

# Branches and Twigs

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## The President's Corner – Toni Momberger

I'm writing my goodbye letter.

Because I'm on several boards as a community member and as an elected official, and because it's June, I'm the recipient of a lot of presidents' end-of-term messages. So this letter, though heartfelt, includes a lot of theft.

I was honored to be asked to serve as the AAUW Redlands branch president and was undaunted by the bad timing of it, what with my unexpected role as a councilwoman coinciding.

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## June Branch Meeting:

### ***"FOR A REASON - Teach FAR - Accompanying Students and Teachers in Their Educational Journeys"***

The Teach FAR project coordinates efforts between the University of Redlands School of Education and the non-profit organization **For A Reason**. Together with Haitian educators, the program has been operating successfully since 2014. The week-long seminars provide coursework designed specifically for teachers in remote regions of rural Haiti. Often with only slightly more education than the children in their classrooms, these teachers have little opportunity or resources to participate in traditional staff development.

Nerni Miller, an educator/trainer for the Teach FAR project, received her bachelor's degree from UC Berkeley, her master's degree in Educational Leadership and Administration from CSUSB, and her teaching credential from the University of Redlands. She has completed thirty years as an educator, including the past five years at the University of Redlands where she teaches full time, working with teacher candidates, student teachers, and interns, and serves as the Regional Academic Coordinator for the U of R's School of Education at the branch campuses in Riverside and Temecula. In addition, she also serves as the math lead for the Rochford Leadership Initiative.



*~Cathy Schilling*

## ***Certificates of Appreciation to Branch Members***

We will honor 25 of our members who have been AAUW members for 5, 10, 15, 20, 23, 30, 35, and 60 years. We appreciate each and every one of you for all that you have done for the Redlands branch.

## ***2018-2019 Officer Installation***

President ~**Marie Mitchell**  
Communication VP~ **Rosa Gomez**  
Program VP~ **Martha Lehman**

President Elect~ **Sue Wallace**  
Hospitality VP~ **Sue Ferguson**  
Nominating Committee:  
**Toni Momberger, chair, Ellen Cope,**  
**Mary Lou Guerrero, Ruth Morvay**

## **June Branch Meeting**

Saturday,  
June 1, 2019  
Social & Brunch  
9:00 a.m.  
Meeting & Program  
9:30 a.m.

## **Where**

University of Redlands  
**UNIVERSITY HALL**

## **Menu Sumptuous** **Breakfast Buffet**

Scrambled eggs, blueberry blintzes, home-fried potatoes, bacon, seasonal fruit, assorted breakfast pastries, creamy butter, fruit preserves, coffee/tea

## **Cost**

**Members and Guests: \$19**  
(student discount available)

## **Reservations**

The reservation deadline for the June 1st meeting is Sunday, May 26th. 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. Chairs will be available.**

## ***Branch Meetings*** ***2019-2020***

***Saturday, 9/7/19***  
***Membership Brunch***

***10/1, 11/2, 12/3, 1/7,***  
***2/1, 3/7, 4/7, 5/5, 6/6***

Sunday MAY 26 <b>RESERVATION DEADLINE for JUNE 1 BRUNCH meeting</b>					June 2019	
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						1 9am Branch Meeting
2 6pm California Cuisine I	3	4	5 6:30pm Program Committee Planning	6	7	8
9	10 6:30pm Board Mtg	11	12	13	14	15
16 5:30pm California Cuisine 2	17	18	19 12pm I Am, Therefore I Think, planning meeting	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 1pm Bunco	27 1pm & 7pm Reading & Rainbow	28	29-30
<b>JULY &gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; Thursday, JULY 25 7:15pm Ushering at Redlands Bowl</b>						
<b>AUG &gt;&gt;&gt; Thursday, AUG 1 7pm Reading &amp; the Rainbow (no 1pm meeting)</b>						
<b>June 10<sup>th</sup> - AAUW Board Meeting: Invitations sent to elected and nominated board members for 2018-19 and 2019-20.</b> 6:30 pm at 1368 Prospect Dr. <i>~Marie Mitchell</i> ~~~~~ <b>Bridge</b> Contact coordinator for established bridge groups. <i>~Louise Schumann</i> <b>Bunco</b> 6/26 1pm <i>~Barbara Krause</i> <b>California Cuisine and Conversation 1</b> 6/2 Host & address will be sent by email. <i>~Pamela Ong</i> <b>California Cuisine and Conversation 2</b> 6/16 5:30pm <i>~ Patty Ahearn</i> <b>I Am, Therefore I Think</b> 6/19 12pm at a local restaurant. Annual Planning Luncheon. Reservations required. <i>~ Ellen Schollenberger &amp; Sharlene Lund</i> <b>Program Planning Meeting (see article on page 5)</b> 6/5 6:30pm <i>~Martha Lehman</i>				<b>July 25<sup>th</sup> - Redlands Bowl Summer Music Festival</b> All ushers will meet at <b>7:15 p.m.</b> at the Bowl patio on Grant Street to receive the bowls, ushering instructions, and take a group photo. The program will begin at 8:00 p.m., and intermission will begin any time between 8:45 and 9:00pm Please plan on attending. The performance is the opening night of <b>"Singin' in the Rain."</b> We really need your help! It will be a fun evening for all! <i>~Barbara Simmons</i> ~~~~~ <b>Reading and Rainbow</b> 6/27 <i>The Professor and the Madman</i> by Simon Wiuchester 1pm host Del Barrett 7pm host Kathy Presnell-Best. Reservations are not required. 8/1 <i>The All-Girls Filling Station's Last Reunion</i> by Fannie Flagg 7 pm host TBD <b>note: NO 1 pm meeting</b> Reservations are not required <i>~Amy Bisek &amp; Kathryn Brown</i>		
<b>Branch Officers:</b> <b>President:</b> Toni Momberger (335-0506), <b>President-Elect:</b> Marie Mitchell (838-1009), <b>Communications Vice President:</b> Becky Johnston (238-7633), <b>Hospitality Vice President:</b> Kathy Toister (794-3217), <b>Membership Vice President:</b> Erica Wilson (797-7938), <b>Program Vice President:</b> Kathryn Brown (335-3568), <b>Secretary:</b> Patricia Stubbs (797-8975 or 289-9183), <b>Treasurer:</b> Hazel Curtis (954-6323)					<b>B&amp;T Submission:</b> The deadline for the <b>Summer newsletter</b> will be <b>June 19<sup>th</sup></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 mail to Paula Ferri-Milligan.	

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

I was committed to making our club a priority, and I couldn't be more grateful that you all were so generous in helping with that.

I didn't accept the post to serve as a caretaker. I wanted to include more members and refresh our commitment to the mission where possible. I wanted to get stuff done.

So I heard your ideas for new things and tried them. Some of them worked, and some didn't.

I strove to ensure there were no barriers to anyone's contribution because we never know where genius or grit will come from.

I have a special appreciation for this year's board, elected and appointed combined, for all of the time and thought given to making this branch and this year successful.

The elected board kept us running smoothly with productive input and positive spirits. Thank you to Marie Mitchell, Kathryn Brown, Kathy Toister, Patricia Stubbs, Hazel Curtis, Erica Wilson, and Becky Johnson. Kathryn, Kathy, and Becky are ending their terms this month after years of valuable service.

Thank you to Deb Seibly for ably filling Jane Roberts' spot as the Legal Advocacy Fund Chairwoman and for bringing Aileen Rizo to Redlands to share her story.

Thank you to Margee Fuller for answering the call to co-chair AAUW Fund and for hosting the Summer Idea Retreat in the mountains.

Thank you to Marilyn Shankar for your continued dedication to introducing STEM to students through the Pass Conference and Tech Trek. Thank you to Heather Abushanab for seeing us through our 25th Redlands STEM Conference and celebration, for heading up our end of Lunafest, and the inaugural morning-after discussion brunch.

Thank you to Patty Ahearn for running Speech Trek and ably serving as our Parliamentarian and Nominating Committee Chairwoman.

Thank you to Rosa Gomez and Jan Jacobson for co-leading the scholarship program, (and though she's not on the board, I must give a thank-you to Pat Belk, who not only runs the Boutique to fund it but makes sure everyone is wished happiness on her birthday and beautifies the room with table centerpieces.)

Thank you to Jessie Powell for sharing her expertise as we navigated our new non-profit status. What would we have done without you?

And a special thank you to my mom, Dianne Landeros, for her remarkable work leading the Public Policy Committee through creative new communitywide projects and initiatives. We and the Redlands branch are lucky you have agreed to stay in that post.

So many fill the roles that create who we are as the fifth largest (and definitely my favorite) AAUW branch in California.

We will continue to change in little and big ways. Our titles will shift, but we will keep working. It doesn't matter what position we're in. We have a shared goal, and we have one another.

Onward together for women and girls everywhere.

### ***Award Spotlight: Congratulations to Kim Cousins***



Congratulation to **Kim Cousins** on receiving the 2018-2019 CSUSB College of Natural Sciences **Outstanding Faculty Award for Research**. Kim has been a member of AAUW National since 1995 and recently joined our Redlands branch. Kim is the chair of the Chemistry and Biochemistry departments at CSUSB. At the January meeting of AAUW Southeast Interbranch Council, Kim spoke on "*Women in Higher Education: Celebrations and Challenges*".

In announcing the recipients of the five awards from the College of Natural Sciences, Roberto C. Hernandez, Director of Administrative Operations and Marketing said:

*"The faculty awards recognize our colleagues who exemplify the highest standards in teaching, research, and service. We commend their dedication to our students' development as educators, scholars, and professionals who mcontribute to society"*

## Membership Matters: Time to Renew!

Our Membership Treasurer, Susan Willis, wants you to know that you will shortly be receiving an email invoice for your annual dues for 2019-20. Membership renewal includes the following dues: \$59 national, \$20 for the state, and \$31 for the branch--for a total of \$110.



- National has requested that members wishing to renew online **use the link in the invoice** and **do not renew by going to the AAUW website**. Renewing via the link in the invoice is secure and does not require a password; simply click the link and enter your means of payment, and you're done.
- Members may also pay by check in the amount of \$110--mailed to: Susan Willis, 3944 Piedmont Drive, Highland 92346
- Any questions, or if you need the emailed invoice to be resent, please contact Susan.
- Renew by check at the branch meeting in June.

Also, if you have any changes or corrections for your contact information in the yearbook, please email such to [membership@aauw-redlands-ca.org](mailto:membership@aauw-redlands-ca.org)



Many happy returns to these ladies who celebrate a birthday in June:

Patty Ahearn	Elaine Brubacher
Carol Buchanan	Patricia Estrada
Paula Ferri-Milligan	Mary Lou Guerrero
Susan Kean	Sally Trost
Aleta West	

We sure hope you will all join us at the June meeting so we can help you celebrate!

~Pat Belk

## Thank you for helping us grow!



Thank you to all the new members who joined AAUW this year. Our branch is very happy to have so many new members. We hope you enjoyed your first year and plan to continue next year. We will honor everyone who joined the branch from June 2018 through May 2019 at the June branch meeting. Our 2018-2019 new members are:

**Liz Birriel-Isaacs**  
**Cid Breyer**  
**Papri Chatterjee**  
**Kim Cousins**  
**Kelsey Gormley**  
**Brittany Hagen**  
**Caroline McAllister**  
**Evangelina Mirandé**  
**Eileen Sanborn**  
**Geri Stahly**  
**Héba Taha**  
**Priya Vedula**  
**Nancy Rusth White**  
**Tabetha Wittenmyer**  
**Whitney Zick**

**Valarie Boone**  
**Kellie Byward**  
**Amy Christensen**  
**Lorraine Enriquez**  
**Diana Haberkorn**  
**Debbie LeDoux**  
**Nerni Mink Miller**  
**Marie Rossi**  
**Elizabeth Schilling**  
**Marjorie Stein**  
**Hester Turpin**  
**Jordan Webb**  
**Sharen Wilber**  
**Susan Wong**

~Kay Dobbertin &  
 Margee Fuller  
 Hospitality  
 Committee



## PLEASE UPDATE YOUR YEARBOOK

**Liz Birriel-Isaacs**  
**Jordan Webb**  
**Sally Vaughn**  
**Cathy Curtis Odegaard**



## Family Service Association Back-to-School Project

Just a reminder to bring your cash or check donations to the June Branch meeting to support the Family Service Back-to-School Project. This project, in cooperation with Micah House and the Redlands Police Department, helps assist RUSD students with backpacks and supplies for the coming 2019-20 school year. Checks can be made out to AAUW Redlands Branch with FSA Project on the memo line. Any amount helps! Thanks for your continued support of this worthy effort!



~Dawn Romo, Project Chair

## Suggestions for Speakers for 2019-2020 branch meetings?



Please send suggestions and/or join us Wednesday June 5 at 6:30 pm. Contact me for car pooling details.

~Martha Lehman



## Redlands Bowl: Ushering July 25th

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~Barbara Simmons

## Give a Grad a Gift!



The National membership is free but needs to be given by an active member of AAUW. Both AAUW California and AAUW Redlands Branch waive membership fees for **Give a Grad a Gift** recipients, so if your Grad is local, you can give her a year with our branch too! If your Grad is in another location, you might help her connect with the AAUW branch in her area. It is up to the branch to waive local membership dues, but many branches do this for the **Give a Grad a Gift** recipients. Read more about it from the AAUW website:

<https://www.aauw.org/resource/give-a-grad-a-gift/>

Not sure how to proceed? Ask the Membership VP at [membership@aauw-redlands-ca.org](mailto:membership@aauw-redlands-ca.org).

~Erica Wilson, Membership VP



## College/University Partnership

**AAUW Work Smart** is designed to help you negotiate for a new job, raise, or promotion.



### Learn Salary Negotiating from Home!

AAUW has been ramping up its Work Smart Initiative by expanding workshops in communities, cities, and states across the U.S. Now, with the recent launch of Work Smart Online, the program is poised to accelerate toward its ambitious goal of training 10 million women in salary negotiation by 2022. Sign up, and take the course!

<https://salary.aauw.org/salary-negotiation/>



~Kathy Toister  
C/U Partnership Chair



**May Branch Meeting**

**May Birthday**

Judy Dods  
with Hospitality  
Birthday Club  
Chair, Pat Belk



Leslie Trainor  
introducing speaker  
Dr. Rebecca  
Reichard

**Scholarship Committee**



Chair Rosa Gomez with Carly and Pat

2019 Nancy  
Yowell  
Memorial  
Scholarship  
Recipient Carly  
Gail is pursuing  
her degree in  
Investigative  
Journalism at  
the University  
of California,  
Riverside.



**Tech Trek Alumni**



**2018 Tech Trekkers:  
Saniya Tillis &  
Ellen Peterson**

Saniya was in the robotics course at UCSD, and Ellen participated in Mechanical Engineering camp.  
Sharon Bealer gave the girls a thank you gift of Women and GIS, a book from Esri Press



Ellen with her  
mother, Andrea,  
and Kate Pretorius



Saniya with her mother,  
Donyielie, and Sharon Bealer



## 2019 Tech Trek Update

This year's Tech Trek campers and their families met for an orientation and pizza party. Two campers from last year were there to relay their experiences at the camps. Their comments excited the girls and assured the parents how wonderful and safe the experience would be.

Five girls will be at UCSD and four at Whittier College. They will be invited to our November ranch meeting to share their enthusiasm.

Main sponsors this year were Sun Lakes Country Club Charitable Trust, Soroptimist International of Beaumont/Banning, California Retired Teachers of San Geronio Pass, and Redlands Kiwanis.

*~Marilyn Shankar, Tech Trek Chair*



## 2019 LUNAFEST April 12







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**Thank You to  
EVERYONE Who Made  
LUNAFEST a Success:**

**Esri, Sponsors,  
Planning Committee,  
Event Volunteers,  
and everyone who  
attended 2019  
LUNAFEST**



## Congratulations to AAUW's 2019–20 Fellowship and Grant Awardees!



In April, AAUW announced 259 awards and \$4 million in funding for fellows and grantees in the 2019–20 award year! This exceptional group of recipients will pursue academic work and lead innovative community projects to empower women and girls.

For 130 years, AAUW has been a leading source of funding for graduate women, providing more than \$115 million in fellowships and grants to more than 13,000 women and nonprofit organizations in the United States and around the world.



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