Branches and Twigs

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The President's Corner – Toni Momberger

Hello AAUW World-Changers!

Our October branch meeting celebrating our amazing accomplishment of 25 years of STEM conferences is just around the corner.

We're celebrating longevity of providing role models for girls. This changes lives.

Microsoft released a <u>study</u> in April that concluded the number of girls

STEM interested in careers almost doubles when they are exposed to women in STEM fields. "...There is a clear link between role models and an increased passion for technology, science. engineering and math with subjects, more interest in careers in these fields, and greater self-



confidence," Microsoft reported.

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October 3rd Program: 25 Years of STEM!

25 years ago, the branch began its first STEM Conference at the University of Redlands, inviting 8th grade girls from the Redlands and Yucaipa School Districts for a day of exposure to STEM activities and STEM careers. 19 years ago, branch members in the Pass Area who wanted their girls to have the same STEM experience started a second conference at Mt. San Jacinto College. When AAUW CA began hosting Tech Trek Summer Camps, we expanded our STEM activities to include scholarships for 7th grade girls to attend these amazing summer experiences.

Our branch has a lot to celebrate! We have invited community partners, sponsors, past and current committee members, and anyone interested in AAUW's STEM activities to come to help celebrate our 25th STEM Anniversary. The program will be a mixture of STEM remembrances and STEM hopes, dreams, and impacts. Premium tickets for this special 25th Anniversary celebration program cost \$35 and include dinner with wine and a commemorative gift. Members may choose to purchase a Premium ticket for \$35 or to pay the regular dinner meeting fee of \$22 (which will not include wine and the gift.)



REDLANDS BRANCH 25th Anniversary

October Branch Meeting

When Wednesday, October 3rd Social 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Program 6:45 p.m.

Where

University of Redlands CASA LOMA Room

Menu

Carving Table Buffet Salad: Redlands mixed greens, julienne local vegetables, cucumbers and tomatoes with balsamic vinaigrette Main Entrée: red wine marinated roast beef au jus; Vegetarian entrée: pasta bake with mushrooms, eggplant, fennel, and roasted pomodoro sauce Sides: garlic mashed potatoes with chives; roast seasonal vegetables Dessert: Cake; coffee/tea

Cost

Special Event Dinner \$35 (wine & commemorative item included); Guests: \$35 Members option: \$22

Reservations

The reservation deadline for the October 3th meeting is Wednesday, September 26, 2018. Please call 909-362-4955 or email rsvpmeeting@aauwredlands-ca.org. Reminder: a reservation made is a reservation paid.

Members and guests are always welcome at all branch meetings. There is no cost to attend the program at 6:45 p.m. Chairs will be available.

2018 Meetings: November 7th and December 1st

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
			5:30pm Branch Meeting~STEM CELEBRATION			9am STEM Redlands Meeting	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
6pm California Cuisine 1	6:30pm Board Meeting		9:30am PASS area STEM Meeting				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
Noon AAUW FUND Luncheon		9am CHAT	12pm I Am, Therefore I Think	6:30pm AAUW Funds Theatre Benefit			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
5:30pm California Cuisine 2		11am International Affairs	1pm Bunco	1pm & 7pm Reading & the Rainbow			
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				Save the dates			
Wednesday Se	eptember 26 R		day, Dec. 2 YMCA Holiday Home Tour, 9 am or 12:45 pm				
DEADLINE for			ursday, Jan. 8 PASS STEM Conference esday, March 5 REDLANDS STEM Conference				
AAUW FUND Luncheon, Seal Beach 10/14 Noon AAUW Redlands Board Meeting 10/8 6:30pm Redlands United Church of Christ, 168 Bellevue Ave, Redlands ~Toni Momberger Bridge I: Contact coordinator for established bridge groups. ~Louise Schumann Bridge II Contact coordinator for new bridge groups. ~Judy Adams Bunco 10/24 1pm ~Barbara Krause California Cuisine and Conversation 1 10/7 6 pm Host & address will be sent by email. ~Pamela Ong			10/17 <i>The Futu</i> Facilitator: Patt 12 -2 pm (12-12 Episcopal Church Redlands. International A <i>10/23</i> 11am U \$18 includes tax to <i>Dorothy Rich</i> Reading and R 10/25 <i>The Vege</i> 1 pm host: Adri 7 pm host: Elle Reservations ar	I Am, Therefore I Think 10/17 The Future of AAUW Facilitator: Patty Ahearn 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 10/23 11am University Club. Lunch served @ 11:30am \$18 includes tax and gratuity. Reservation by noon 10/19 to Dorothy Richardson Reading and Rainbow 10/25 The Vegetarian by Han Kang 1 pm host: Adriane Gram 7 pm host: Ellen Schollenberger Reservations are not required. ~ Jeanne Shevlin			
California Cuisine and Conversation II10/21 5:30pm~Patty AhearnCHAT meeting DROP-INS ARE WELCOME!10/16 Smiley Library Assembly RoomNote: Library is closed at 9:00 a.m., so enter AssemblyRoom from the park side of the Library, across from theLincoln Shrine.~Katherine Gifford 798-7565 ext. 4138, literacy@akspl.org			10/10 9:30am C Redlands STEM Confere 10/6 9 am Com <i>Cor</i>	Pass Area STEM Conference10/10 9:30am Committee meeting 734 Serpentine Dr, RedlandsRedlandsConference date: January 8, 2019 ~Marilyn ShankarSTEM Conference, Redlands (see page 5) 10/6 9 am Committee meeting at Heather's home Conference date: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 ~Heather Abushanab			

The President's Corner – Toni Momberger continued

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts that technology professionals will have the highest growth in job numbers between now and 2030. These fields also are among the best paying.

But there is a huge gender disparity in who pursues degrees needed to fulfill these new jobs.

Only a small fraction of girls believe STEM careers are for them.

The reasons include a shortage of role models, shortage of encouragement, and a misperception of what STEM careers look like in the real world.

"Even a little exposure to real-world applications of STEM knowledge dramatically changes their outlook," the Microsoft report says.

We have given more than a little exposure to thousands of girls.

Role modeling is not the only thing we do. Our conference, which is provided at no expense to about 600 girls a year, gives them hands-on experience discovering the joys of STEM education.

We also give them that much-needed encouragement to go into these lucrative fields and the experience of being on and learning in a university-campus environment.

We make it exciting, and that works.

This conference is a productive way to combat stereotypes and the consequential wage disparity. Please plan to join us on October 3 at 5:30 p.m. to celebrate the incredible, positive impact AAUW Redlands has made.

We have so much to be proud of. Our branch is changing the world for many.

Onward to inspire more.

Hospitality Birthday Club MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO OUR OCTOBER BIRTHDAY LADIES!

Kathy Albrektson Susan Bentley Ellen Cope Elisa Cortez Amber Costa Nancy Perry Carolyn Ritchie Deborah Seibly Diane Shimota Karen Skoog Patricia Stubbs

We hope to see you at the branch meeting. Be sure to stop by the Birthday Table to pick up your gift!

> ~Pat Belk and Barbara Krause



Membership Matters Give a Grad a Gift

As we transition into our new year, please remember to help everyone renew their membership. Also, **Give a Grad a Gift** is a great way to



introduce any recent college graduate, male or female, to AAUW. Members may give as many free gifts as they like. Your recipient is eligible for a free Redlands Branch membership and a free State membership. PLEASE forward the confirmation to Redlands Branch Membership VP, Erica Wilson. The Gift Program is an excellent means for helping AAUW recruit members of traditional college age and fortifies us with new blood.

~Erica Wilson, Membership VP

2018-19 AAUW Membership The Competition is ON! Invite Your Friends and Neighbors to Join AAUW!

The campaign also allows our branch to earn up to THREE free national memberships for the 2018-19 membership year.

The competition will be conducted throughout the year, and free memberships will be awarded in the following way:

Two memberships awarded to members who recruit the most new members** from April 2018-March 2019. If there is a tie, we will hold a drawing.

One membership awarded to a member who invites the most potential new members from April 2018-March 2019, regardless of whether they join. In case of a tie, we will hold a drawing.

** New members refer to paying members, including Members-At-Large who affiliate with our branch, but not including student e-affiliates.

~Erica Wilson, Membership VP

The AAUW of California Fund Committee is proud to honor our 2018-2019 California Fellow and Grant Recipients

Join us at the Old Ranch Country Club, Seal Beach, Saturday, October 13, 2018, noon to 3 p.m., as we celebrate and honor this year's grant and fellowship recipients. RSVP by October 13. *Flyer attached*

In 2018-19, AAUW is awarding <u>\$3.9 million</u> to 250 scholars and projects to improve the lives of women and girls.

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

Member News



In sympathy and friendship, we give our condolences to Amy Bisek on the death of her Mother.

YMCA Holiday Home Tour 2018 Volunteers Needed

For the last fifteen years AAUW has assisted the YMCA with its annual home tour by hosting a home. If you would like to join the fun and volunteer on December 2, 2018, to be a hostess in the home that AAUW is assigned for that day, please let us know. We have two shifts available, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and 12:45 to 4:45 PM. It is a wonderful way to assist the YMCA with its big fundraiser. The money raised goes to support the Y's Legal Aid Program, which provides legal services to low-income clients, primarily women. The program employs a paralegal who assists with the filing of paperwork and setting up court appearances, and then she has a group of attorneys who volunteer their time to help. It's really a great program that was a YWCA initiative that they brought over when they merged with the YMCA. Your gift of time and energy makes you feel good and serves a wonderful cause. There will be a sign-up sheet at the October and November meetings, or you can email me your name, phone number, and which shift you would like: ~ Ann Leonard and

Linda Browning, Co-Chairs







STEM Conference dates for 2019

Both STEM Committees have begun planning for the 2019 Conferences. If you would like to help with either conference, please contact the conference chair for information.

Pass Conference Chair: Marilyn Shankar STEMpass@aauw-redlands-ca.org

Chair: Heather Conference Redlands Abushanab STEM@aauw-redlands-ca.org

PASS Conference Day:

January 8, 2019, at Mt. San Jacinto College Redlands Conference Day: March 1, 2019, at University of Redlands







Coming Soon—Our Holiday Boutique!

Be sure to join us at the November and December branch meetings to see what we've been doing all summer. (We even had some help from one of this year's scholarship winners!) Fun gifts, clever crafts, and very affordable items will be on display for purchase by our members and friends. If you have a special talent and would like to contribute items to our collection, please let me know. And remember, all items are donated and all proceeds from the boutique go to the Nancy Yowell Scholarships, which help women who are returning to school after an interruption in their education.

> If you know of anyone who could benefit from this scholarship, please encourage her to visit the branch website and get all the information about the scholarship, along with the application.

> > ~Pat Belk.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Sarah Osborne

For the last 20 years Sarah has been working at Esri, but prior to that she lived in Syracuse, NY, and Northern Virginia. She grew up in Reno, attended the University of Idaho, and earned her Master's in Environmental Science and Forestry from SUNY. She has known about AAUW for a "long time" and has a special interest in our STEM program because she "would love to see the next generation of girls embrace the sciences and tech in their careers."

Lorraine Enriquez

Lorraine is originally from Colton and comes from a family of 10 (9 girls and 1 boy). She has been a self-employed independent insurance agent for 16 years and has lived and worked in Redlands since 2008. Lorraine enjoys reading, art, walking, swimming, and politics. She feels that AAUW is a nice fit for her because it offers community involvement and new friendships.

<u>Marjorie Stein</u>

Raised in Boston, Marjorie relocated from Ohio four years ago, which happily got her much nearer to her daughter who lives in Santa Monica. Currently she works with women through social services and is a Field Instructor for MSW students at various local colleges. Women's education is a top priority for her, which is what sparked her interest in joining AAUW and contributing to our mission. When not working, Marjorie likes to read, hike with her husband, and explore Southern California.

<u>Tabetha Wittenmeyer</u>

A resident of Redlands, Tabetha is also a journalist, a social media consultant, and a mother of three young girls. When not otherwise occupied (see: three young girls), she teaches yoga as an Adjunct Professor at Crafton Hills College.

Hester Turpin

Another transplant from Ohio—Lancaster, OH, to be precise—Hester and her family moved to California 29 years ago. As a graduate of Northwestern, she has taught elementary school in Illinois, Wisconsin, Ohio, and in Colton, CA, along with teaching at CSU San Bernardino. Her avocation is collecting antiques, especially Victorian, and she has a dedicated space at *Back In Time* on Redlands Blvd.

<u>Diana Haberkorn</u>

Diana moved to Redlands 20 years ago because it seemed like such a great place to raise children. She works at Esri but relaxes by gardening, hiking, and baking.



Eileen Sanborn

For 40 years Eileen has resided in Redlands, and for 28 of those years she's taught in the Redlands Unified School District. Her special interests and hobbies include reading, politics, great conversations, cooking, travel, Bunko, cards, and walking.

Cecelia (Cid) Breyer

Cid was born and raised in Redlands, has four children, has four grandchildren, and taught 4th grade at Kimberly Elementary for 20 years. She plays the piano and loves to cook, garden, sew, and read.

~Viktoria Norberg





International Affairs Luncheons

The International Affairs interest group gives us an opportunity to meet and greet people from foreign



countries and listen to their impressions of their lifestyles while enjoying a delicious lunch at the University of Redlands.

Our first meeting will be October 23, 2018. Make reservations by noon Saturday, October 19.

~Dorothy Richardson

Reading and the Rainbow

Book: *The Vegetarian* by Han Kung Thursday, October 25, 2018 Reservations are not required 1 PM host: Adriane Gram 7 PM host: Ellen Schollenberger *The Vegetarian* is a darkly

allegorical, Kafkaesque tale of power, obsession, and one woman's struggle to break free from the violence both outside and within her.



~Adriane Gram and Jeanne Shevlin



25th Annual Footlighters Theater Event—Thursday, October 18

Join us at the Footlighters Theater event to celebrate our silver anniversary and enjoy the stylish and witty mystery *Murder By Natural Causes*.

It combines laughter with thrills and delivers what mystery fans love most—taut suspense with an ingenious plot. Arthur Sinclair is a successful, worldfamous mentalist. His beautiful wife Allison plots his

murder for the commonest of all motives: greed. Her foolproof murder plan cannot possibly misfire as it's too skillfully inventive or is it? After all, her husband (as everyone knows) has psychic gifts. Is it possible Arthur can



read Allison's mind, thereby thwarting her plan? Just when the audience figures out what will happen next, there is an unexpected shock to complicate matters in an amusing but scary fashion. The mystery builds to an exciting climax where Arthur's gifts not only save his life but also create a devilish new puzzle that will keep you on the edge of your seat. It will take all your mental powers to solve this wildly clever and entertaining thriller.

Your ticket to the play and pre-performance reception featuring wine, delicious snacks, live music & door prizes is just \$30 (\$12 for Footlighters season ticket holders.) The festivities start at 6:30 PM, with curtain time at 8 PM. Tickets will be on sale at the October 3 branch meeting. \$30 Tickets are available on Eventbrite (at no extra fee). Please also consider donating a bottle or two of wine to be poured that evening (bring them to the October meeting), or contact Kathryn Brown or Kathy Toister and volunteer to help with this fun event.



October 2018

Readers 'r' Leaders

We Should All Be Feminists by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie is the book selected this year for reading by the

Branch membership. The book has been modified from a talk Adichie gave at a TEDxEuston in 2012, a yearly TED conference which focuses on Africa. The recipient of a MacArthur Fellowship, Adichie divides her time between the United States and Nigeria, her place of birth.



might even describe it as "manifesto sized"), totaling 48 pages. It can be read in one sitting but hopefully will be thought about and talked about among our members for much longer than it takes to read.

~Viktoria Norberg

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Thank You from Our High School Scholarship Recipient



TAMARA ROCHA

Dear Miss Patty Ahuarn,

Sincerely,

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I want to thank you and all the people working at the AAUW Redlands Branch on behalf of my scholarship. I will be continiting my education at the University of San Diego. I will pursue a major in Communication studies, which will lead me to a career in public relations where I ran then work for an organization like AAUW. Thank you so much for choosing me, its an honor and I feel extremely blessed to be this years recipient.

AAUW STEM REDLANDS BRANCH
25th Anniversary
Wednesday, October 3 rd , 5:30 p.m. University of Redlands Casa Loma Room Our October Branch Dinner meeting will be a Celebration of 25 Years of STEM and YOU are invited! Advanced reservations are required for this event. Premium tickets include wine and a commemorative item.
Name:
Email address:(for reservation confirmation)
Reservation for: \$35 premium ticket \$200 per Table (6 premium seats) \$22 branch members only (dinner only; no wine or commemorative item)
List names of those attending:
I cannot attend. My donation ofto AAUW Redlands Branch in honor of 25 years of STEM is enclosed.
Please RSVP before September 15 th . All premium tickets must be paid in advance. Please send your check to AAUW Redlands Branch STEM Celebration, PO Box 11883, Redlands, CA 92423

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1. You can shop on either the Amazon or Amazon Smile website, BUT you must purchase your items at the Amazon Smile website. Regular Amazon or the mobile apps for Android or Iphone do not connect with the Smile donations. The Smile website is maintained by Amazon, and your regular login works. The address is: <u>https://smile.amazon.com/</u>

2. Sign in using your regular Amazon username and password. Notice that your cart, shipping addresses, and payment information are all identical to your regular Amazon account. You should notice that the Amazon logo in the corner says Amazon Smile.

3. Choose your charity. The first time you login, Amazon Smile will prompt you to select a charity. Of course, Redlands AAUW is a great one to choose! If you have previously chosen a charity and would like to change, hover over **supporting**, and notice that there is a link to change the charity. This page is cool because it also shows how much your purchases have generated for the selected charity.

4. Search for items, place in cart and check out as usual. Your donation will be automatically calculated and applied.

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Becky Johnston, Communications Vice President



AAUW Redlands Interest Groups—September Meeting



Hospitality Committee









YMCA Holiday Home Tour







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September Meeting

