

# Branches and Twigs

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## The President's Corner – Toni Momberger

In December of 2017, people said “2018 will be the year of women.”

“When the crystal ball drops in Times Square, New York City, this New Year’s Eve, the person ushering in 2018 may be a herald of a bright year to come (for gender equality),” wrote *Global Citizen*.

This was based, I believe, not as much on signs we were on the cusp of great advancement or breakthroughs but on the tragedy for women that was 2017.

As we begin 2019, let’s check on whether this oft-made prediction came true. (Weren’t 1820, 1984, 1992, and 2016 also years of the woman?)

Certainly, the #MeToo movement has many in power minding their behavior.

Certainly, many women have felt emboldened by the general tone of gender-related conversation in 2018. We more than persisted; we asserted.

And certainly, the swell in numbers of women candidates for political office (and of those elected) is the big story. Women had a bigger piece of this election than in any other election in American history.

“Parity for women in politics is being rightfully reframed as an essential component of a reflective democracy, and the need for women’s input and voices in government has never been more clear” wrote Marianne Schnall (author of “Conversations About Women, Leadership and Power”), and many felt.

The 2018 election results will have a big impact. In 1992’s Year of the Woman, when we about doubled the number of women in Congress, several initiatives promoted by women were passed, particularly related to health and family, the standout of which was the Violence Against Women Act.

But did 2018 live up to its overused label?

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## January Branch Meeting

### ***“Maps as Artistic Pathways to Societal Solutions”***

Esri chief scientist Dawn J. Wright is a woman of national renown in the fields of geography and oceanography and a strong advocate of STEM and science education. Educated at Wheaton College, Texas A&M, and UCSB, she has been a seagoing marine technician, a professor of geography and oceanography, a published researcher, possesses multiple awards for her work, and has played a critical role in creating the first GIS data model for the oceans and the strengthening of the scientific foundation for Esri software. ~Sherri Kinsey



## January Branch Meeting

**When** Wednesday  
January 9, 2019  
Social & dinner 5:30 p.m.  
Program 6:00 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 January 9 meeting is Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

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 6:00 p.m. Chairs will be available.**

## ***Branch Meetings 2018-2019***

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

				January 2019		
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>Wednesday, January 2 RESERVATION</b> <b>DEADLINE for JANUARY 9 meeting</b>					
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 PASS STEM CONFERENCE 7pm Named Gift Honoree	9 <b>5:30 pm Branch Meeting</b>	10	11	12 9 am STEM Redlands Mtg.
13	14 6:30 pm Board Mtg.	15 6 pm CHAT	16 9:30 am PASS .....STEM Mtg..... Noon I Am, Therefore I Think	17	18	19
20 5:30 pm California Cuisine 2	21	22 11am International ... Affairs..... 6 pm Adult Literacy Tutor Orientation	23 1 pm Bunko	24 1 pm & 7 pm Reading & Rainbow	25	26
27	29	29 11 am-2:30 pm & 5 pm-9 pm Flyer Fundraiser at Benjarong	30 6 pm Speech Trek Contest	31 <b>Save the Dates</b> <b>Thurs., Feb. 21, Bridge Scramble</b> <b>Tues., Mar. 5, Redlands STEM Conf.</b> <b>Mon. &amp; Wed., Mar., Great Decisions</b> <b>Fri., Apr. 12, LUNAFEST</b>		
<b>AAUW Redlands Board Meeting</b> 1/14 6:30 pm Redlands United Church of Christ, 168 Bellevue Ave, Redlands ~Toni Momberger <b>Adult Literacy Tutor Orientation</b> 1/22 6 pm. Smiley Library Assembly Room, 125 W. Vine ~Diane Shimota, <a href="mailto:literacy@akspl.org">literacy@akspl.org</a> 798-7565 ext. 4138 <b>Bridge</b> Contact coordinator for established bridge groups. ~Louise Schumann <b>Bunko</b> 1/23 1 pm ~Barbara Krause <b>California Cuisine and Conversation 1</b> Information regarding the January get together will be emailed. ~Pamela Ong <b>California Cuisine and Conversation 2</b> 1/20 5:30 pm ~Patty Ahearn <b>CHAT</b> 1/15 6 pm Smiley Library Assembly Room. ~Katherine Gifford 798-7565 <a href="mailto:literacy@akspl.org">literacy@akspl.org</a> <b>Flyer Fundraiser at Benjarong Thai Cuisine</b> (page 6) 1/29 11 am-2:30 pm & 5 pm-9 pm / <b>coupon attached</b> 1001 W. Park Ave, Redlands ~Kathryn Brown <b>I Am, Therefore I Think</b> 1/16 "I Am Jane, Therefore I Think" Jane Roberts 12 -2 pm (12-12:30 informal brown bag lunch) Trinity Episcopal Church			<b>I Am, Therefore I Think-continued</b> ~Ellen Schollenberger & Sharlene Lund <b>International Affairs</b> (page 9) 1/22 11 am University Club Lunch served 11:15 am \$20, includes tax and gratuity. Reservation by noon 1/18 to Dorothy Richardson <b>Named Gift Honoree meeting</b> (page 5) 1/8 7pm @ Margee Fuller's home <b>Reading and Rainbow</b> (page 6) 1/24 Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance 1 pm host Del Barrett, 7 pm host Kathy Toister. Reservations are not required. ~Jeanne Shevlin & Adriane Gram <b>Speech Trek Contest</b> (page 9) 1/30 6 pm Citrus Valley High School, Room A114 ~Patty Ahearn <b>STEM Conference, Pass</b> (page 6) 1/8 Conference at Mt. San Jacinto College 1/16 Committee meeting @ Marilyn's home ~Marilyn Shankar <b>STEM Conference, Redlands</b> (page 7) 1/12 9 am Committee meeting @ Heather's home. Conference Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 ~Heather Abushanab			
<b>B&amp;T Submission:</b> The deadline for the <b>February newsletter</b> will be <b>January 5th</b> . Send your articles to the editor via email to <a href="mailto:news@aauw-redlands-ca.org">news@aauw-redlands-ca.org</a> or by email to Paula Ferri-Milligan.						

## The President's Corner – Toni Momberger (*continued*)

But did 2018 live up to its overused label?

Women's advancement in the workplace was declared stalled (according to a McKinsey [study](#)).

Despite a majority perception that women are better than men at many leadership skills, the Pew Research Center [found](#) that in 2018 the major barrier to female leadership in business and elsewhere was the fact that women have to do more to prove themselves.

We came within one vote of ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment but are still where we were on Dec. 31, 2017.

And let's look at the much-celebrated election of 2018.

In 1992, as I mentioned, we nearly doubled the number of women in Congress -- to 10 percent. This year we hit around 30 percent. More than half of the population is female, but we are far from the 50 percent mark in political representation.

It says a lot about how we all perceive women, too, because 10 million more women than men are registered to vote.

Pay and policy inequities are still rampant, and we have made zero movement reducing gender violence. (But I hope having more women in office will create strides here.)

I'm sitting here wondering if the prediction was accurate and deciding I resent the prediction.

Let's stop declaring years the Year of the Woman as if we A) are entitled only to little slices of history here and there and B) are going to see an abrupt end to gender issues.

We had a great year.

Things keep getting better -- because of the kind of work our branch does, funding legal support for gender discrimination, helping women afford education, serving as role models, exposing girls to STEM-related careers, talking about today's gender issues, and supporting one another in our quest to empower others.

There's a road ahead still, and we will likely suffer setbacks as we march on it, but we've come a long way baby, and we've earned the right to rest for a minute and raise our glasses in celebration.

Here's to you, AAUW Redlands sisters, keeping on in the right direction year after year!

Onward in progress.

### **Award Spotlight: Congratulations to Dianne Landeros**

On October 20, AAUW Redlands Branch member and Public Policy Chairwoman Dianne Landeros was named the Latina of the Year by the Northside Impact Committee at a banquet ceremony in the Orton Center at the University of Redlands.

Landeros was introduced by her daughter, AAUW Redlands Branch president Toni Momberger, in a speech that highlighted Dianne's many accomplishments, areas of activism, and biography.

Did you know Landeros, 72, has been a member of her church choir since she was nine-years-old?

Momberger, who currently serves as a Redlands Councilwoman, said her mother raised her to believe that silence is complicity and that action is better than complaint.

She said that for a time Landeros was a single mom, working three jobs, and going to college. She later juggled family and career, but there was always a home-cooked meal on the dinner table.

Northside Impact Committee founder Eddie Flores said the vote was unanimous to recognize Landeros for, in part, being a founder of Step-by-Step -- a group that helped parolees transition successfully to become contributing community members; helping found and run the Redlands Good Neighbor Coalition -- which worked to support local small businesses; opening her home and providing lunch every week for discussions on community issues; serving on the boards of Planned Parenthood and its Foundation; and twice being named Democrat of the Year for her district at state party conventions.

Landeros' [acceptance speech](#) was about her parents who taught her to be proud of her Mexican heritage. She said they were inspirational role models who said her actions reflected on all Mexicans, so she must behave always with integrity. And she talked about how being a third-generation Redlander influenced the woman she became. "I believe our strong sense of community is truly extraordinary," she said. "We are proud of our town and feel that we have a stake in what happens here. When there is a need, we step up, join together, and get to work, and we honor our culture and our history."

~Toni Momberger





## The Competition is ON!

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

This year's membership recruitment competition is not only ON, but it is coming into the home stretch! The prize is a free national membership for 2019-20. The competition will continue all year. So far, 25 of our members (list below) have participated in the competition by inviting a friend to a branch meeting.



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

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.

		guest at meeting	new member
Heather	Abushanab	4	
Susan	Bangasser	1	
Sheron	Bealer	2	
Antoinette	Brenion	1	
Kathryn	Brown	1	1
Amber	Costa	2	1
Kay	Dobbertin	6	3
Johanne	Dyerly	1	1
Patricia	Estrada	1	
Yvette	Guidry	2	1
Joyce	Heitmeier	1	
Dianne	Landeros	2	2
Cassie	MacDuff	1	1
Susan	Miller	1	1
Toni	Momberger	3	2
Ruth	Morvay	1	
Viktoria	Norberg	1	1
Dorothy	Nordquist	1	
Pamela	Ong	2	1
Linda	Richards	1	
Dawn	Romo	1	1
Meena	Spangrud	5	2
Kathy	Warren	2	
Erica	Wilson	2	1
Kipi	Wilson-Lee	1	

## Condolences

In sympathy and friendship, we send our condolences to Kathy Toister on the death of her brother.



## Hospitality Birthday Club

**Happy Birthday to All!** This month we will celebrate not only our January birthdays but also those in July. We do this because we don't meet in July or August, and we don't want to leave anyone out. So please join us for our double celebration at the January branch meeting. And just so you don't think I've lost it, we will have July decorations for the tables just for a change of pace.



### January Birthdays:

Nancy Alexander  
Sheron Bealer  
Rachel Bentley  
Kim Fisher  
Catherine Glover  
Rosa Gomez

Stephanie Harlan  
Jessie Powell  
Laura Ruml  
Susan Satzger  
Bev Woolverton

### July Birthdays:

Judy Adams  
Linda Adams  
Kellie Byward  
Hazel Curtis  
Sue Ferguson  
Yvette Guidry  
Heidi Hutchinson  
Rebecca Johnston  
Ann Leonard  
Sharlene Lund

Ruth Morvay  
Victoria Norberg  
Pam Ong  
Barbara Pike  
Catherine Schilling  
Barbara Simmons  
Denise Spencer  
Anne Viricel  
Rebecca Warren-Marlatt  
Susan Wong



~Pat Belk

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER:

### Sharen Wilber



Sharen has lived in Redlands for six years, which reminds her of her childhood hometown of Oak Park, Illinois (suburb of Chicago).

She is a retired Oncology Nurse Practitioner from the Veterans Administration, Loma Linda. She loves most sports, reading, theater and concerts.

## PLEASE UPDATE YOUR YEARBOOK

Sharen Wilbur

MSN Cal State Dominguez Hills

## Named Gift Honoree Selection



All previously awarded Named Gift Honorees are invited to meet on Tuesday, January 8 at 7:00 P.M. at Margee Fuller's home. The meeting is to select Named Gift Honorees for 2019. We will honor the recipients at our February 2019 branch meeting. This is a very special award for individual branch members who have done outstanding work in supporting our programs and goals. Our previously recognized Named Gift Honorees are listed in your yearbook, so if your name is there, your participation in this meeting will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

*~Margee Fuller, Chair Named Gift Honoree & Program Coordinator*



## 2019-20 Meeting Night

The results of the December 2018 vote to determine whether our upcoming 2019-20 monthly mid-week meetings will be held on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings are in and members prefer Tuesday evenings by a significant majority. The first Tuesday meeting next year will be held October 1, 2019. Thanks to all who let us know their preference!

## Lunafest—Save the Date!



**Friday,  
April 12th,  
2019**

## December Birthdays



*Helen Webb,  
Marie Mitchell,  
Sarah Van Tassell,  
Dorothy Nordquist*



## Coming Soon!

### Annual Bridge Scramble

Our annual Bridge Scramble is coming in February, so mark your calendars for February 21. We will be moving to a new location, but that



should be the only change. I will be sending out flyers later in December with all the details, and I will put the info in next month's Branches and Twigs, too. Proceeds from the scramble will also go to the NYM Scholarship, so plan to come and bring your friends! We promise you a yummy lunch and lots of fun.

*~Pat Belk*





## PASS STEM Conference Tuesday, January 8, 2019



AAUW STEM  
REDLANDS BRANCH

Kate Pretorius  
and I received a  
\$2400 check  
from Laura May  
Stewart



Foundation to be  
used to support the Pass Area STEM  
Conference.



The Pass STEM conference is almost here, Tuesday, January 8, but if you would like to help out on that day, please call or text me (909-771-8176).

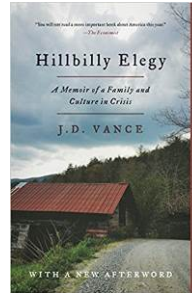
Next up is selecting girls for Tech Trek. There is lots to do for that, and I would love to have you be part of this exciting opportunity for young girls.

~Marilyn Shankar

## Bunco Group



## Reading and the Rainbow



*Hillbilly Elegy* by J. D. Vance depicts a young man raised in Appalachia but grows to attend an Ivy League school.

Thursday, January 24th

1 PM host: Del Barrett

7 PM host: Kathy Toister

Reservations are not required.



~ Adriane Gram  
and Jeanne  
Shevlin



## Time for Thai!

On Tuesday, January 29, join your AAUW friends for a meal at **Benjarong**, Redlands premier Thai restaurant. A portion of ALL sales that day will be donated by Benjarong to support our AAUW Redlands branch. Benjarong is located at 1001 Park Avenue (at the corner of New York Street, off Redlands Blvd.) in Redlands. Lunch is served 11 AM-2:30; dinner is served 5 PM- 9. Reservations are recommended

(909-792-3233

IMPORTANT: You must bring the "Flyer" (attached at the end of this Newsletter), and show it to your server in order for the AAUW benefit to apply.



[www.thebenjarong.com](http://www.thebenjarong.com)



## Redlands STEM Conference

**Tuesday,  
March 5th  
There is still  
time to get involved!**



- **Guides and Hosts** are still needed. Sign up with Ellen Schollenberger to be a **host** or with Linda Browning to be a **guide**
- **Host Walk Throughs:** Saturday, February 23 at 9am & Thursday, February 28 at 3:30 pm. Meet in the Casa Loma Room at University of Redlands.
- **Packets Assembly:** Saturday, February 23 at 9am @ University Methodist Church (940 East Colton Ave)
- **Luncheon Reservations:** Contact Heather to make a reservation. Luncheon price will be determined soon. Reservation deadline is mid-February. **You must have a paid reservation in order to join us for lunch the day of the conference.**
- We are still accepting donations for the conference. Adopt-a-girl with a \$20 donation! Coupon on page 10.



~ Heather Abushanab,, Chair

## California Cuisine



## YMCA Holiday Home Tour Many Thanks!

Many thanks to the AAUW members that volunteered to serve as docents at the 51st YMCA Holiday Home Tour. What a pleasure it was to work with all of you!!!! We had over 30 AAUW

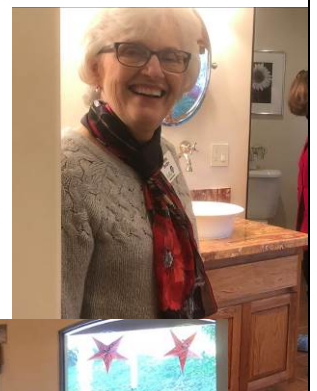


members (+ one gracious hubby) on our volunteer team. It was a lovely day inside and out. The Orland home was spectacular and Mother Nature cooperated, giving us perfect views and home tour weather.



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

~Sincerely, Linda Browning and Ann Leonard





## Holiday Boutique Thank You, Thank You!!

I want to thank all of our members who participated in our fund raiser boutique, whether you were a crafter, a shopper, or an organizer. It takes all of you to make us successful, and we were certainly that again this year. We raised over \$1800 toward the Nancy Yowell Memorial Scholarship, so that's a good start. It's always fun to see what our ladies will come up with for new items for sale. I'm never disappointed. If you have ideas for next year and would be willing to help out, please let me know. It's never too early to get started. ~Pat Belk



## December Branch Meeting





# 2019 Speech Trek

As chair of Speech Trek, I would like to invite all of the AAUW Redlands Branch members to be part of the audience to observe the contestants from our three local high schools.

The location of the event will be at Citrus Valley High on January 30, 2019, at 6:00 pm. The topic of the 5 to 6-minute speech is "How can we-- students, parents, faculty, our communities, and organizations, such as AAUW, eliminate violence aimed at our schools?" The students will be timed and judged by experienced Toastmasters. The Redlands branch winner will be awarded \$300.

The winning speech will be posted to YouTube for submission to the state competition. The top three branch winners in California will present their speeches at the AAUW State Convention on April 9, 2019, in San Diego. The state winner will receive a \$1500 award.

This is the 3rd year our Redlands Branch has participated in Speech Trek. Last year, Caroline Irving, the Redlands winner from Redlands East Valley High School competed at the AAUW State Convention and placed first. That makes our branch the defending champs. Please support this worthwhile project by planning on attending the Speech Trek Competition.

~Patty Ahearn, Chair

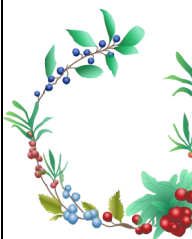


## International Relations Meeting

We have travelled far from Sir Lanka to Kazakhstan.

On January 22, 2019 we will adventure out to another part of our globe. Reservations are a must. Call Dorothy Richardson by noon January 18. Cost \$20 for lunch at the University

Club. Program 11:15 am.



## The 2019 Art Contest opens on January 8.

We hear about the gender gap all the time — in salary, in math and science fields, in leadership. But one of the most glaring and long-standing gaps is in the art world. For centuries women artists were unrecognized, unencouraged, or even discredited simply because they were not men.

Today, things have changed ... some. Still, as of 2012, only 4 percent of artists on display at the Metropolitan Museum were women. There remains just one major museum in the world dedicated solely to women artists. That's why we host an annual art contest to give women artists the equal attention they deserve.

The six winning entries will be featured in a collection of note cards mailed to AAUW members in the spring <https://www.aauw.org/contests/>



## Support our Redlands Branch STEM Initiatives

### Pass Area STEM Conference

### University of Redlands STEM Conference

### AAUW CA Tech Trek Scholarships for local girls

900 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls need your funding support to make our Pass Area and Redlands STEM Conferences a reality. You are invited to Adopt-a-Girl by covering the cost, \$20, for her to attend the conference. Adopt one, or adopt many! Together we can insure that girls in Banning, Beaumont, Redlands, and Yucaipa School Districts are well-informed and motivated as they enter high school and begin to plan for their future college and workplace careers. Money raised beyond what is needed for the conferences may be used to help send a 7<sup>th</sup> grade girl to Tech Trek this summer. We value and appreciate your donation so very much. Thank you! Want to help on conference day? Be sure we get your name on our Guide or Host list!

### STEM Initiatives Donation Coupon

#### Conference Dates:

**January 8, 2019, at Mt. San Jacinto**

**March 5, 2019, at U of Redlands – 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference!**

- ☐ Adopt a District \$4000
- ☐ Adopt a School \$2000
- ☐ Adopt a Treker \$1000
- ☐ Adopt a Class \$500
- ☐ Adopt a Dozen \$240
- ☐ Adopt a Girl \$20/girl



*Donations of \$100 or more will appear in the Conference Programs unless otherwise requested.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Send pledge/donation to: AAUW STEM Initiatives  
P.O. Box 11883  
Redlands, CA 92423**

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*Lumiere de Chanson*  
40-Member Choir from Citrus Valley High School--  
under the direction of Mrs. Kimberly Anaya

