

Branches and Twigs

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The President's Corner – Toni Momberger

This is a month for being thankful.

Here's what I've got, in no particular order:

- I'm thankful for our interest groups. From the thought-provoking and educational to the social and fun, they strengthen our sense of family with one another.
- I'm thankful for the people who make and donate goods to the boutique, which will be going during this month's meeting, to benefit the Nancy Yowell Scholarship Fund.
- I'm thankful for the visionary members who came before me. Their ideas were good ones, and they built an identity for AAUW and for the Redlands branch of strong leadership and effective programs.
- I'm thankful for our interesting speakers and the members who gather to hear them.
- I'm thankful to the University of Redlands for donating the Casa Loma Room every month for our branch meetings.
- I'm thankful for open minds, generous donors, bipartisan teamwork, and retirees committed to staying engaged.
- I'm thankful for, and particularly proud of, our mission-based projects and how powerfully they inspire female students.
- I'm thankful for the millennial generation's perspective on activism and women's issues of today.
- I'm thankful for the wisdom and experience of long-time members.
- I'm thankful for our thoughtful board and the time they give.
- I'm thankful for the members who, over the years, have reached out to me both in celebration and when I need comfort -- more than any other group in my personal community.

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November Branch Meeting: ***Girl's Court: A Collaborative Approach to Victims of Human Trafficking***

Speakers Karen Martinez and Gabriella Tokatlian, one a Deputy District Attorney and one a Deputy Public Defender for San Bernardino County, will describe how they work together within the juvenile criminal court system to identify and focus on improving the futures of girls who are known to be or are at-risk of becoming victims of traffickers. Their mission is to give girls a chance at escaping or avoiding the Human Trafficking lifestyle.

Karen, who in 2012 began her successful campaign to establish the San Bernardino County Girl's Court Program, has prosecuted crimes of all types but found a specialty working with child victims of molestation and abuse, as well as victims of domestic violence, is a 1987 graduate of University of San Diego School of Law. Gabriella is a 2014 graduate of Pepperdine University School of Law.

~Kathryn Brown



November Branch Meeting

When

Wednesday,
November 7, 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; carrot
cake, coffee/tea

Cost

Members and guests: \$22


Reservations

The reservation deadline
for the November 7th
meeting is Wednesday,
October 31, 2018.
Please call 909-362-4955
or email
rsvpmeeting@aaupw-
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 p.m. Chairs will
be available.**

Branch Meetings: 2018-2019

Saturday, 12/1 brunch
Wednesday, 1/9 dinner
Saturday, 2/2 brunch
Saturday, 3/2 brunch
4/3, 5/4, 6/1

				November 2018		
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Wednesday, October 31 RESERATION DEADLINE for NOV 7th DINNER				1 7pm New Member Coffee & Dessert	2	3 9am STEM Redlands Mtg.
4 6pm California Cuisine 1	5	6 	7 5:30pm Branch Mtg. & Scholarship Boutique	8	9	10
11	12	13 9am CHAT	14 9:30am <u>PASS area STEM Mtg.</u> Noon <u>I Am, Therefore I Think</u> 7pm Public Policy	15 1pm & 7pm Reading and the Rainbow	16	17
18 5:30pm California Cuisine 2	19 6:30pm Board Meeting	20	21	22 HAPPY THANKS- GIVING	23	24
25	26	27 11am International Affairs	28 1pm Bunco	Save the dates Sunday, December 2 YMCA Holiday Home Tour Thursday, January 8 PASS STEM Conference Tuesday, March 5 REDLANDS STEM Conference		
<u>AAUW Redlands Board Meeting</u> 11/19 6:30pm Redlands United Church of Christ, 168 Bellevue Ave, Redlands <i>~Toni Momberger</i> <u>Bridge</u> Contact coordinator for established bridge groups. <u>Bunco</u> 11/28 1pm <i>~Barbara Krause</i> <u>California Cuisine and Conversation 1</u> 11/4 pm host & address will be sent by email <i>~Pamela Ong</i> <u>California Cuisine and Conversation 2</u> 11/18 5:30pm <i>~Patty Ahearn</i> <u>CHAT meeting</u> 11/13 9am 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. <i>~Katherine Gifford 798-7565</i> <i>literacy@akspl.org</i> <u>I Am, Therefore I Think</u> 11/14 Noon "Staving off Dementia". Facilitator: Linda Richards 12-2 pm (12-12:30 informal brown bag lunch) Trinity Episcopal Church Lounge (Rm 6-8) 419 South 4th St, Redlands. <i>~ Ellen Schollenberger</i> <i>& Sharlene Lund</i>				<u>International Affairs</u> 11/27 11am University Club. Lunch served 11:30am \$20 includes tax and gratuity . Reservation by noon 11/23 to <i>Marie Mitchell.</i> <u>New Member Coffee and Dessert</u> 11/1 7pm 1136 Kimberly Pl, Redlands <i>~RSVP Erica Wilson</i> <u>Public Policy</u> 11/14 7pm 1368 Prospect Dr. Redlands <i>~Dianne Landeros</i> <u>Reading and Rainbow</u> 11/15 <u>The Namesake</u> by Jhumpa Lahiri 1pm host Linda Richards & 7pm host Amber Costa Reservations are not required. <i>~Jeanne Shevlin</i> <i>& Adriane Gram</i> <u>STEM Conference, Pass Area</u> 11/14 9:30am Committee meeting 734 Serpentine Dr, Redlands <i>Conference date: January 8, 2019</i> <i>~Marilyn Shankar</i> <u>STEM Conference, Redlands</u> 11/3 9 am Committee meeting at Heather's home. <i>Conference date: Tuesday, March 5, 2019</i> <i>~Heather Abushanab</i>		

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 **December newsletter** will be **November 5th**. Send your articles to the editor via email to news@aauw-redlands-ca.org or by mail to Paula Ferri-Milligan

The President's Corner – Toni Momberger *continued*

- I'm thankful for the veterans and veterans' family members among us, whose service we honor on the 11th but appreciate always.
 - And I'm thankful to be the face and voice of this branch this year, an honor among the top for me.
- Onward with gratitude for all the good things.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Kellie Byward was referred to us by her mother Johanne Dyerly, a member since 2012. Kellie grew up in Yucaipa. She went to college at Loyola Marymount, where she majored in math and got her law degree from Hastings Law School. She is currently a Public Defender.

Kelsey Gormley is a Yucaipa resident and mother of two. She is a distance runner and professional in the energy efficiency/renewable energy field. She is particularly interested in participating in the STEM conference.

Brittany Hagen has lived in Redlands for 13 years. She graduated from the U of R with a degree in Environmental Science and currently works as an Environmental Analyst. She is involved with the Redlands Conservancy. She is a member of the Assistance League and the SB Audubon Society. She loves to cook and to be outdoors, and she joined AAUW to make new friends and meet strong, smart women.

Elizabeth Shilling is a California native but has lived in Canada, New England, and France. She is an Equine Veterinarian and is currently teaching Equine Dentistry at Western University of Health Sciences.

Geraldine Stahly is a returning member of AAUW. She is a retired professor of psychology at Cal State University San Bernardino, where she taught Social Psychology and Women's Studies. Her focus of research was on issues surrounding Domestic Violence. She spoke to AAUW several years ago on the topic of Domestic Violence. She remains passionate about the issue of sexual violence toward women. She is interested in the Public Policy Group and, as an avid reader, in the Reading and the Rainbow group. Welcome back to AAUW, Geri.

Susan Wong was born, and grew up, in Riverside, and received her BS from UC Riverside. She is a recently retired Clinical Lab Scientist. She has lived in Redlands for 37 years and has two grown children. Her daughter attended the STEM conference as an 8th grader from Moore Middle School. She enjoys traveling, reading, knitting, and quilting, and says she's interested in AAUW because of all the important work we do for the community,

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR YEARBOOK**Welcome**

Kellie Byward
Brittany Hagen
Caroline McAllister
Geraldine Stahly

Hospitality Committee

New Members Mentor Program--



The fifteen new members who recently joined our branch will be receiving a call from a mentor, a seasoned member who will welcome them and assist with any questions about our branch or AAUW. If you would like to become a mentor, please contact Kathy Toister or Margee Fuller about our Mentor Program.



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 – 1:00 pm and 12:45- 4:45 pm. It is a wonderful way to assist the YMCA with their big fund raiser. 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 court paperwork and setting up court appearance dates; she then 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 November meeting, or you can email me your name, phone number, and which shift you would like to work.

~Ann Leonard and Linda Browning, Co-Chairs



join us

AAUW New Member Coffee and Dessert

Thursday, November 1 at 7 p.m.
1136 Kimberly Place, Redlands
RSVP Erica Wilson, Membership VP

2018-19 AAUW Membership Come One, Come All! The Competition is ON!

National is once again running the "Shape the Future Membership Campaign," which gives a discounted membership to first-year members who sign up at a branch meeting. The campaign also allows our branch to earn up to three free national memberships for the 2018-19 membership year. You have a chance of winning one just by inviting a guest to a branch meeting! The more people you invite who join, the better your odds of winning. The competition will be conducted throughout the year, and free memberships will be awarded in the following way:

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

1 – awarded to the 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 **BOUTIQUE!!!** is Here!!! *Holiday* **Craft Fair**

November is the first meeting to display our **Holiday Boutique**, and we are excited to show you all the crafty items our team has created for this year. Please be sure to come to the November meeting and help us to raise money for the **Nancy Yowell Memorial Scholarship**, which helps women who are returning to school after a break in their education.



Many of our members have been creating items over the summer and fall and donating them to the boutique. We should have something for everyone. Lots of items perfect for stocking stuffers, neighbor gifts, your favorite hairdresser/manicurist, or even for yourself will be available, so join us for some fun shopping. Homemade goodies will be there, too!

If you have something to donate to the boutique, you are welcome to drop it off to me before October 25, or you can bring it to the meeting (Bring it by 4:45, so we can be sure to display it.).

By the way, if you have things to donate, you may bring them (a little early) before the meeting. If you have them ready, you may drop them off to me between October 10th and the 24th. Of course, food items should be brought directly to the boutique.

Thanking you in advance for your contributions



Hospitality Birthday Club

We are wishing these ladies a very **Happy Birthday** in the month of November. Hopefully, you will join us at the branch meeting, so we can celebrate in person with you, and you can pick up your birthday present!



Mary Blickensderfer
Brittany Hagen
Diane Landeros
Sande Meith-Rash
Kate Pretorius
Marilyn Shankar
Meena Spangrud
Sue Young

Shelley Bodnar
Jane Henry
Caroline McAllister
Sarah Osborne
Susan Sechrist
Shrddha Singhi
Leslie Trainor

P.S. If we missed you or you are new, please let us know so we can get you on the list!

~Pat Belk & Barbara Krause



Happy Birthday to our October ladies who attended the meeting. Susan Bentley, Ellen Cope, Elisa Cortez, Amber Costa, Debbie Seibly, Karen Skoog, and Patricia Stubbs

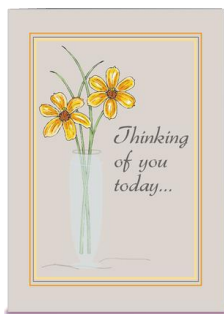
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and participation.

~Pat Belk

## 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

## What is AmazonSmile?

Did you know that Amazon will automatically donate .5% of your purchases to your favorite charity? The Amazon Smile program allows all Amazon purchasers, both regular and Prime, to designate a charity for their donation. AAUW Redlands is one of the charities you can support. For information on how to sign up, please click on <https://redlands-ca.aauw.net/amazon-smile/>



## Pass STEM Conference

We are ramping up for another successful STEM Conference. The keynote speaker will again be the dynamic Amber Price. We are finalizing the speakers, and the student applications will be in the girls' hands by the time you read this.



The conference will be held at Mt. San Jacinto College on Thursday, January 8, 2019. We are still in need of volunteers to help on the day as hosts and guides. If you are interested please call me.

~Marilyn Shankar Co-Chair



## Getting to Know Marie Mitchell

### Our President-Elect

My name is Marie Mitchell, and I'm your President elect for 2018-2019.

I wanted to teach for as long as I can remember. After fulfilling that dream as an elementary school teacher for 37 years, I reluctantly retired.

The first year that I found myself with time on my hands, I volunteered for the Redlands Shakespeare Festival at the Redlands Bowl and was thrilled to be given a small speaking part in Macbeth. I met Dorothy Richardson while we were both helping at a fund raiser for the Festival. Dorothy was sure that I would love AAUW and insisted I join. She was right. I have loved every minute of my 10 years as a member.

In addition to AAUW, I am also an associate member of the Assistance League of Redlands and thoroughly enjoy helping in all their philanthropic activities, such as the Thrift Store, the Fall Tea, and the Camellia Luncheon.

I am very lucky to still have my mom, who turned 98 last June, and her zest for life has never diminished. My husband, Bob, and I are also kept on the run by our two younger granddaughters, whose boundless energy never ceases to amaze us!

I'm looking forward to an exciting year as President Elect and feel very honored to be given this opportunity.

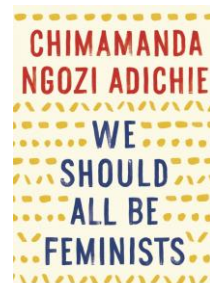


## Readers 'r' Leaders

*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.

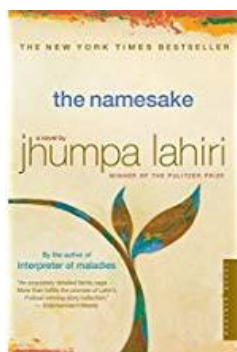
This is a very little book (one might even describe it as "manifesto sized"), totaling 48 pages. It can be read in one sitting but hopefully will be thought about and talked about among our members for much longer than it takes to read.

~Viktoria Norberg





## Reading and the Rainbow



The Namesake is the story of a boy brought up Indian in America.

A portrait of the immigrant experience follows the Ganguli family from their traditional life in India through their arrival in Massachusetts in the late 1960s and their difficult melding into an American way of life.

The meetings are on Thursday, November 15th. This is the third Thursday of the month of November, not our usual fourth Thursday of the month meeting time.

Reservations are not required.

1pm host Linda Richards & 7pm host Amber Costa  
~Jeanne Shevlin & Adriane Gram

"Reading is the sole means by which we slip, involuntarily, often helplessly, into another's skin, another's voice, another's soul." *Joyce Carol Oates*

## International Affairs

### *Our Theme: Life Outside the United States*

Our guest speaker, Ava, will tell us what life was like in Kazakhstan when it was part of the Russian Empire.

Tuesday, November 27 at 11 a.m.  
University Club--Price \$20 and you can choose your own lunch.

Make reservations with Marie Mitchell by noon on November 23.  
Reservations required

~Dorothy Richardson



## College/University Partnership Supports Voter Registration

At the Crafton Hills College Club Rush Day at the end of September, our team was invited to assist and was successful in helping students register to vote their first time. We were fortunate to share a table with the Student Senate who actually helped us by speaking to students in the Quad and bringing them to us for Voter Registration. Students had the choice of going online or completing the form, and most wanted to use computers, including their own phones. We estimate helping at least a dozen total between those who completed paper applications, those who completed online, and those who stated they would complete prior to the election in November.

Next to us was the "Truth" group who had a DJ, and there was loud music playing most of the time; the result was we were not able to promote many other agendas we hoped to present: NCCWSL Scholarships, Equal Pay Matters, Student Membership in AAUW, etc. However, the DJ promoted voter registration for us, the sun was shining, and we met many people and reached out whenever we could. Thank you to our team for their wonderful outreach this day: Elisa Cortez, Amber Costa, and Ellen Cope.

It was a very successful day as these ladies walked to each booth to elicit those who needed to register and walked them back to the table. Some of the young women showed interest in NCCWSL Scholarships and will follow up with Dr. Ericka Paddock, our C/U Representative on Campus at CHC. Others expressed an interest in student membership and were shown how to register as a student member of a C/U partner school meaning they will have a no cost membership

~Sharon Bealer, Committee Member



# MISSION & ACTION

## AAUW California Fund Luncheon

The AAUW Fund Luncheon was held in Seal Beach on Sunday, October 13, 2018. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet a number of Fellowship and Grant recipients studying in California colleges and universities.

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



### October 3rd Program: 25 Years of STEM!

