

# Branches and Twigs

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



## The President's Corner – Marie Mitchell

*If you want to GO FAST...go alone.  
If you want to GO FAR...go together.  
~African Proverb*

Reflecting on the individual stories of women such as Clara B. Williams, and the numerous ways that we as women have refused to be denied our rights and/or to fulfill our dreams, helps us understand that it is up to us, each one of us, to appreciate this struggle and know that it is our destiny to never give up!

### CLARA B. WILLIAMS 1889-1994

There's an old saying that goes, "Until God opens a door, praise Him in the hallway." No one knows how true this saying is other than Clara B. Williams.

Clara Belle Drisdale was born in Plum, Texas, in 1885. She was the valedictorian of the graduating class of Prairie New Normal and Independent College, now (Prairie View A & M University) in 1908. Williams enrolled at the New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts in the fall of 1928, after taking some courses at the University of Chicago. While she worked as a teacher at Booker T. Washington School in Las Cruces, she also took college courses during the summer.

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## November Branch Meeting:

### **"Changing Lives at Crossroads"**

Sister Terry Dodge has been the executive director of Crossroads, a six-month residential program in Claremont for women in transition following their release from prison, since 1989. Sister Terry has directed activities which have led to amazing transformations in the lives of over 400 previously incarcerated women. The primary goal at Crossroads is to empower women with new skills to help them step out of the revolving door of prisons and move towards economic self-sufficiency. A



Catholic nun affiliated with the Order of the Sisters of St. Louis, Sister Terry has served with wisdom, compassion and humility. Her work has been lauded within the state of California and across the nation. Sister Dodge is a 2010 recipient of the Minerva Award – along with Sandra Day O'Connor and Oprah Winfrey. In 2019 she was recognized as a Congressional Woman of the Year by Congress member Judy Chu.

*~Trudy Waldron*

## November Branch Meeting

**When** Saturday,  
November 2, 2019  
Social 9:00 am  
Brunch 9:30 a.m.  
Program 10:15 a.m.

### Where

University of Redlands  
**CASA LOMA ROOM**

### Menu French Toast Buffet

Orange Cinnamon  
Scented French Toast,  
Crispy Bacon, Diced Hash  
Browns, Sliced seasonal  
fruit tray, ketchup, syrup,  
butter, orange juice,  
coffee/tea

### Cost

Members and guests: \$19

### Reservations

The reservation deadline for the November 2nd meeting is Sunday, October 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 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: 2019-2020**

Tuesday, 12/3 dinner  
Tuesday, 1/7 dinner  
Saturday, 2/1 brunch  
Saturday, 3/7 brunch  
Tuesday, 4/7 dinner  
Tuesday, 5/5 dinner  
Saturday, 6/6 brunch

				November 2019		
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>October 27<sup>th</sup> is the RESERVATION DEADLINE for NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> Brunch</b>					1	2 9am Branch Meeting & <i>NYMS Bazaar</i>
3	4 1pm Bridge	5 9am CHAT "Flyer" Fundraiser	6 1pm Bridge	7	8	9 9am STEM Redlands Mtg.
10	11	12	13 9am STEM PASS Mtg. Noon I Am, Therefore I Think	14	15	16
17 5:30pm California Cuisine 2	18 1pm Bridge 6:30pm Board Meeting	19	20	21 1pm & 7pm Reading and the Rainbow	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 <i>THANKS-GIVING</i>	29	30

**Save the dates**

**Sunday, December 8--YMCA Holiday Home Tour, 9 am or 12:45 pm**  
**Tuesday, January 7--PASS STEM Conference**  
**Wednesday, February 26-- REDLANDS STEM Conference**

**AAUW Redlands Board Meeting**

11/18 6:30pm Redlands United Church of Christ,  
168 Bellevue Ave, Redlands

~Marie Mitchell

**Bridge Groups** Contact coordinators

~Pat Belk & Dorothy Nordquist

**California Cuisine and Conversation 2**

11/18 5:30pm

~Patty Ahearn

**CHAT meeting**

11/5 9am Smiley Library Assembly Room

~Katherine Gifford 798-7565 literacy@akspl.org

**I Am, Therefore I Think**

11/13 Noon "College Students & Homelessness—A

Womens' Issue" Facilitator: Toni Momberger

12-2 pm (12-12:30 informal brown bag lunch) Trinity  
Episcopal Church Lounge (Rm 6-8) 419 South 4th St,  
Redlands.

~Ellen Schollenberger & Viktoria Norberg

**Nancy Yowell Memorial Scholarship Fundraising Bazaar**

11/2 Branch meeting

~Pat Belk



**Branch Officers:** President: Marie Mitchell, President-elect: Sue Wallace  
**Communications Vice President:** Rosa Gomez, **Hospitality Vice President:** Sue Ferguson, **Membership Vice President:** Erica Wilson, **Program Vice President:** Martha Lehman, **Secretary:** Patricia Stubbs, **Treasurer:** Hazel Curtis

**B&T Submission:**

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

## The President's Corner – Marie Mitchell continued

Most of Williams' professors did not allow her inside the classroom because she was Black. But that didn't stop Clara. She had to take notes from the hallway—standing up! That's right, she wasn't even given a chair to sit in many of those classes. She was also not allowed to walk with her class to get her diploma because of the segregation laws. Despite what they did or said against her, she still graduated with a bachelor's degree in English from NMSU in 1937 at the age of 51.

Williams went on to continue her education beyond her graduation date, taking graduate-level classes well into the 1950s. She was a shining example to everyone she came into contact with. She married Jasper Williams in 1917. The couple raised three sons: Jasper Jr., James, and Charles. She urged her sons to do well in school and succeed in higher education. All three of her children went to college and graduated with medical degrees. One attended Howard University Medical School in Washington D.C., and the two other children graduated from Creighton University Medical School in Omaha, Nebraska. They founded the Williams Clinic in Chicago, Illinois.

Clara went on to receive many honors during her lifetime. She succeeded despite the significant obstacles of discrimination placed before her while pursuing higher education. In 1961, NMSU named Williams Street on the main campus in her honor. She received an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from NMSU in 1980. Williams passed away in 1994. She was 108. Clara Belle Williams Day was issued in the state of New Mexico--February 13.



BLACK DOCTOR. ORG

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

**Monica Harwood:** Monica was born and raised in Chicago, but she has lived in this area since 1965. She is a graduate of the University of Redlands with a B.A. and an M.S. in Communicative Disorders. She is retired from Rim of the World Unified School District after 30 years there as a Speech Pathologist. She continued working for a few more years for Loma Linda Home Health. Since retiring Monica has been exercising, quilting, enjoying concerts and everything musical. She has joined AAUW to "expand her horizons."

**Nerni Mink Miller:** Nerni grew up in Redlands, and now lives in Temecula. She loves hiking and reading. Nerni was a public-school educator for 26 years and now teaches at the University of Redlands. She does non-profit work benefitting children, which is a passion of hers.

**Valerie Lichtman:** Valerie is a retired school district librarian from Rim of the World Unified School District. Valerie received her B.A. from the the University of Pittsburgh in 1961 and her MLS from University of Washington in 1969. She is a member of the San Bernardino City Library Board and is Secretary to the San Bernardino County Democratic Central Committee. Valerie grew up outside of Pittsburgh, PA, and lived in Seattle WA for eight years. She likes to read, attend plays and musical performances, and to garden.



**Renee Kern:** Renee is a third-generation Redlands/Highland resident. She graduated from Cal State, San Bernardino, with a B.A. in Business-HR in 1991. She loves to experience new places and cultures. She also loves wine tasting and community volunteering. She co-owns a small business in forensic consulting.

**Mercedes Gifford:** Mercedes received her B.A. from UCLA in 1976 and her MLS from San Jose State in 1979. She is a Librarian and loves to read. She loves to participate in Planned Parenthood events.

**Ingrid Sanchez:** Ingrid received a medical degree from the Central University of Venezuela in 1990 and then did a specialty in Psychiatry. She came to the US from Venezuela in 2015 because her husband was hired by ESRI. She is a Psychiatrist and will soon be a Jungian Analyst. She really likes to share and meet new people, especially those who are interested in discussing deep topics. She wants to help make this a better world.

**Sharon Fabbri:** Sharon received an NPC degree from UCLA in 1985 and a BSN from Cal State, San Bernardino, in 1993. She has lived in Highland for 30 years. Sharon works at Loma Linda University Medical Center in the Cardiology Department. She specializes in heart failure. She likes to hike and read. She will be retiring soon and has joined AAUW hoping to "keep her brain cells alive."

**Marina Battaglioli:** Marina received her MD degree from the University of Milan in 1990 and then did a residency in Pediatrics and Neonatology. She has been living in Redlands for three years, coming here straight from her hometown of Milan. She is interested in learning different cultures, meeting new people, exchanging ideas, and participating in new projects.

**Mireia Rodriguez Poveda:** Mireia graduated from the University of Alicante, Spain, in Civil Engineering in 2013. She attended the Business School in Spain in 2019, focusing on Strategic Project Management. She and her husband came here in July 2019 from Spain because of her husband's job. She would like to get to know the Redlands community and participate in community activities. She, of course, wants to get to know the women of our community. She would like to help achieve equity for all of us.

**Billie Randolph:** Billie received her B.S. from the University of Southern Illinois. She lives in Yucaipa and loves photography.

**Pamela Timothy:** Pam received her B.S. from Union College, Nebraska in 1976 and her MS from Loma Linda University in 1998. She has lived in the area for 40 years. She learned of AAUW years ago from her aunt who lived in Minneapolis. Pam loves outdoor activities--hiking, skiing, and gardening.

**Suzanne Cranston:** Suzanne received her BSN from Loma Linda University in 1980 and received a two-year degree in computers from Crafton College in 2004. Suzanne has lived in Yucaipa since 1990 where she moved to from Redlands. She is a retired OB Nurse since 2017 and a new grandma since Jan. 2019. She loves to read and watch old movies.

**Kris Goodfellow:** Kris graduated from Northwestern University, Illinois, with a B.A. in Journalism in 1992 and attended UCLA for one year as a candidate for an MBA. She is a Redlands resident and small business owner. Kris is currently a candidate for State Senate.

***PLEASE UPDATE YOUR YEARBOOK***

**Suzanne Cranston**  
**Kris Goodfellow**  
**Nancy Johnston-Lashier**  
**Kathy Presnell-Best**  
**Deepika Srivastava**  
**Jenny Zorn**

## YMCA Holiday Home Tour: 2019 Volunteers Needed

For the last sixteen years, AAUW has assisted the YMCA with its annual home tour by hosting a home. If you would like to join the fun and volunteer on December 8, 2019, to be a hostess in the home that AAUW is assigned for that day, please let us know. We have two shifts available, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 12:45 - 4:45 pm. It is a wonderful way to assist the YMCA with its big fund raiser. The money raised goes to support the Y's Legal Aid Program, which provides legal services to low-income clients, primarily women. The program employs a very experienced attorney, Paula Salcido, who has a team with at least one paralegal and several paid and volunteer clerks, as well as volunteer attorneys, who together provide legal services. It's really a great program that was a YWCA initiative that they brought over when they merged with the YMCA. Your gift of time and energy makes you feel good and serves a wonderful cause. There will be a sign-up sheet at the November meeting, or you can email me your name, phone number, and which shift you would like to work.

*~Ann Leonard and Linda Browning, Co-Chairs*

## 2019-20 AAUW Membership Come One, Come All! The Competition is ON!

National is once again running the “Shape the Future Membership Campaign,” which gives a discounted membership to first-year members who sign up at a branch meeting. The campaign also allows our branch to earn up to three free national memberships for the 2020-21 membership year. You have a chance of winning one just by inviting a guest to a branch meeting! The more people you invite who join, the better your odds of winning. The competition will be conducted throughout the year, and free memberships will be awarded in the following way:

**2 – awarded to members who recruit the most new members\*\*** from April 2019-March 2020. If there is a tie, we will hold a drawing.

**1 – awarded to the member who invites the most potential new members** from April 2019-March 2020, 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.

*~Erica Wilson, Membership VP*



**NANCY YOWELL SCHOLARSHIP**  
A SCHOLARSHIP FOR WOMEN RE-ENTERING COLLEGE

11/1/2019–Applications available at  
<https://redlands-ca.aauw.net/>

2/1/2020 Complete Applications Due

Applicants must reside within the Redlands Branch Area

Scholarship is open to those pursuing an Associate,  
Bachelor or Graduate degree

For More information please contact Nerni Miller  
951-595-1297 nernimiller@gmail.com

**The  
BOUTIQUE!!!  
is Here!!!**

# Holiday Craft Fair

It's just around the corner! We're gearing up for another fantastic display of gifts, decor, yummy treats, and wonderful hand crafted items just for you. We hope to have a **super** turn-out for the November Brunch so that you can get a jump on your holiday purchases. We have lots of new ideas and items for you to see and share with your friends and family.



We're trying something new this year. **Our boutique will be held only be in November this year.** As you can imagine, it takes a lot of work to get it set up and stocked and, in the last two years, the December sale has not been as profitable as November so we decided to try doing only one big sale at the Saturday meeting in November. However, if you see something you would like to have but we run out of it, we will be happy to make more and bring it to the December meeting.



So...We hope to see everyone at the November 2 Brunch meeting and bring your shopping bag!

**All money raised supports the Nancy Yowell Memorial Scholarship.**

Thanks

~Pat Belk

## Hospitality Birthday Club

We are wishing these ladies a very **Happy Birthday** in the month of November. Hopefully, you will join us at the branch meeting, so we can celebrate in person with you, and you can pick up your birthday present!



Mary Blickensderfer  
Amy Christensen  
Jane Henry  
Kate Pretorius  
Marilyn Shankar  
Meena Spangrud  
Bea Yancey

Shelley Bodnar  
Brittany Hagen  
Sande Meith-Rash  
Susan Sechrist  
Shrddha Singhi  
Leslie Trainor  
Sue Young

P.S. If we missed you or you are new, please let us know so we can get you on the list!

~Pat Belk

## Let's Eat Thai!

### BE N J A R O N G THAI CUISINE

Plan to eat well and benefit AAUW Redlands with your friends and family on Tuesday, November 5, at Benjarong Thai restaurant in Redlands (1001 Park Ave., 909-792-3235.) Please print and bring along the *flyer\** and give it to your server when you dine as Benjarong has generously agreed to allocate a portion of the cost of your food and drinks to AAUW Redlands upon receiving the flyer! Reservations are encouraged for Lunch, 11 AM - 2:30 PM, and Dinner, 5 - 9 PM; or go for cocktails and Thai snacks in their newly-remodeled bar area. Flyers will also be available at the branch meeting on November 2, or contact Kathryn Brown at 510-220-1876 for further information.

*\*flyer on bottom of page 11 and sent as an attachment to newsletter*

~Kathryn Brown

## What is AmazonSmile?

Did you know that Amazon will automatically donate .5% of your purchases to your favorite charity? The Amazon Smile program allows all Amazon purchasers, both regular and Prime, to designate a charity for their donation. AAUW Redlands is one of the charities you can support. For information on how to sign up, please click on <https://redlands-ca.aauw.net/amazon-smile/>



## 20th Pass STEM Conference

We are ramping up for another successful STEM Conference. The keynote speaker will again be the dynamic Amber Price. We are finalizing the speakers, and the student applications will be in the girls' hands by the time you read this.

The conference will be held at Mt. San Jacinto College on Tuesday, January 7, 2020. We are still in need of volunteers to help on the day as hosts to introduce our workshop speakers. If you are able to help, please contact Theresa Lantz at 909-677-7731. We look forward to another successful conference! We couldn't do it without your continued support. We appreciate all you do.

~Pam Ford & Theresa Lantz  
Co-Chairs STEM Pass Conference



**October Speaker**  
**Cynthia**  
**McGuigan**



**October NCCWSL**  
**Speaker**  
**Kristen Saucedo**  
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## Redlands STEM Initiatives Recognition and Donations

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, Theresa Lantz and Ann Harding attended the Sun Lakes Charitable Trust Evening Event where they were received \$3,500 in support of the Pass STEM conference and Tech Trek. They also received Certificates of Recognition from State Senator Mike Morrell; Arthur Welch, Banning Mayor; Jeff Hewitt, Fifth District Supervisor, County of Riverside; and State Assemblyman Chad Mayes

Heather Abushanab and Theresa Lantz gave a AAUW STEM initiatives presentation to the Banning Morning Rotary Club on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Nona



Bradd, President, presented a check for \$250 to Theresa Lantz to support AAUW STEM.

On October 14th, Marilyn Shankar and Ann Harding gave a presentation to California Retired Teachers Association San Gorgonio Pass. They received a check for \$500.

## Adult Literacy Program

This year the Redlands Adult Literacy Program chose the book, *Seedfolks* by Paul Fleischman, as its community read. *Seedfolks* is a story about a neighborhood that transforms a vacant lot into a community garden. In the process, neighbors from many different backgrounds get to know each other and form a community of mutual support. *Seedfolks* was selected because it mirrors the community of adult learners and tutors, who come from many walks of life and countries, but learn from each other and become a community of readers and writers.

To celebrate the message of *Seedfolks*, the Redlands Adult Literacy Program performed a play about the *Seedfolks* book. Teresa Dolan directed the performance that included community actors, tutors, learners, and supporters of the Redlands Adult Literacy Program. Diane Shimota, Adult Literacy Coordinator, expressed her gratitude for the guidance and assistance provided by Ms. Dolan. "For many adult learners, this was the first time they have participated in a play. Their experience of reading has been changed forever, as they brought to life the characters that they read about in a favorite book."





## Redlands Adult Literacy Program performance of Seedfolks

### Update: New Briefs Ordered in Aileen Rizo's Pay Equity Case

On August 9, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ordered the parties in *Rizo v. Yovino* to file additional briefs for the court to address the issues raised in the U.S. Supreme Court's February opinion. Long-time readers of LAF Express will recall that the Supreme Court's opinion vacated the Ninth Circuit's earlier decision, remanding it back down the court to address a procedural issue. In other words, the Supreme Court did not review the merits of the Equal Pay Act case, but rather focused solely on the issue of whether a federal court can count the vote of a judge who dies before the decision is issued. This was relevant because Judge Reinhardt, who authored the Ninth Circuit's positive decision, died on March 29, 2018, although he had voted and issued his opinion prior to his death.

In the Ninth Circuit's August order, the court also asked for information on any other developments since the case was previously considered by the full court in April 2018. AAUW will continue to support Aileen Rizo through our legal case support program and to advocate for pay equity and fairness in compensation and benefits as a means to achieve economic self-sufficiency for women.



Aileen Rizo's spoke at CSUSB on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Attending Aileen's *Equal Pay For Equal Work* talk were AAUW members Deb Seibly, LAF Chair, Kim Cousins, Chair, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, and Kay Dobbertin.



## A Case to Watch

In September, the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund adopted a new pay-equity lawsuit, *Freyd v. University of Oregon*. The case challenges the pay discrimination faced by Jennifer Freyd, a professor paid substantially less than her male colleagues who hold the same positions, are junior to her, and are no more accomplished. The disparity is primarily due to retention raises, and the case will help establish whether such raises are considered a “factor other than sex” under the Equal Pay Act. AAUW also joined an amicus or “friend of the court” brief in support of Freyd’s appeal.

# Women Making a Difference

## On the ERA –

### Short term intensive actions needed from AAUW members!

ERA Text: Section 1. Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex. Section 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article. Section 3. This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification

Be an Equality Warrior! Help win Virginia, the last state needed to send the ERA to Congress, the 28th Amendment.

We are so close! “All eyes, all money, all hands must be focused on Virginia now in order to achieve the 38th state and move into the next phase of our fight for equality, should there be one.” Kamala Lopez, Activist and Producer of Legalize Equality.

Here are actions needed right now you can do:

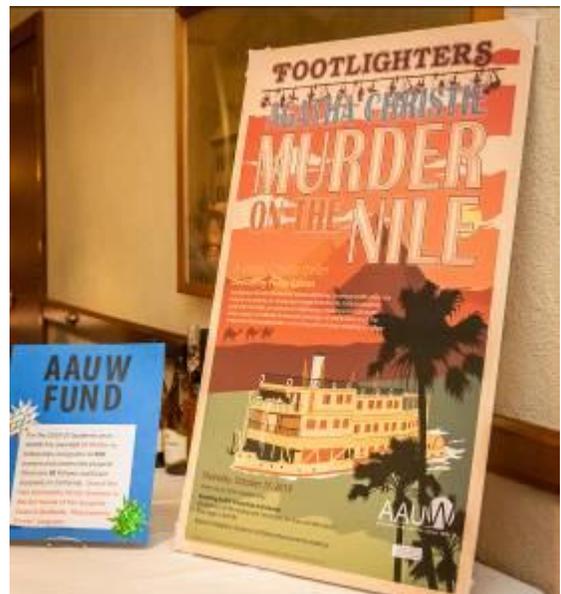
- 1.. You can buy an exclusive ERA VA Jersey to help fun raise for #i/Scream 4Equality. These shirts show you are LOUD and PROUD about equal rights for all Americans and help educate the public.
- 2.. Phone Bank on your own time. Drop a line to [VAratifyERA@gmail.com](mailto:VAratifyERA@gmail.com) to get the special link!
3. Amplify the social media! (@EqualMeansEqual, @VAratifyERA and @iScream4Equality) and invite friends /neighbors /colleagues to join you in making history. Consider amplifying your own efforts by hosting a postcard party.
4. Educate the 96% of Americans that think women already have equal rights! Invite folks over to watch the film together to understand why the stakes are so high in Virginia this November. Contact Diane Landeros or Shirley Harlan for DVD Legalize Equality, the short 30 min film about the ERA.
5. More information at [www.equallmeansequal.org](http://www.equallmeansequal.org) Check out VA and find legislature members to call.

~Shirley Harlan and Dianne Landeros—Public Policy Committee





**Happy Birthday to our October ladies who attended the meeting:** Shirley Harlan, Deb Seibly, Erica Wilson, Patricia Stubbs, Whitney Zick, Amber Costa, Ellen Cope, Susan Bentley and Kathy Albrektson



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## Benefit for AAUW Redlands Branch

**RESERVATIONS 909-792-3235**

**MUST PRESENT THIS FLYER TO SERVER WHEN DINING on November 5**

You are cordially invited to gather with us on Tuesday, Nov. 5, for lunch, Cocktails, dinner (or all 3!) at [Benjarong](#), Redlands' premier Thai restaurant. A portion of all sales that day will be graciously donated by Benjarong to support our AAUW Redlands Branch.

**BENJARONG THAI CUISINE**

**Tuesday, November 5 11:00 AM to 2:30; 5-9:00 PM**

1001 Park Avenue, Redlands 909-792-3235 [www.thebenjarong.com](http://www.thebenjarong.com)