

Branches and Twigs

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The President's Corner – Toni Momberger

I am assessing, at the halfway point of my AAUW year of my presidency, with a smile.

We have had three interesting speakers, an inspiring membership brunch, a celebration of our STEM Conference program and a choral concert.

We had a day of sisterhood and brainstorming in the mountains, an evening of theater, and a party to get to know new members.

We've put on a STEM Conference and a speech contest, and we so impressed two other community groups that they offered to pay almost \$1,000 each to send more girls to Tech Trek.

Our interest groups have been meeting to discuss and play and eat.

We set up and shopped at a craft boutique to fund scholarships.

And we supported access to legal services through our volunteerism at the annual Y Home Tour.

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March Branch Meeting

AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund Speaker

We are excited to have Aileen Rizo as the speaker at our March 2 branch meeting. Aileen bills herself as an Equal Pay Warrior and a STEAM Educator. She has a compelling story to tell regarding her personal fight to address the gender pay gap she encountered while teaching with the County of Fresno, California

Aileen is a math consultant for the Fresno County Office of Education.

Although when hired by Fresno County she had thirteen years of experience and a master's degree, she was placed at step one on the salary scale. During a lunch with colleagues, she was surprised and disheartened to learn a recent male coworker, with less education and experience, was hired with a starting salary much higher than hers. Aileen will tell us how her case traveled from the county of Fresno all the way to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Her story highlights an aspect of the gender pay gap not always identified--how starting at a lower salary perpetuates wage inequity throughout one's employment. Aileen was a recipient of funds from AAUW Legal Advocacy to aid in her court battles.

Legal Advocacy has been identified by AAUW National as a primary mission of our organization. We will be collecting funds for that purpose at the March meeting, so please be prepared to give generously. We can lobby and advocate extensively, but without "teeth" in our advocacy we are at a disadvantage. We need to be able to fight within our judicial system. Remember: No Money-No Mission. ~Deborah Seibly



March Branch Meeting

When Saturday,
March 2, 2019

Social & Brunch
9:00 a.m.

Meeting 9:30 a.m.
Program 10:15 a.m.

Where

University of Redlands
CASA LOMA Room

Menu Cheesy Scramble Buffet:

Scrambled eggs;
combination of cheddar,
Monterey Jack, and
Swiss cheese on the
side; bacon; home-fried
potatoes; sliced
seasonal fruit; assorted
breakfast pastries

Cost: Members and
guests: \$19

Reservations

The reservation
deadline for the March
2nd meeting is Sunday,
February 24, 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
10:15 a.m. Chairs will
be available.**

Branch Meetings

2018-2019

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

				March 2019		
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday, February 24 RESERATION DEADLINE for March 2 brunch meeting					1	2 9:00 am Branch Mtg.
3 6pm California Cuisine 1	4 1pm Great Dec #1	5 STEM Conf. Redlands	6 7pm Great Dec #1	7	8 	9 <div><< March 8th International Women's Day</div>
10	11 1pm Great Dec #2 6pm CHAT 6:30pm Board Mtg.	12	13 7pm Great Dec #2	14	15	16 9am STEM Mtg.
17 5:30pm California Cuisine 2	18 1pm Great Dec #3	19 11:15am International Affairs	20 12pm I Am, Therefore I Think 7pm Great Dec #3	21	22	23 11:30 Public Policy
24	25 1pm Great Dec #4	26	27 1pm Bunco 7pm Great Dec #4	28 1pm & 7pm Reading & the Rainbow	29	30 10 am Southeast Interbranch Council
Save the Dates		LUNAFEST Friday, April 12		Saturday, April 6 AAUW CA State Convention, San Diego		
AAUW Redlands Board Meeting 3/11 6:30 pm Redlands United Church of Christ, 168 Bellevue Ave, Redlands ~Toni Momberger Bridge Contact coordinator for established bridge groups. ~Louise Schumann Bunco 3/27 1 pm ~Barbara Krause California Cuisine and Conversation 1 3/3 Host & address will be sent by email. ~Pamela Ong California Cuisine and Conversation 2 3/17 5:30pm ~Patty Ahearn CHAT meeting 3/11 Smiley Library Assembly Room ~Katherine Gifford 798-7565 literacy@akspl.org Great Decisions-8 consecutive weeks (page 7) Mondays 1pm & Wednesdays 7pm ~Adriane Gram I Am, Therefore I Think 3/20 "Amazing Women" This is a group effort. Bring your story of an amazing woman. Facilitator: Sharlene Lund				I Am, Therefore I Think -continued 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 3/19 (March only: third Tuesday due to UofR scheduling) University Club Lunch served 11:30am \$20 includes tax and gratuity. Reservation by noon 3/15 to Dorothy Richardson International Women's Day 2019: 3/8 "Think equal, build smart, innovate for change." Public Policy 3/23 ~Dianne Landeros Reading and Rainbow 3/28 Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate 1pm host Linda Richards, 7pm host Kathryn Brown Reservations are not required. ~Jeanne Shevlin & Adriane Gram Redlands STEM Conference Conference: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 Committee Meeting: 3/16 Committee meeting Heather's ~Heather Abushanab Southeast Interbranch Council 3/30 10am Riverside Main Library, 3581 Mission Inn Ave ~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 Brown, **Secretary:** Patricia Stubbs, **Treasurer:** Hazel Curtis

B&T Submission:

The deadline for the **April newsletter** is **March 5th**. Send articles and photos to the editors via email to news@aauw-redlands-ca.org or by mail to Kay Dobbertin

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Last month we honored three members by donating money to the AAUW Fund in their name. What a joy it was to talk (and sing! Check out [the video](#)) about who they are, what they do, and why they deserve a moment in the spotlight.

We've reached out to almost 100 AAUW branches in states that have not yet ratified the Equal Rights Amendment (starting with Virginia and Georgia) to urge them to lobby their representatives and to offer what support we can. Many branch presidents have written us back, excited to be contacted by us and eager to keep a relationship with us alive.

I'm especially excited we are launching a new program to recognize workplaces that exemplify our mission in areas of equal pay, employment equity, and family- and women-friendly features.

Of course, I'm looking forward to what's still in store for the year.

This month we will put on our second STEM Conference of the year -- this one marking its 25th year. We have, by now, hosted about 25,000 girls through our branch, giving them hands-on experience with women role models in STEM-related fields.

And our next program speaker will be Aileen Rizo! What a get for our new Legal Advocacy Fund chairwoman and Named Gift Honoree Deb Seibly!

Next month we will not only sponsor Lunafest, but we are introducing a new event, a follow-up brunch the next morning to discuss the films, our reactions to them, and what they inspire us to do as a branch.

In late spring we will sponsor an attendee to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders.

Then over the summer we will sponsor a record number of girls to Tech Trek.

What an amazing lot we pack into a year of changing girls' lives, knocking down barriers for women, and supporting one another.

Onward, AAUW Redlands, from midway through another incredible year.



March 8, 2019

Campaign theme is #BalanceforBetter

Better the balance, better the world. How will you celebrate women's achievements on Friday, March 8, while calling for a more gender-balanced world? Planning is underway by groups worldwide. Partnerships and Collaborations are invited for 2019 (& 2020), so don't delay in [making contact](#).



Member News

In sympathy and friendship, we send our condolences to Meena Spangrud on the loss of her father-in-law.

Membership Recruitment Competition

March is the last month to participate in the Membership Recruitment Competition. There is still time for you to earn a chance at a free national membership for 2019-20. Just invite a friend to the AAUW branch meeting. If your friend joins, she will have a full **15 months of membership**, and you have another chance at a free membership. So don't wait until September to invite your friends to come, share a meal with us, enjoy themselves, and join our branch!

~Erica Wilson, Membership VP

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR YEARBOOK:



Priya Vedula

Stacey Forte-Dupre has been a member since 2014 but was accidentally left out of yearbook.

2019 AAUW California Annual Meeting & Speech Trek Finals



*We Called ...
You Answered ...
We Listened!*

Saturday, April 6
7:30am-4pm,
Handlery Hotel

\$65 includes lunch. Register by March 31
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-aauw-california-annual-meeting-speech-trek-finals-tickets-53597652020?ref=ebtn>

Hospitality Birthday Club



Happy Birthday to all of our March birthday ladies. Please be sure to join us at the branch meeting, so we can recognize you and present you with a little gift!

Diane Bennett
Carol Chaney
Margaret Galligan
Jane Honeycutt
Bonnie Konowitch
Debbie LeDoux

Judy Racine
Rita Reading
Dorothy Richardson
Ellen Schollenberger
Linda Serros
Sharen Wilbur

~ Pat Belk

Nominees for Elected Office

Elections will be held at the April branch meeting.

President:	2019-2020	Marie Mitchell
President Elect:	2019-2020	Sue Wallace
Communication VP:	2019-2021	Rosa Gomez
Hospitality VP:	2019-2021	Sue Ferguson
Program VP:	2019-2021	Martha Lehman

Nominating Committee:

2019-2020	Toni Momberger, Chair
2019-2021	Ellen Cope
2019-2021	Mary Lou Guerrero
2019-2021	Ruth Morvay

~2018-2019 Nominating Committee
Patty Ahearn, Chair,
Gail Anderson, Susan Bangasser,
Dorothy Nordquist, Cathryn Oltman,
Sue Ann Wallace, Kathy Warren

Redlands STEM Conference

Tuesday, March 5th

- *All planning done*
- *600 girls & school staff are looking forward to the 2019 Redlands STEM Conference*
- *Thanks in advance to the 90+ volunteers who make this branch project HAPPEN*

There is still time to get involved!

- Guides:** contact Linda Browning to be a **guide**
- **Hosts:** contact Ellen Schollenberger to be a **host**
- **Packets Assembly:** Saturday, February 23, 9 am @ University Methodist Church (940 East Colton Ave)
- **Luncheon Reservations:** \$23 Kate Pretorius 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



Thank You to our Community Sponsors



The STEM Conference received a check for \$800 from the Redlands Community Foundation. Tony Mueller presented it at the AAUW Board meeting on January 14, 2019.



Tech Trek

Tech Trek nominations from teachers and the applications with essays that the girls are filling out are in full swing. Our first interviews are on March 1. The girls will know if they were chosen by March 15. I am so excited that this year we are able to send 8 girls to camp - 4 to Whittier College and 4 to University of California, San Diego.

~Marilyn Shankar, Tech Trek Chair

College University Partnership

We have been invited to host an AAUW table event at the 11th Annual Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Student Conference at the University of Redlands on March 29th. Elaine Brubacher will host our table with a focus on Gender Pay Equity Messaging. The conference has always been a wonderful event and we are honored to participate.



We have a Start Smart Workshop scheduled for March 14th at the University of Redlands. Susan Bangasser will be the workshop facilitator. We are hoping to schedule a Gender Pay Equity table event the week prior to the workshop to highlight this issue and encourage students to sign up for the workshop.

~Kathy Toister, Chair C/U



Hospitality

The Hospitality Committee meets on April 2 to plan our Membership Appreciation at the June branch meeting.

~Kathy Toister, VP Hospitality

Help Wanted

I'm looking for a branch member who knows how to do macramé. If that's you, please give me a call or email. I'm hoping to learn! Thanks.

~Pat Belk, NYM scholarship committee

Celebration of Named Gift Honorees



Patricia Stubbs and Debbie Seibly were introduced at the February meeting as the 2019 Named Gift Honorees by Patty Ahearn and Susan Shodahl respectively. A third recipient was unable to attend the meeting; therefore, her identity remains a secret until the next meeting when she'll be introduced. Named Gift Honorees have done outstanding work in promoting the goals and programs of AAUW. Both honorees received their pins, AAUW Certificate, and a bouquet of flowers. We also recognized all previous Named Gift Honorees with special pink name cards.

~ Margee Fuller Co-Chair
AAUW Fund Committee

Speech Trek Contest

***Angelina Torres Wins
AAUW Redlands Speech Trek Event!***



Angelina Torres, Andy Essa, Katie Hunt, Instructor Deanna Swank, Chair Patty Ahearn.

International Relations Luncheon

Guest Speaker, Komz, is an international student from Emirates who was raised in Dubai.



Speech Trek

President Toni Momberger welcoming participants, judges, and guests



Orangewood High School Service Project - New Picture Books



Staffing the Orangewood High School Library is no longer a community service project for the branch, but we continue to be involved and donate new or gently used picture books to the school for their We Care Program for new teen moms who are finishing their high school educations.

These students are encouraged to check out picture books from the library to read to their babies, and when they have checked out and read 10 books from the library collection, they can choose a new children's book to keep. These books are also used to replenish the supply in the daycare center. If you would like to donate a book appropriate for infants and toddlers, preferably hard cover picture books or board books, please bring your donations to the branch meeting in March or May. You may also contact Diane Bennett at pdmtc5@aim.com or 909-810-1056 to arrange a pick up. We are very pleased we can continue our connection with Orangewood in a way that is needed and appreciated by the students and staff. Thanks for your support!

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.

Questions may be addressed to
Adriane Gram



Reading and the Rainbow

Book: Before We Were Yours
by Lisa Wingate

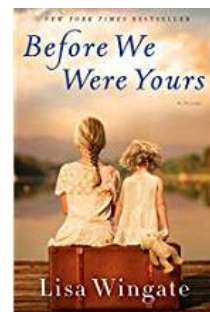
March 28

1 pm Host: Linda Richards

7 pm Host: Kathryn Brown

Reservations
are not required

~ Jeanne Shevlin and Adriane Gram



Thank you from student who attended 2019 PASS STEM Conference
January 8th, 2019
Mt San Jacinto College campus

This is/was an amazing field trip and I learned so much! I might even come here [Mt. San Jacinto College] when I go to college. I had so much fun and I learned that to be a real woman takes hard work. I enjoyed listening to the presentations and I am happy and glad that I was able to come to this field trip.

PUBLIC POLICY

New Program

The Public Policy Program, at the direction of the board, has developed a program to recognize women/ family-friendly workplaces in our area. Nominations to the program can be made by businesses, employees, clients, or anyone who believes that a business is worthy of recognition. We hope that the program will encourage businesses in the area to adopt practices of salary and benefits equity, workplace environments free of harassment, opportunities for career development, and more. The program guideline describes how the program will operate and includes criteria for evaluating businesses.

The board approved the program at the January meeting. We now need a committee to run the program. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact President Toni Momberger at AAUWRedlands@gmail.com.

ERA Ratification

Did you know that it is still possible to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment? We are one state short of ratification. We wondered if there was any way to help other states pass the ERA, given that California has already ratified it. We decided to contact the AAUW chapters in states that haven't ratified and to find out if we could help in any way. The first state we contacted was Virginia. Virginia's state senate had just passed the ERA. Virginia AAUW chapters lobbied hard to gain the votes in the House of Delegates but were unsuccessful. Our chapter President will be sending letters to Georgia and Arizona offering our help. We will keep you posted on their responses.

~Dianne Landeros, Public Policy Chair



Getting to Know Your Membership VP



Hi fellow AAUW members,

My name is Erica Wilson (AKA Erica Rosenfeld – my maiden name as well as the name I used for 40 years as a clinical psychologist). I am your Membership VP for this year. I've been a member of AAUW since 1995 when I joined shortly after my mother died. She had been a very active member in Green Valley Arizona, where she joined after my father died, a move that pulled her out of depression and basically saved her life. I have been grateful to AAUW for providing her a "girl gang" and a meaningful focus in the remainder of her life. My activities in AAUW include Reading and the Rainbow, STEM, Public Policy, and Hiking our Hills and Mountains (an interest group I started about 4 years ago and hope, after my knee replacement heals, to resurrect).

I was born in New York and grew up in a Long Island suburb a half hour outside of New York City. My early tendency toward wanderlust led me to Carleton College in Minnesota and then to a year of traveling in Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East. Returning to the U.S., I went to graduate school in Psychology, at the University of Illinois in Chicago, where I got my Ph.D. I was also very active in a women's group that started an early Women's Studies Program at the U of I in 1974.

I met my husband (Jim Wilson, an Emergency Physician) when we were both on vacation at a Club Med in Cancun. We got married after a 3-month, long-distance romance and have been married for 38 years. We lived in Berkeley for 2 years, then Chicago for 7 years, had 3 sons in the process, then decided it was too cold in Chicago and returned to California. Jim was an ER Doc at Redlands Community Hospital for 30 years, and I joined a group practice with offices in Redlands and Claremont. We both retired last March and are planning to spend summers in Portland (where our sons have settled) and winters (when it starts raining in Oregon) back in southern California.



7th Annual Lunafest

Friday April 12th, 2019, is our 7th Annual Lunafest. Tickets are available on-line at the [LUNAFest website](#) 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 Esri Cafe. 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. Wine will be organized by Minu Bharadwaj

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

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.