Council Member & AAUW Redlands Branch President Momberger).

### June Branch Meeting

### 2018-2019 Officers

President Toni Momberger,  
President Elect Marie Mitchel,

Membership VP Erica Wilson,  
Hospitality VP Kathy Toister,

Treasurer Hazel Curtis  
Program VP Kathryn Brown



Thank You Patty Ahearn for all your hard work as President in 2017-2018!



June Branch Meeting speakers  
Carrie Raleigh & Knea Hawley

