

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

It is my pleasure to share the history of another important contributor to women's equity, Alice Paul.

If you want to GO FAST...go alone.

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

Alice Paul 1885-1977

A vocal leader of the twentieth century women's suffrage movement, Alice Paul advocated for and helped secure passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, granting women the right to vote. Paul next authored the Equal Rights Amendment in 1923, which has yet to be adopted.

Born on January 11, 1885, in Mount Laurel, New Jersey, Paul was the oldest of four children of Tacie Parry and William Paul, a wealthy Quaker businessman. Paul's parents embraced gender equality, education for women, and working to improve society. Paul's mother, a suffragist, brought her daughter with her to women's suffrage meetings.

Paul attended Swarthmore College, a Quaker school cofounded by her grandfather, graduating with a biology degree in 1905. She attended the New York School of Philanthropy (now Columbia University) and received a Master of Arts degree in Sociology in 1907. She then went to England to study social work, and after returning, she earned a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1910.



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December Branch Meeting

The Redlands East Valley Singers are the premier vocal ensemble at Redlands



East Valley High School. The choir has been ranked superior by the Southern California Vocal Association for several years. Selected students have also sung under the tutelage of Grammy winning composer, Eric

Whitacre, Deke Sharon, and former Pentatonix member, Ari Kaplan.

Their director, Ramon Cardenas, taught at Buena Park High School before coming to REV three years ago. He received a Bachelor of Music in Music Education and a Master of Arts in Education at Biola University, and he is currently pursuing a Master of Music in Choral Conducting from California State University at Fullerton.

This year the choir is fund raising for a tour around California.

~Ramon Cardenas, Director & Patty Ahearn, Coordinator

December Branch Meeting

When Tuesday,
December 3, 2019
Social 5:30 p.m.
Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Program 6:45 p.m.

Where

University of Redlands
CASA LOMA Room

Menu

Salad: Boston Butter
Lettuce, Goat Cheese,
Pear, Pecans,

Champagne Vinaigrette
Main Entrée: Pre-Sliced
Herbed Beef Tenderloin,
Tri-Colored Carrots,
Shallot Demi-Glace

Vegetarian entrée: Fire
Grilled Portobello
Mushroom, Quinoa Pilaf,
Wilted Spinach, Fresh
Ricotta, Roasted Tomato
Coulis

Sides: Duchesses
Potatoes, Dinner Rolls

Dessert: Assorted Cakes;
Coffee/Tea

Cost

Members and guests: \$25

Reservations

The reservation deadline for the December 3rd meeting is Monday, November 25, 2018. 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 6:45 pm. Chairs will be available.

Branch Meetings:

Tuesday, 1/7/20 dinner
Saturday, 2/1/20 brunch
Saturday, 3/7/20 brunch
Tuesday, 4/7/20 dinner
Tuesday, 5/5/20 dinner
Saturday, 6/6/20 brunch

Monday, November 25
RESERVATION DEADLINE for DECEMBER 3 Dinner

December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat				
1	2 1pm Bridge	3 5:30pm Branch Mtg	4 1pm Bridge	5	6	7				
8 9-1 & 12:45-4:45 YMCA Home Tour 6 pm California Cuisine 1	9 6 pm CHAT	10	11 9 am PASS STEM Mtg 1pm Bunco	12	13	14 9 am STEM Redlands Mtg				
15	16 1pm bridge NO BOARD MEETING	17	18 NO I Am, Therefore I Think MEETING	19	20	21				
22 5:30 pm California Cuisine 2	23	24	25	26 NO Reading & Rainbow MEETING	27	28				
29	30	31	<div>2020 Save the dates</div> <div>Tues. January 7, PASS STEM Conference Tues. January 9, 7 pm Named Gift Honoree Meeting Tues. January 28, 6 pm Adult Literacy Tutor Orientation</div> <div>Wed. February 26, Redlands STEM Conference First Week of March, Mon. & Wed. Great Decisions Friday, April 17 LUNAFEST</div>							
<div>Bridge Groups Contact coordinators ~Pat Belk & Dorothy Nordquist</div> <div>Bunco 12/11 1pm at Patty Ahearn's home ~Barbara Krause</div> <div>California Cuisine and Conversation 1 12/8 6 p.m. Host & address will be sent by email. ~Kay Dobbertin</div> <div>California Cuisine and Conversation 2 12/22 5:30 pm at Patty Ahearn's home</div> <div>CHAT Meeting 12/9 Smiley Library Assembly Room Potluck, family welcome. Please RSVP with how many will attend and what you are bringing. ~Katherine Gifford 909-798-7565 literacy@akspl.org</div>							<div>Pass Area STEM Conference 12/11 9 am Committee meeting. 1049 W. Fern, Redlands Conference date: January 7, 2020 ~Pam Ford & Theresa Lantz</div> <div>Redlands STEM Conference 12/14 Committee meeting at Kathryn Brown's home. Conference date: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 ~Kathryn Brown</div> <div>YMCA Home Tour 12/8 9-1 & 12:45-4:45 ~Ann Leonard & Linda Browning</div>			

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 **January newsletter** will be **December 5th**. Send your articles to the editor via email to news@aaup-redlands-ca.org or by mail to Paula Ferri-Milligan

The President's Corner – Marie Mitchell continued

While in England, Paul met American Lucy Burns, and joining the women's suffrage efforts there, they learned militant protest tactics, including picketing and hunger strikes. Back in the United States, in 1912, Paul and Burns joined the National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA), with Paul leading the Washington, DC Chapter. NAWSA primarily focused on state-by-state campaigns; Paul preferred to lobby Congress for a constitutional amendment. Such differences led Paul and others to split with NAWSA and form the National Woman's Party.

Borrowing from her British counterparts, Paul organized parades and pickets in support of suffrage. Her first—and the largest—was in Washington, DC, on March 3, 1913, the day before President-elect Woodrow Wilson's inauguration. Approximately eight thousand women marched with banners and floats down Pennsylvania Avenue from the Capitol to the White House while a half million spectators watched, supported, and harassed the marchers. On March 17, Paul and other suffragists met with Wilson, who said it was not yet time for an amendment to the Constitution. On April 7, Paul organized a demonstration and founded the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage to focus specifically on lobbying Congress.

In January 1917, Paul and over 1,000 "Silent Sentinels" began eighteen months of picketing the White House, standing at the gates with such signs as, "Mr. President, how long must women wait for liberty?" They endured verbal and physical attacks from spectators, which increased after the U.S. entered World War I. Instead of protecting the women's right to free speech and peaceful assembly, the police arrested them on the flimsy charge of obstructing traffic. Paul was sentenced to jail for seven months, where she organized a hunger strike in protest. Doctors threatened to send Paul to an insane asylum and force-feed her while newspaper accounts of her treatment garnered public sympathy and support for suffrage. By 1918, Wilson announced his support for suffrage. It took two more years for the Senate, House, and the required 36 states to approve the amendment.

Afterward, Paul and the National Women's Party focused on the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to guarantee women constitutional protection from discrimination. Paul spent her life advocating for this and other women's issues. The ERA was ratified by 35 states in the 1970s, but by the 1982 deadline was three states short of 38 needed to become a Constitutional Amendment. ~National Women's History Museum

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### Membership & Hospitality - New Members Get Together

When one becomes a member of AAUW Redlands, I think the first thing she may be impressed by is our Branch's hospitality. This certainly was on display Tuesday evening, October 15th, when Kay Dobbertin graciously opened her home for the New Member Coffee hosted by the Membership and Hospitality Committees. We began the meeting by introducing ourselves, our educational backgrounds, and how we came to join AAUW. It was a great way to get to know both our new and old members.

New members who attended were Marina Battaglioli, Kimberly Cousins, Monica Harwod, Valerie Lichtman, Lori Powell, Mireia Rodriguez, Ingrid Sanchez, Deepika Srivastava, Priya Vedula, and Bea Yancey.

Kathy Toister, Hospitality VP, provided them with an excellent overview of the vital programs, community action projects, fundraisers, and the many interest groups sponsored by our branch.

Additionally, there to answer any questions or concerns our new members may have had (and they did) were Heather Ambushanab, Kay Dobbertin, Sue Ferguson, Theresa Lantz, Ann Leonard, Marie Mitchell, Barbara Simmons, Kathy Toister, Sue Wallace, and Erica Wilson

An enjoyable (and very edible) time was had by all.

~Erica Wilson, Membership VP





## Named Gift Honoree Selection

All previously awarded Named Gift Honorees are invited to meet on Thursday, January 9 at 7:00 P.M. at Kathryn Brown's home. The meeting is



to select Named Gift Honorees for 2020. We will honor the recipients at our February 2020 branch meeting. This is a very special award for individual branch members who have done outstanding work in



supporting our programs and goals. Our previously recognized Named Gift Honorees are listed in your yearbook, so if your name is there, your participation at this meeting will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

~Kathryn Brown, Chair  
AAUW Fund

## Hospitality Birthday Club

Can't believe it's already December! Time to wish a special Happy Birthday to our December ladies. Many happy returns!

Janyth Dison  
Marge Emrick  
Renne Kern  
Nerni Miller  
Marie Mitchell  
Dorothy Nordquist  
Eileen Sanborn  
Louise Schuman  
Carol Townsend  
Sarah VanTassel  
Priya Vedula  
Helen Webb



**Birthday Club** -- If you haven't "joined" our Birthday Club yet, please put your name and birth month on the sheet at the birthday table at the back of the room, so we can recognize you, too!

~Pat Belk [patbelk2@aol.com](mailto:patbelk2@aol.com)



## In It For Life? Make It Official AAUW Life Membership

Empower future generations through your lifetime membership in AAUW! Show your commitment to advancing equity for women and girls. Join us or upgrade your existing membership today and receive a letter of recognition, a certificate, and a lapel pin that you can wear proudly knowing that you've put your values into action to advance AAUW's mission. Lifetime membership in AAUW is a one-time, fully tax-deductible gift of \$1,180, which is 20 years of AAUW national dues.

**Become a life member today!**

~Erica Wilson, Membership VP

## Support for ERA Ratification

Members of the Public Policy Committee and *I Am Therefore I Think* interest group gathered this month at Toni Momberger's house to support Virginians and women nationwide trying to get the ERA ratified. This was the first a series of postcard writing.



## Lunafest—Save the Date!

Please save Friday, April 17, 2020, for our 8th Annual Lunafest. This is a joint activity with Zonta Club of Redlands and our branch to support our respective clubs. The Lunafest Organization supports Chicken and Egg Pictures, a nonprofit supporting women nonfiction filmmakers whose artful and innovative storytelling catalyzes social change. Our entry fee to participate in Lunafest (\$350) goes to this organization, and funds raised by the event are split evenly between Zonta Club of Redlands and AAUW Redlands Branch. If you would like to help plan this event, please contact Heather Abushanab at [lunafest@aauw-redlands-ca.org](mailto:lunafest@aauw-redlands-ca.org)

# Speech Trek AAUW CALIFORNIA

Zaid Hintzman, a sophomore at Redlands high School took first place in the October 16th Eleanor Stem Allen Memorial Speech Contest at the fourth Annual AAUW Speech Trek Contest. He received a \$300 Award from the AAUW Redlands Branch.

Zaid will automatically advance to the State Semi Final Competition where 3 finalists throughout the state will be chosen to compete at the AAUW State Convention on April 17, 2020.

Amina Mosaad, a senior at Redlands High School, received a \$200 Award for placing second.

Deborah Toma, a freshman at Redlands East Valley High School, received a \$100 Award for third place.

Zaid will present his speech to the Branch members on Tuesday, January 7, 2020, at the monthly Branch Meeting.

~Patty Ahearn, Speech Trek Chair



## YMCA 2019 Holiday Home Tour



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 p.m. Please email me your name, phone number, and which shift you would like to work,

~Ann Leonard and Linda Browning, Co-Chairs

## October AAUW Fund Highlights

**The Footlighters Theater Event**, held October 17, was a double success--over 150 members and friends enjoyed a fun evening of music, wine, and theater while also raising just under \$4,000 to support our Named Gift Honoree Program (which benefits AAUW Fellowship & Grant Recipients nationwide) and our local Redlands AAUW Mission Fund. Thanks to all who contributed to the success, volunteers and audience alike! *See photos on page 8.*

At the end of October, Judy Racine and Redlands AAUW Fund Chair Kathryn Brown traveled to Seal Beach to attend the annual **AAUW Fund Fall Luncheon** to meet with and hear 10 of our 40 2019-20 California Fellowship & Grant recipients--



which included a wide range of scholars, authors, and community activists--describe their ongoing work to advance equity for women and girls.

Among the featured recipients was Conscience Princesse Bwiza, who is pursuing her Ph.D. in Biology of Aging at USC (funded in part by endowment contributions from AAUW Redlands). AAUW Redlands would like to recognize Cher Martin of the Girl Scouts of San Geronio Council. The Girl Scouts SGC received a 2019-20 Community Action Grant for their "**Career to Classroom**" project.



## Holiday Boutique

Thank you to all of our crafters and shoppers for your participation in our Holiday Boutique. We are so excited to tell you that, so far, we have earned \$1,971, and we have one more small sale to go. All of the money will go toward the **Nancy Yowell Memorial Scholarship** in the spring. If you weren't able to come to the meeting, but you would like to contribute to the scholarship fund, your donation would be greatly appreciated. Our next fundraiser is the Bridge Scramble, which will take place in February. Hope to see you there!





**AAUW STEM**  
REDLANDS BRANCH

## More STEM

### Volunteers Needed!

Yes, we like to receive monetary donations for our STEM Initiatives, but equally --perhaps even more-- important is our need for AAUW Redlands branch members to step up and work with the STEM committee on conference day to ensure its continued success.

Our upcoming STEM Conference at the University of Redlands on Wednesday, February 26, could use a few more AAUW member volunteers to help in a variety of roles.

If you are available for the morning on conference day, serving as a Host for one of the speakers can be a great way to take part in the conference while getting to know more about what the conference entails, hearing some of our speakers for yourself, and enjoying working together with other members.

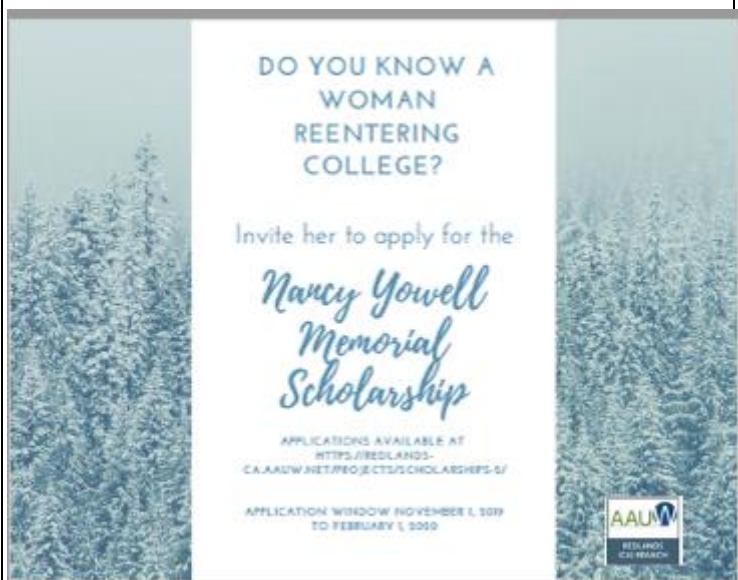
If interested, please contact Erica Wilson. We also need Guides on conference day to lead the students to their respective classrooms. No knowledge of the U of R campus is needed to start; you'll get to know it better by participating! To serve as a Guide, contact Patty Ahearn.

In January 2020, we will again begin committee activities related to our Tech Trek Program, whereby we enable several 7th grade girls to attend a week of on-sight STEM camp at UC San Diego or Whittier College. Contact Marilyn Shankar if you are interested in helping with this project.

Have ideas to share or questions about our AAUW Redlands STEM Initiatives? Contact Kathryn Brown and/or come to the next STEM Initiatives meeting on Saturday, December 14 at 9 a.m.

### *Happy November Birthday*

**Meena Spangrud, Suzanne Cranston, Marilyn Shankar, Amy Christensen and Shelley Bodner**



## Support our Redlands Branch STEM Initiatives ~ Pass Area STEM Conference ~ U of R STEM Conference

### ~ AAUW CA Tech Trek Scholarships for local girls

900 8th grade girls need your funding support to make our Pass Area and Redlands STEM Conferences a reality. You are invited to Adopt-a-Girl by covering the cost, \$20, for her to attend the conference. Adopt one or adopt many! Together we can insure that girls in Banning, Beaumont, Redlands, and Yucaipa school districts are well informed and motivated as they enter high school and begin to plan for their future college and workplace careers. Money raised beyond what is needed for the conferences may be used to help send a 7th grade girl to Tech Trek this summer. We value and appreciate your donation so very much. Thank you! Want to help on conference day? Be sure we get your name on our Guide or Host list!

### Conference Dates:

**January 7, 2020, at Mt. San Jacinto College**

**February 26, 2020, at University of Redlands**

### *STEM Initiatives Donation Coupon*

*Donations of \$100 or more will appear in the Conference Programs unless otherwise requested.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Send pledge/donation to:

**AAUW STEM Initiatives  
P.O. Box 11883  
San Bernardino, CA 92423**

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## 2019 Footlighters Event: *Murder on the Nile*



### November Branch Meeting Tech Trek Speakers



### Sister Terry Dodge "Changing Lives at Crossroads"



### Scholarship Boutique



