

# Branches and Twigs

Redlands Branch, AAUW  
April 2019

<http://redlands-ca.aauw.net>  
Issue 9, 11 Issues Annually



*AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.*



## The President's Corner – Toni Momberger

What a fantastic March we had! What a way to honor Women's Month.

Aileen Rizo shared her story about being the sole breadwinner for her growing family and the moment she learned a less experienced and less educated male colleague was on Step 9 on the pay scale, where she was on Step 1.

She talked about the decision to add to the family's financial burden by pursuing a lawsuit and the many trials along the way -- it keeps looking good and then hope ebbs. The journey continues.

We are so fortunate to have had her as a program speaker here in Redlands.

We also had our 25th annual STEM Conference that represented months and hours of volunteer service.

Kudos to the hard-working women of AAUW Redlands for bringing both of these quality events to fruition.

On April 12 we will have LunaFest, and we are adding a morning-after discussion group. Please join us!

On April 6 I will attend the California AAUW annual meeting in San Diego.

I am so proud to be going as a representative of this productive branch.

All members may attend this, and I highly recommend it. During the lunch, we will hear the three Speech Trek finalists give their speeches, and a winner will be named.

Registration is \$65 for the entire event and can be done [online](#). (continued on page 3)

## April Branch Meeting

### ***"Political Women: Revising and Rewriting History"***

Professor Michele Bratcher Goodwin is the author of more than 70 articles, essays, and book chapters as well as several books, most recently **Policing the Womb**, which chronicles how women's reproduction has become the political scapegoat in Congress and legislatures across the U.S., resulting in the rise of policies and practices that dramatically erode reproductive liberty. She is also the founding director of the Center for Biotechnology and Global Health Policy, as well as the founder of the Institute for Global Child Advocacy. She holds the Chancellor's Professorship at the University of California, Irvine, with appointments at the School of Law, Dept. of Criminology, Law and Society, School of Public Health, and Dept. of Gender and Sexuality Studies. Michele has been a featured guest on National Public Radio, Minnesota Public Radio, Wisconsin Public Radio, CBS Radio, PBS (WTTW Affiliate), the Australian Broadcast Channel, and local news affiliates--NBC, Fox, CBS, among others--and frequently lectures world-wide on issues involving human rights, reproductive justice, bioethics and health law.



## April Branch Meeting

Wednesday,  
April 3, 2019  
Social & Dinner  
5:30 p.m.  
Speaker 6 p.m.

### Where

University of Redlands  
**CASA LOMA Room**

### Menu ***Chef's Choice*** ***Dinner Buffet***

Chef's choice main entrée; vegetarian entrée; starch; seasonal vegetables; mixed green salad with Ranch and Italian dressing; seasonal vegetables; dinner rolls; whole carrot cakes; coffee/tea

**Cost** Members and guests: \$22 (student discount available)

### Reservations

The meal reservation deadline for the April 3rd meeting is Wednesday, March 27, 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 invited to attend the speaker portion of the meeting free of charge. Chairs will be available.**

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

Saturday, 5/4 brunch  
Saturday, 6/1 brunch

					April 2019	
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Wednesday, MARCH 27 RESERVATION DEADLINE for APRIL 3 Branch Meeting						
	1 1pm Great Dec. #5	2	3 5:30pm Branch Meeting	4	5	6 AAUW CA meeting
7 6pm California Cuisine 1	8 1pm Great Dec. #6 6:30pm Board Mtg	9	10 7pm Great Dec. #5	11	12 LUNAFEST 5:45pm doors open 7pm showtime	13 10am post Lunafest discussion
14	15 1pm Great Dec. #7	16 9am CHAT	17 12pm I Am, Therefore I Think 7pm Great Dec. #6	18	19	20
21 5:30pm California Cuisine 2	22 1pm Great Dec. #8	23 11am International Affairs	24 1pm Bunco 7pm Great Dec. #7	25 1pm & 7pm Reading & Rainbow	26	27 1pm Public Policy FILM
28	29	30 6pm Adult Literacy	May 1 7pm Great Dec. #8			
<b>AAUW Redlands Board Meeting</b> 4/8 6:30 pm Redlands United Church of Christ, 168 Bellevue Ave, Redlands ~Toni Momberger			<b>I Am, Therefore I Think</b> 4/17 "Book of Questions" Facilitator: Ellen Schollenberger 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			
<b>AAUW CA Meeting &amp; Speech Trek Finals (see page 5)</b> 4/6 San Diego Handlery Hotel. Register by March 31 <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-aauw-california-annual-meeting-speech-trek-finals-tickets-53597652020?ref=ebtn">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-aauw-california-annual-meeting-speech-trek-finals-tickets-53597652020?ref=ebtn</a>			<b>LUNAFEST (see page 7)</b> 4/12 5:45pm Hors d'oeuvres & Wine/Beer. 7pm Showtime  POST Lunafest Discussion meeting 4/13 10am Backroom @ Eating Room, 107 E. Citrus Ave			
<b>Adult Literacy Tutor Orientation (see page 7)</b> 4/30 6pm. Smiley Library Assembly room, 125 W. Vine ~Diane Shimota, literacy@akspl.org 798-7565 ext 4138			<b>International Affairs</b> 4/23 University Club Lunch served 11:30am \$20 includes tax and gratuity. Reservation by noon 4/19 to Dorothy Richardson			
<b>Bridge</b> Contact coordinator for established bridge groups. ~Louise Schumann			<b>Public Policy</b> 4/27 1 pm FILM <u>Equals Means Equal</u> documentary A. K Smiley Library Assembly Room ~Dianne Landeros & Viktoria Norberg			
<b>Bunco</b> 4/24 1 pm ~Barbara Krause			<b>Reading and Rainbow</b> 4/25 <u>Little Fires Everywhere</u> by Celeste Ng. 1 p.m. host Erica Wilson 7 p.m. host Hester Turpin Reservations are not required. ~Jeanne Shevlin & Adriane Gram			
<b>California Cuisine and Conversation I</b> 4/7 Host & address will be sent by email. ~Pamela Ong						
<b>California Cuisine and Conversation 2</b> 4/21 5:30pm ~Patty Ahearn						
<b>CHAT meeting</b> 4/16 9am A K Smiley Library Assembly Room ~Katherine Gifford literacy@akspl.org 798-7565						

**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 **May newsletter** will be **April 5th**. Send your articles to the editor via email to [news@aauw-redlands-ca.org](mailto:news@aauw-redlands-ca.org) or by email to Paula Ferri-Milligan

*continued from page 1* **The President's Corner – Toni Momberger**

And don't forget at the April branch meeting the board will present the budget to members for approval, and we will be voting on the slate for next year's board. Congratulations to those the nominating committee has selected to be incoming officers.

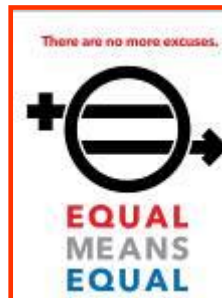
Please remember we are looking for members to join the Business Recognition Committee, and we are also looking for recognition nominees.

If you know of a business or local employer who practices salary parity, has at least one woman working at the management level, enforces zero tolerance sexual harassment policies, and otherwise is a good example of the AAUW mission toward gender equity, please submit them to [AAUWRedlands@gmail.com](mailto:AAUWRedlands@gmail.com)

Onward changing lives.

**Morning-After Discussion Group**

Please join us in the Backroom at The Eating Room 107 E. Citrus Ave  
April 13 10 am

**Equals Means Equal**

Definitive Documentary Film on the Status of Women in America

Please join us in the A. K Smiley Library Assembly Room

April 27 1 pm

**Award Spotlight:****Congratulations to Hazel Curtis**

Congratulations to our member and treasurer, Hazel Curtis, on the publication and launch of her new book, *Lessons of the Cards*. The book launch celebration was held at the Mission Inn, and Hazel's AAUW sisters were there to cheer her on. Her book outlines her advice and cheerleading to the Health Care profession using fun and memorable analogies to a deck of playing cards with phrases like, "Everyday life deals a new hand." Hazel was hired as a new graduate to be in a charge nurse position. She was the first paramedic training coordinator in her region.

She was able to create a

leadership curriculum for her organization with more than fifteen thousand employees. After reading the book, I felt inspired to apply it to my own life. I highly recommend reading the book. It's applicable to most professions or human endeavors. You'll enjoy it.

*~Lessons of the Cards written by Hazel Curtis,  
review by Patricia Stubbs*







## Member News

In sympathy and friendship, we send our condolences to Irene Vitt on the death of her husband.

## MEMBERSHIP WELCOME!



### Nerni Monk Miller:

Nerni grew up in Redlands and now lives in Temecula. She was a 26-year public school educator and now teaches at the University of Redlands. Non-profit work benefitting children is a passion of hers. She loves hiking and reading.

### Priya Vedula:

Priya is originally from Michigan but now lives in Redlands. She is a Health Policy Analyst at Loma Linda University. She received her B.S. from the University of Michigan and her MPH from Columbia University. Her hobby is singing. She was an American Idol finalist. (You can Youtube her interview about her American Idol experience!) She became interested in AAUW because she wishes to help carry out our mission, meet fellow AAUW women, find ways to help support other young women, and learn from other amazing women.

### Amy Christensen:

Amy is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker currently working as supervisor for the Clinical Social Work Department of ARMC. She is a mother to Emma (6) and Oliver (4). She is excited to get to know everyone at AAUW and to help empower and advocate for girls and women in our community.

~Erica Wilson, Membership VP

*The American Association of University Women is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls.*



## From the Hospitality Committee...

At our branch meeting on Saturday, June 1st, we will honor our members who have held their membership for a specific number of years. If your name is listed, please attend this special meeting as we recognize you with a certificate of appreciation. As you read Branches & Twigs, and attend our branch meetings, you realize how very much our branch does. We could not do so many amazing activities and events without all of you, and we appreciate each and every one of you for all that you have done for the Redlands branch.

**Congratulations to the following members who will receive certificates for years of continuous membership in AAUW:**



### 5 years

Nancy Alexander  
Rachel Bentley  
Amy Bisek  
Elaine Brubacher  
Ellen Cope  
Cheryl Jordan  
Viktoria Norberg  
Dawn Romo  
Patricia Stubbs  
Leslie Trainor

### 20 years

Cathryn Oltman  
Sally Trost

### 25 years

Beverly Cox  
Nancy Perry

### 30 years

Amber Costa  
Ann Marshall

### 35 years

Antoinette Brenion

### 60 years

Dorothy Richardson

### 10 years

Pat Belk  
Dianne Landeros

### 15 years

Kaye Espinosa  
Patricia Estrada  
Margaret Galligan  
Karen Skoog  
Trudy Waldron



~Kathy Toister  
Hospitality VP

## Hospitality Birthday Club

These are the ladies who celebrate a birthday in April. We hope you will all be joining us at the branch meeting, so we can wish you many, many more!

Pat Belk



Adriane Gram

Susan Miller

Geri Stahly

Connie Binkley

Barbara Krause

Elizabeth Schilling

Trudy Waldron



~ Pat Belk

## 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>

## Celebration of Named Gift Honoree



### Trudy Waldron

Our third 2019 Named Gift Honoree is Trudy Waldron. Trudy was surprised at the March CHAT meeting which was being held at the A. K. Smiley Library. Trudy was presented with her pin, the

AAUW Certificate, and a bouquet of flowers.

Congratulations to the 2019 Named Gift Honorees, **Debbie Seibly**, **Patricia Stubbs**, and **Trudy Waldron**, for your outstanding work in promoting the goals and programs of AAUW.

~ Margee Fuller Co-Chair  
AAUW Fund Committee

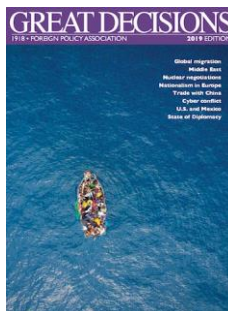
## Orangewood HS Service Project New Picture Books



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 April or May. You may also contact Diane Bennett to arrange a pick up. We are very pleased that 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 Evening Group Schedule Change



As noted on the calendar, the Great Decisions Wednesday April 3rd meeting is cancelled due to the branch meeting. The April 3rd discussion on topic #5 will be held on April 10<sup>th</sup>. The final discussion meeting on topic #8 will be on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Questions may be directed to Adriane Gram, 798-9253 [gram.artandadriane@gmail.com](mailto:gram.artandadriane@gmail.com)

## 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*

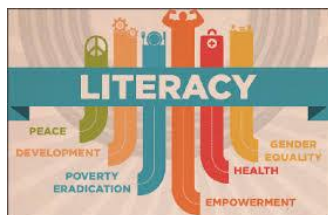
*Dorothy Nordquist, Cathryn Oltman*

*Sue Ann Wallace, Kathy Warren*

## Adult Literacy

### ***Imagine not being able to read....***

Would you like to know more about the Redlands Adult Literacy Program? There are currently over 100 tutor-learner pairs, and we continue to have many requests for tutoring help.



Join us at an Orientation on April 30th at 6:00 p.m. at the A. K. Smiley Public Library Assembly Room. Attendees will learn what is involved in becoming a tutor with the Adult Literacy Program. In the Adult Literacy Program:

- Tutor/learner teams set their own weekly meeting schedule.
- Tutors and learners share a commitment to meeting at Smiley Library weekly for 1½ hours for six months.

If you would like to volunteer to help adult learners change their and their family's lives through literacy, please contact Diane Shimota, Adult Literacy Coordinator, at (909) 798-7565 x 4138 or email:[literacy@akspl.org](mailto:literacy@akspl.org)

## Local Scholarship Committee Bridge Scramble

Our Bridge Scramble was held February 21, and I'm so happy to tell you it was another big success. Despite the rain and snow keeping 9 of our players from getting there, we had 9 tables of players! Many thanks to our substitutes, Lee Schumann, Art Lewin, and Carol Chaney for stepping in and filling some of our "empty" spots. A HUGE thank you to Louise



Schumann, Ann Harding, and Susan Shodahl for all of their hard work and contributions to making it a fun day! Congratulations to Julie Garcia and Janet Fink for being the First Place Winners this year.

Another thank you to the Scholarship Committee and other friends who contributed so many delicious goodies for snacks and lunch. Heather Abushanab was a big help, getting permission for us to use her church hall for our location this year.



You'll be pleased to know that over \$1300 will be added to the NYM Scholarship for future awards!!

We're already looking forward to next year's scramble. If you haven't joined us yet, we hope you will next time. And to those who have participated in the past, we hope to see you there again!

~Pat Belk, Chair

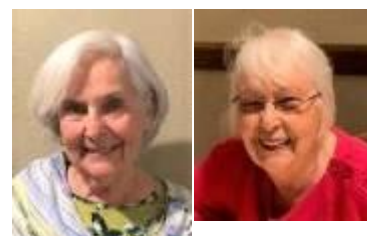
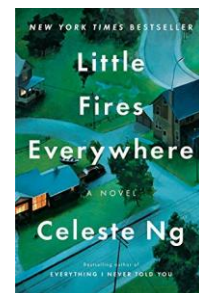
## Reading and the Rainbow

The April 25 meetings will discuss *Little Fires Everywhere*, a riveting novel that traces the intertwined fates of the picture-perfect Richardson family and the enigmatic mother and daughter who upend their lives.

The afternoon group will meet at the home of Erica Wilson. The evening group will meet at the home of Hester Turpin.

Questions may be addressed to either Jeanne Shevlin or Adriane Gram.

~Jeanne Shevlin and  
Adriane Gram





## Literacy Changes Lives!!!



## AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund March Speaker—Aileen Rizo



**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Lunafest** Friday April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 is our 7<sup>th</sup> annual Lunafest. Tickets are available on-line at the [LUNAFest website](http://LUNAFest website) or at the branch meeting. This joint activity with Zonta Club of Redlands and our branch benefits both of our clubs.

Please note that this year, the evening begins at 5:45PM with hors d'oeuvres and drinks in the beautiful **Esri Cafe**. The films start at 7PM in the Esri Auditorium. It will be a lovely evening. We look forward to seeing you there!

Contact Heather Abushanab for questions or email the committee at [lunafest@aauw-redlands-ca.org](mailto:lunafest@aauw-redlands-ca.org)

## 2019 Redlands STEM Conference

On March 5<sup>th</sup>, the branch held its 25<sup>th</sup> Annual STEM Conference for 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls at the University of Redlands. It was a day filled with excited girls eagerly learning about STEM opportunities and beginning to think about their own futures. Our keynote speaker, Amber Price, was so dynamic that she earned a standing ovation from the girls. Our dedicated committee members worked hard all year, and the results were spectacular! We are thankful for all the extra hands on conference day, including our speakers, the hosts, the guides, and building chairs. We had wonderful support from the University of Redlands from the events group, the AV techs, and catering. Thank you to everyone who made this anniversary year so special!

*~Heather Abushanab*

*STEM Redlands Chair 2019*

Heather and Amber Price

**2019 Committee:** Heather Abushanab, Patty Ahearn, Susan Bangasser, Kathryn Brown, Linda Browning, Rosemary Conway, Ellen Cope, Kay Dobberty, Johanne Dyerly, Gabrielle Duff, Roslyn Dunn, Diana Haberkorn, Phyllis Limbourne, Sande Meith-Rask, Cindy Perkins, Jessie Powell, Kathy Presnell-Best, Elizabeth Schilling, Ellen Schollenberger, Marilyn Shankar, Diane Shimota, Meena Spangrud, Tricia Stubbs, Ruchira Tejpal, Anne Viricel, Erica Wilson





## Thank You to our Community Sponsors

Todd Underwood, president of the Redlands Optimist Club, presented a check for \$2,500 to Kay Dobbertin and Marilyn Shankar for Redlands STEM conference.

**Thank you to the Redlands Optimist Club for their 18<sup>th</sup> year support of our STEM Conference.**



**Thank you to the University of Redlands for welcoming the STEM Conference on their campus.**



## College/University Partnership

### NCCWSL Scholarship Awardees

Pam Ford and Kathy Toister met with representatives from both the University of Redlands and Crafton Hills to review applications and select recipients for our AAUW Redlands Scholarship to the National Conference College Women Student Leadership held at the University of Maryland for three days, May 30 - June 1, 2019. Crafton Hills recipient is Stephanie Pineda; the U of R recipient is Kristien Saucedo. Both young women are very excited to be selected to attend this conference, and both express gratitude to AAUW Redlands. We will hear from them later in the year, after the conference.



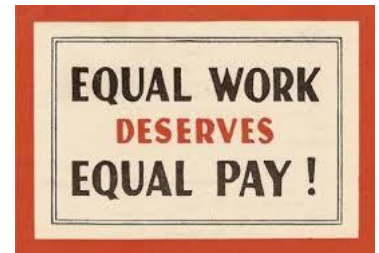
### Gender Pay Gap Table Event

On Feb 20, 2019 AAUW Redlands held a table event at Crafton Hills with a focus on Gender Pay Gap. Ellen Cope, Tricia Stubbs, Pam Ford, and Kathy Toister engaged with students and provided important information. Please see article below from AAUW National that was posted on Feb 21st following the Paycheck Fairness Act bill that was introduced on January 31st.

*~Kathy Toister, Chair, College/University Partnership*

### A Big Day for Fair Pay

On January 30, the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate introduced the [Paycheck Fairness Act](#) (PFA) with support from every Democrat in Congress and bipartisan backing in the House. "The PFA is essential to eradicating practices that have perpetuated the pay gap for far too long," says AAUW CEO Kim Churches.



The team at AAUW was instrumental in prioritizing the bill by sending letters to Congress and engaging grassroots advocates, garnering 260 organizations in support. They also presented on the PFA to new members of Congress and spoke at the press conference introducing the bill.

The PFA would update the Equal Pay Act of 1963 and complement the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009, which ensures pay discrimination can be challenged regardless of when it began. We were thrilled to bring Ledbetter to Washington, D.C., where she met with more than a dozen members of Congress. The PFA is now designated as H.R. 7, signaling it is a top 10 priority of the House. [Act now to support this important legislation.](#)



Kathy Toister and Patricia Stubbs  
Pam Ford



**Stephanie Pineda, NCCWSL Scholarship Awardee from Crafton Hills College**



Ellen Cope

## Shape the Future Competition for 3/16/2018 through 3/15/2019

Results for this year's membership recruitment competition are in. The prizes are three free national membership for 2019-20. The competition will continue all year. 15 percent of our members invited a prospective member to a meeting with 20 guests joining AAUW Redlands for the 2018-2019 year, March 16, 2018-March 15, 2019.

The member who invited the most potential new members regardless whether they joined is Kay Dobbertin who receives one of the free national memberships. Members who recruited 2 new members are Kay Dobbertin, Toni Monberger, Dianne Landeros and Meena Spangrud. We will hold a drawing at the April branch meeting for the 2 free national membership.

Note: We begin the 2019-2020 Shape the Future contest as of March 16, 2019 and we have 4 new members Amy Christenson, Evalangine Mirande, Nerni Mink Miller and Priya Vedula who were recruited, respectively, by Kelsey Gormley, Lorraine Enriquez, Eileen Sanborn and Erica Wilson.



**STEM  
Packet  
Assembly**



**Bunko  
Group**

