

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



I'm noticing a recurring imperative from AAUW: Do not dismiss young people.

The average age of an AAUW member is 72. With so much intelligence and experience, we are a powerful force for building equity.

And there is a bright future for our organization if we can get youths to add their strengths to ours.

People 40 and younger grew up with the Internet and understand the do's and don'ts of social media. They may not fully understand how they walk on a road covered with glass shards that

used to be a ceiling.

In fact, the frames of reference are so different for today's youth than they were for me and my elders, that I will argue that a large part of our connotation of "youth" is invalid.

The youths of my generation were -- as a body -- less informed, less engaged, and less polarized than today's.

Today, arguments on all sides of current issues are ubiquitous. Research, footage and commentary are a swipe away and in our pockets. Information is more visual, and satirical editorial makes it more digestible for the everywoman.

It's both easier to be aware and harder to be apathetic.

Today's youth are also used to having an audience. They're not afraid of it.

When I was a youth, if we wanted an audience for our opinion, we had to get it in the newspaper -- and that was a big deal. I have heard fortysomethings and seniors say they're afraid to post a tweet. "Everyone can see it," they say with horror.

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February Branch Meeting

Named Gift Honorees

We proudly honor three branch members as Named Gift Honorees. These three women have made outstanding contributions to our branch. For every \$750 our branch donates to the AAUW Fund, we may designate a named gift honoree. We are pleased to give them special recognition.

AAUW Fund Fellowship/Grant Speaker

We are pleased to have Kathleen Riola as our speaker for our February 2nd branch meeting. She is a career development grant recipient working toward an M.S. in Design and Manufacturing in Mechanical Engineering. Kathleen is an engineer in the medical device industry. Her goal for the year is to advocate for accessible and affordable education, particularly for women and underserved communities."

Margee Fuller, AAUW Fund Program Coordinator



February Branch Meeting

When Saturday,
February 2, 2019
Social & Brunch
9:00 a.m.
Program 9:30 a.m.

Where

University of Redlands
CASA LOMA Room

Menu

Vegetarian Scramble:
plain scrambled eggs,
scrambled eggs with
mushrooms, green onions,
herbs, and red bell
peppers, bacon, home-
fried potatoes, sliced
seasonal fruit, assorted
breakfast pastries, creamy
butter, fruit preserves,
coffee/tea

Cost: Members and
guests: \$19

Reservations

The reservation deadline
for the February 2nd
meeting is Sunday,
January 27, 2019. Please
call 909-362-4955 or email
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
9:30 a.m. Chairs will
be available.**

Branch Meetings 2018-2019

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

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Reservation for FEB. 2	Jan 27 Deadline Brunch		January 30 6pm Speech Trek Contest		1	2 <u>9am Branch Mtg.</u>
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 6pm California Cuisine 1	11 6:30pm Board Mtg.	12	13	14 Happy Valentine's Day ♥♥	15	16 9am STEM Mtg.
17 5:30pm California Cuisine 2	18 	19 6pm CHAT	20 Noon I Am, Therefore I Think	21 10am-2:30pm Bridge Scramble	22	23 9:00am STEM walk through <u>@UofR</u> 9am STEM packet
24	25	26 11:15am International Affairs	27 1pm Bunko	28 1pm & 7pm <u>Reading & Rainbow</u> 3:30pm STEM walk through @ UofR	Save the dates	

AAUW Redlands Board Meeting
2/11 6:30 pm Redlands United Church of Christ,
168 Bellevue Ave, Redlands ~Toni Momberger

Bridge
Contact coordinator for established bridge groups.
~Louise Schumann

Bridge Scramble
2/21 ~Pat Belk

Bunko
2/27 1 pm ~Barbara Krause

California Cuisine and Conversation 1
2/10 Host & address will be sent by email
~Pamela Ong

California Cuisine and Conversation 2
2/17 5:30pm ~Patty Ahearn

CHAT meeting
2/19 6 pm Smiley Library Assembly room
~Katherine Gifford literacy@akspl.org

I Am, Therefore I Think
2/20 "Travel Tips" Booking, Packing, Tours Facilitator:
Dorothy Richardson 12 -2 pm (12-12:30 informal brown bag
lunch). Trinity Episcopal Church Lounge, 419 South 4th, Redlands
~Ellen Schollenberger & Sharlene Lund

First Week March, Mon & Wed, Great Decisions
Friday, April 12, LUNAFEST
Saturday, April 6 AAUW CA State annual
meeting, San Diego

International Affairs
2/26 University Club Lunch served 11:30am \$20 includes tax
and gratuity. Reservation by noon 2/22 to Dorothy Richardson

Reading and Rainbow
2/28 Persuasion by Jane Austin
1pm host Kay Dobbartin, 7pm host Adriane Gram
Reservations are not required.
~Jeanne Shevlin & Adriane Gram

Redlands STEM Conference
Conference: Tuesday, March 5, 2019
Committee Meeting: 2/16 Committee meeting Heather's
Walk Through: 2/23 9 am 2/28 & 3:30-4:30 pm
Packet Assembly: 2/23 @ 9 am
~Heather Abushanab

Speech Trek Contest
1/30 6pm Citrus Valley High School, Room A114
~Patty Ahearn

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 Brow, **Secretary:** Patricia
Stubbs, **Treasurer:** Hazel Curtis

B&T Submission: March newsletter
deadline is February 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 from page 1*

Today's twentysomethings don't remember what it's like not to be on a public forum. They speak to the world several times a day, often without planning. And their comfort with that is conducive to activism. It's a huge factor in their self-defining as disruptors.

Finally, there's the factor that is our whole point -- activism for gender equity.

Young women of 2018 have an unprecedented level of empowerment.

I'm sandwiched between my mother's generation, which pulled on pants in the early '70s and shook their fists at stereotypes and limitations, and my daughter's generation, which expects equality and won't put up with less.

Why? Because women like me were raised to demand more, and we raised our girls to expect more, and they do. And so the culture shifts.

We are living in a year when a woman who keeps talking after being shushed is celebrated, not shamed for not knowing her place, not labeled aggressive or bossy -- but cheered. Today, when we are told the men are talking, we nevertheless persist, and it is good.

The shift is escalating.

We must not discount the fresh voices despite that their experience is short.

They are informed, they are comfortable having an audience, and the idea that women shouldn't be at the table is outrageous to their sensibilities--as it should be.

They want, and they know how, to take action. We value and know how to aggregate the data that support the action. They know what it's like to be a female in the 2018 workplace. We know what it took to get there. Both groups see, through different lenses, what still needs to be done.

This month's program will feature a speaker from AAUW Fund. This is the money earmarked for education, pay equity, leadership, and public policy projects. This year's goal nationwide is to advocate for accessible and affordable education for women and underserved communities.

In 2017 in California, AAUW Fund donations totaled \$1,336,746.56, which went specifically, among other programs, to Start Smart, Work Smart, the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) and to groundbreaking research and innovative initiatives.

Please consider a donation to this worthy fund.

Condolences



In sympathy and friendship, we extend our condolences to Theresa Lantz on the death of her father.

Membership news

**PLEASE
UPDATE
YOUR
YEARBOOK:**

**New Student Affiliate
member:**

Jessica Boucher

Debbie LeDoux

correction to address:

Nancy Yowell Memorial Scholarship Bridge Scramble Fundraiser

Our annual Bridge Scramble is February 21 at Redlands United Church of Christ, 168 Bellevue Ave., Redlands, from 10am-2:30pm. Cost is \$40 per player, which includes lunch with dessert, door prizes, and prizes for winners.



Proceeds from the scramble will go to the NYM Scholarship, so plan to come and bring your friends! We promise you a yummy lunch and lots of fun. Flyer is attached.

~Pat Belk,





Hospitality – New Member Mentoring

Thank you to our mentors who continue welcoming our new members and inviting them to participate in activities that are of interest to them. New members make our branch stronger.
~ Kathy Toister, Hospitality VP

C/U Partnership

We are working with University of Redlands and Crafton Hills, our college partners, to review applications for the AAUW Redlands scholarship to the National Conference College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) held May 29-June 1, 2019, at the University of Maryland. Any college student or grad student may register at www.nccws.org. "It is a transformative experience," per past attendees.

~Kathy Toister, Chair C/U Partnership



AAUW Fund Program

Saturday, February 2nd, is our annual AAUW Fund Program. The program includes a Fellowship or Grant Speaker, a request for contributions to the AAUW Fund, and the announcement of the 2019 Named Gift Honorees.



AAUW Fund donations are used where they are most needed. By donating to the AAUW Fund, you are helping incubate and grow our highly successful, community-based, mission-driven programs. Please bring your contribution to the February 3rd branch meeting, or mail your contribution. Any amount is greatly appreciated! Your donation is tax deductible.

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~Margee Fuller, Chair Named Gift Honoree & Program Coordinator



Hospitality Birthday Club

It's hard to believe, but the list for this month's celebration is another GIANT one. Hope you all will be joining us for the branch meeting and many happy returns!!!

Please let us know if I missed anyone! ~Pat Belk



February Birthdays:

Rosemary Conway
Kay Dobbertin
Judy Elder
Virginia Evans-Perry
Janice Jacobson
Cheryl Jordan
Diane Mapes
Krista Moreno
Kathleen Presnell-Best
Renae Reiswig
Nelda Stuck

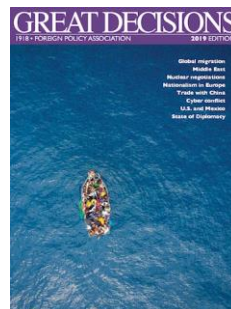
August Birthdays:

Heather Abushanab
Gail Anderson
Cid Breyer
Cathy Curtis
Roslyn Dunn
Lorraine Enriquez
Joyce Heitmeier
Martha Lehman
Phyllis Limbourn
Ann Marshall
Betty Meltzer
Toni Momberger
Jane Roberts
Anne Sandel
Susan Shodahl
Héba Taha
Susan Willis



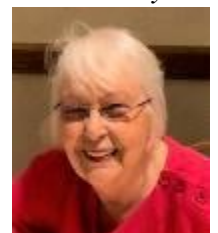
Great Decisions

Great Decisions will begin meeting the first week in March. The afternoon group will meet at the home of Sue Wallace on Monday, March 4th, at 1:00 pm. The evening group will meet at the home of Mary Jane Auerbacher on Wednesday, March 6th, at 7:00 pm.



Great Decisions 2019 topics are:

~ Refugees and Global Migration ~ The Middle East: Regional Disorder ~ Nuclear Negotiations: Back to the Future? ~ The Rise of Populism in Europe ~ Decoding U.S.-China Trade ~ Cyber Conflicts and Geopolitics ~ The United States and Mexico: Partnership Tested ~ State of the State Department and Diplomacy
Questions may be addressed to Adriane Gram.



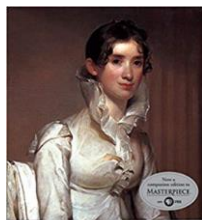
TECH TREK Donation



Paul Foster from the Kiwanis Club of Redlands--Noon presented a check for \$980 to send one girl to Tech Trek. He requested that after the girl has attended

camp, she come and speak to his group about her Tech Trek experience. This is part of each camper's commitment and will definitely be arranged.

~Marilyn Shankar, Tech Trek Chair



Reading and the Rainbow

Book: *Persuasion* by Jane Austen

Thursday, February 28

1 PM host: Kay Dobbertin

7 PM host: Adriane Gram

Reservations are not required.

Persuasion, Jane Austen's last completed novel, is a brilliant satire of vanity and pretension, but above all, it is a love story tinged with the heartache of missed opportunities.

~Adriane Gram and Jeanne Shevlin



IT'S AAUW'S ART CONTEST TIME!

The 2019 Art Contest: January 8 through February 7

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/>



AAUW STEM
REDLANDS BRANCH

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 at the Casa Loma Room at the University of Redlands.
- **Packets Assembly:** Saturday, February 23, at 9am @ the University Methodist Church (940 East Colton Ave)
- **Luncheon Reservations:** \$23 Kate Pretorious. Reservation deadline is February 23. **You must have a paid reservation in order to join us for lunch the day of the conference.** Please make checks payable to AAUW.
- We are still accepting donations for the conference. Adopt-a-girl with a \$20 donation!

~ Heather Abushanab, Chair



Pass Area STEM Conference

Redlands Branch has just provided another successful STEM Conference at Mount San Jacinto College. This was made possible by a small but mighty committee consisting of Ann Harding (fund raising and packets), Kay Dobbertin (school liaison, program), Pam Ford (college liaison, guide recruiter), Kate Pretorius (grants), Ros Dunn (computer whiz) and my co-chair, Theresa Lantz (speakers). All these ladies put in many hours and stepped in for any job when asked to do so.

Thank you to all the topic speakers (particularly Jessie Powell and Emilie Pitman who stepped in at the last minute), the motivational speakers, and Amber Price, who was once again an inspiring keynote speaker.

Thank you to the hosts from our branch and those from California Retired Teachers – San Geronio - for being there to help on the day of the conference. The same goes for the guides – volunteers from Wells Fargo Bank and students from MSJC's Honors Enrichment Program.

A special thank you to Cindy Perkins and Kathryn Brown for assisting with getting our substitute speakers and to Toni Momberger for so graciously welcoming the 300 girls to the conference.

And lastly, the sponsors without whom now of this could have happened – Sun Lakes Charitable Trust Board, Laura May Stewart Foundation, Wells Fargo Philanthropic Services, California Retired Teachers Association – San Geronio Pass, Pass Patchers Quilt Guild, San Geronio Pass Rotary Club, Sorenson Engineering, and many Adopt-A-Girl friends

~Marilyn Shankar, Co-Chair



Marilyn Shankar and Theresa Lantz,
STEM Pass Conference Co-Chairs





7th Annual Lunafest

Friday April 12th, 2019, is our 7th annual Lunafest. Tickets are available on-line at the [LUNAFest website](http://LUNAFestwebsite) or at the branch meeting. This joint activity with Zonta Club of Redlands and our branch benefits both of our clubs.

The evening begins at 5:45PM with hors d'oeuvres and drinks in the beautiful Esri Atrium. The films start at 7PM in the Esri Auditorium. It will be a lovely evening. 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 2019 event. Contact Heather Abushanab for questions or email the committee at lunafest@aauw-redlands-ca.org

Gift Cards and Wine Needed for Lunafest! During the Lunafest reception, we will have Opportunity Baskets and a Wine Raffle Game. The planning committee is looking for donations of gift cards that can be used in the Opportunity Baskets, as well as wine valued at \$20+/bottle for the wine game. Gift cards will be collected by Heather Abushanab (heather@abushanab.com). Wine will be organized by Minu Bharadwaj (brainyeeep@gmail.com).

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



Friday, April 12, 2019 Tickets by Mail

Seating is limited. Please Purchase tickets by April 6, 2019

Please make _____ reservation(s) for me at \$35.00 per person

Please make _____ reservation(s) for me at \$20.00 per student

Enclosed is my check for _____, made payable to **Zonta**.

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Mail to **Zonta Club of Redlands - Lunafest, P.O. Box 7785 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. 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.



CHICKEN & EGG PICTURES

THE FILMS & FILMMAKERS

Since 2000, LUNAFEST has showcased the work of talented women directors from all over the world. Discover the ground-breaking women from prior seasons, along with the ones who are changing the industry with this year's lineup. NOTE: Films featured in LUNAFEST are not rated, but we suggest age 13+ for this season's lineup.



AAUW sponsors a program called CHAT, which stands for: *Conversation Helps Adults Transition*. The purpose of CHAT is to assist adults in our community who want to improve their conversational English. The English-language learners come from all over the world, including Turkey, Italy, Egypt, Chile, Syria, China, South Korea, Ukraine, Mexico, India, Iran, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, and



Russia. Nearly 30 women participate in the program by meeting individually with an AAUW volunteer and/or participating in group CHAT meetings. They often express their gratitude to the over 25 AAUW volunteers who help with CHAT.

The CHAT program began as an outgrowth of the Redlands Adult Literacy Program at A. K. Smiley Public Library. The Redlands Adult Literacy Program Coordinator, Diane Shimota, still refers library visitors to CHAT when they ask for conversational rather than literacy services. The CHAT program is also growing as English-language learners share the benefits of CHAT with their friends, and these friends start attending CHAT group meetings. To participate in CHAT, English-language learners need a minimum of an associate's degree so that they are eligible, if they wish, to join AAUW.



We are always interested in finding new AAUW volunteers who have a heart for helping newcomers to our community feel comfortable with speaking English and navigating a new culture. If you know someone who is interested in volunteering with CHAT or wants to improve their English-speaking skills through CHAT, encourage them to call 909.798.7565, ext. 4138 and speak with Katherine Gifford or Trudy Waldron. They may also email literacy@akspl.org. We would love to chat with them!

Lorraine

Enriquez gave the thought for the day about women serving in political positions. Her talk is attached.



January Branch Meeting

Dr. Dawn Wright & Dr. Susan Bangasser



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Redlands, CA 92375-0678

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Happy Valentine's
Day ♥♥



The web links that Dr. Wright shared with the group at the branch meeting are:

- [Peer Beneath the Waves](#) (Bathymetry and Nautical Chart of Gloucester Harbor, with spyglass)
- [Palau](#)
- [Our Future Climate in Samish Traditional Territory](#) (Samish Indian Nation)
- Ocean of Story Maps Catalog – <http://esriurl.com/ocnstories>
- More Science Story Maps – <http://esriurl.com/analyticalstories>

Story Maps Main Web Site with all resources – <http://storymaps.arcgis.com>