

Branches and Twigs

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The President's Corner – Marie Mitchell

2020 is on its way! AAUW has long recognized that science, math engineering, and technology is an important endeavor for women. We fostered this focus in January and February this month with our annual STEM program for the over 800 eighth grade girls in our community! In support of that mission AAUW even contributed to Nobel laureate Marie Curie with funds toward her enterprise. I hope you enjoy reading about this amazing woman.

Marie Curie

Marie Skłodowska was born in Warsaw, Poland, to a family of teachers who believed strongly in education. She moved to Paris to continue her studies and there met Pierre Curie, who became both her husband and colleague in the field of radioactivity. The couple later shared the 1903 Nobel Prize in Physics. Marie was widowed in 1906, but continued the couple's work and went on to become the first person ever to be awarded two Nobel Prizes. During World War I, Curie organized mobile X-ray teams. The Curies' daughter, Irene, was also jointly awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry alongside her husband, Frederic Joliot.

1903 Prize: The 1896 discovery of radioactivity by Henri Becquerel inspired Marie and Pierre Curie to further investigate this phenomenon. They examined many substances and minerals for signs of radioactivity. They found that the mineral

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March Branch Meeting

Women's Heart Health

Purvi Parwani, MD is our speaker for the March 7 AAUW meeting and will be speaking on the topic of women's heart health. She is an assistant professor of medicine (cardiology) at Loma Linda University. She earned her medical degree from Gujarat University, Ahmedabad, India. She received residency training in Internal Medicine from University of Connecticut, Cardiology at University of Oklahoma and advanced training in cardiac imaging from the University of California, San Francisco. Dr. Parwani is passionate about cardiac imaging particularly cardiac MRI and echocardiography. Her clinical interest involves diagnosing and treating women's cardiovascular disease and its prevention. She believes that cardiovascular health starts with physical and mental well-being and focuses on life-style modification, exercise, diet and yoga for her patients. She explains her mission here: <https://lluh.org/provider/parwani-purvi>. ~Judy Racine



March Branch Meeting

When Saturday,
March 7, 2020

Social 9:00 a.m.
Brunch 9:30 a.m.
Program 10:15 a.m.

Where

University of Redlands
CASA LOMA Room

Menu Make Your Own Chilaquiles

Chilaquies Rojo with Cage-Free Eggs (topping on side) Cheese, Green Salsa, Mexican Creama, cilantro & Tortilla Chips. Chorizo Breakfast Quesadillas, Breakfast Sausage Links, Cheddar Grits with Roasted Red Peppers, sliced seasonal fruit

Cost: Members and guests: \$19

Reservations

The reservation deadline for the March 7th meeting is Saturday, February 29. 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 10:15 a.m. Chairs will be available.

Branch Meetings

2019-2020

Tuesday, 4/7/20 dinner
Tuesday, 5/5/20 dinner
Saturday, 6/6/20 brunch

				March 2020		
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Saturday, February 29 RESERATION DEADLINE for March 7 brunch meeting						
1 6pm California Cuisine 1	2 1pm Great Dec #1	3	4 7pm Great Dec #1	5	6	7 9:00 am Branch Mtg.
8 International Women's Day	9 1pm Great Dec #2	10	11 7pm Great Dec #2	12	13	14 9am STEM Mtg.
15 5:30pm California Cuisine 2	16 9am CHAT 1pm Great Dec #3 6:30pm Board Mtg	17	18 12pm I Am, Therefore I Think 4pm Start Smart 7pm Great Dec #3	19	20	21
22	23 1pm Great Dec #4	24	25 1pm Bunco 7pm Great Dec #4	26 1pm & 7pm Reading & the Rainbow	27	28
Save the Dates		Friday, April 17, LUNAFEST		April 17-19 AAUW CA Convention, Westin San Francisco Airport		
AAUW Redlands Board Meeting 3/16 6:30 pm Redlands United Church of Christ, 168 Bellevue Ave, Redlands ~Marie Mitchell Bridge Groups Contact coordinators ~Pat Belk & Dorothy Nordquist Bunco 3/25 1 pm ~Barbara Krause California Cuisine and Conversation 1 3/8 Host & address will be sent by email. ~Pamela Ong California Cuisine and Conversation 2 3/15 5:30pm ~Patty Ahearn CHAT meeting 3/16 9am Smiley Library Assembly Room ~Katherine Gifford 909-798-7565 literacy@akspl.org Great Decisions-8 consecutive weeks Mondays 1pm & Wednesdays 7pm ~Sue Wallace			I Am, Therefore I Think 3/18 "How's Ur Grammar? Common Grammatical Errors" Margee Fuller (12-12:30 informal brown bag lunch). Trinity Episcopal Church Lounge, 419 South 4 th , Redlands ~Ellen Schollenberger & Viktoria Norberg International Women's Day 2020: 3/8 #EachforEqual An equal world is an enabled world. Reading and Rainbow 3/26 Hild (the Light of the World Trilogoy by Nicola Griffith 1pm host Erica Wilson, 7pm host Kathryn Brown Reservations are not required. ~Amy Bisek & Kathryn Brown Redlands STEM Conference 3/14 March Committee Meeting STEM 2020 Review and Celebration @ 9am at Kathryn's ~Kathryn Brown Start Smart Workshop 3/18 4pm University of Redlands, Gregory Hall room 177 ~Susan Bangasser			
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 April newsletter is March 5th. Send articles and photos to the editors via email to news@aauw-redlands-ca.org or by mail to Paula Ferri-Milligan		

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pitchblende was more radioactive than uranium and concluded that it must contain other radioactive substances. From it they managed to extract two previously unknown elements, polonium and radium, both more radioactive than uranium.

1911 Prize: After Marie and Pierre Curie first discovered the radioactive elements polonium and radium, Marie continued to investigate their properties. In 1910 she successfully produced radium as a pure metal, which proved the new element's existence beyond a doubt. She also documented the properties of the radioactive elements and their compounds. Radioactive compounds became important as sources of radiation in both scientific experiments and in the field of medicine, where they are used to treat tumors.

<https://www.nobelprize.org>



Marie Curie quotes:

"Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less."

"Be less curious about people and more curious about ideas."

"One never notices what has been done; one can only see what remains to be done."

"I was taught that the way of progress is neither swift nor easy."

"All my life through, the new sights of Nature made me rejoice like a child."



March 8, 2020

Campaign theme is #EachforEqual

- ✓ An equal world is an enabled world.
- ✓ Individually, we're all responsible for our own thoughts and actions - all day, every day.
- ✓ We can actively choose to challenge stereotypes, fight bias, broaden perceptions, improve situations and celebrate women's achievements.
- ✓ Collectively, each one of us can help create a gender equal world.



Let's all be **#EachforEqual**.

<https://www.internationalwomensday.com/Theme>

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 2020- 21. 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



Ann Kawell

Ann graduated from Western Illinois University with a BA in 1964 and from Azusa Pacific University with an MA in 1994. She was an AAUW member in Lake Arrowhead back in the 1970's. She lived in Crestline for 50 years where she taught 2nd grade for 28 years. She was born in Iowa, has three children and seven grandsons. She currently lives in Yucaipa. She is interested in International affairs and the Great Decisions interest group. Welcome back to AAUW Ann.

Orangewood High School Service Project - New Picture Books



As one of our continuing community service projects, our branch collects and donates new or gently used picture books to Orangewood High School for their We Care Program for teen moms who are completing their high school educations. Students are encouraged to check out picture books from the library to read to their babies. Donations are also used to replenish the supply in the library and 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 May or June. You may also contact Diane Bennett 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!

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
Betsy Grimes
Bonnie Konowitch
Debbie LeDoux

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

~ Pat Belk

TIME FOR THAI !



On Tuesday, March 10, join your AAUW friends for a meal at **Benjarong**, Redlands premier Thai restaurant. A portion of ALL sales that day will be donated by Benjarong to support our AAUW Redlands branch. Benjarong is located at 1001 Park Avenue (at the corner of New York Street, off Redlands Blvd.) in Redlands. Lunch is served 11 AM - 2:30 PM; Dinner, 5 PM - 9 PM. Reservations are recommended: 909-792-3235; www.thebenjarong.com IMPORTANT: you must bring the "Flyer" (attached at the end of this newsletter) and give it to your server in order for the AAUW benefit to apply

GREAT DECISIONS INTEREST GROUP

The Great Decisions interest group, sponsored by the American Foreign Policy Association, will begin the first week in March. An afternoon group meets on Mondays at 1:00 p.m. and an evening group meets on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. The meetings will be for 8 weeks in March and April. You need to order your book by going to the following website: https://fpa.org/great_decisions/. The cost is \$32.00 + shipping. Call or send an email to Sue Wallace if you would like to join one of the groups.

~Sue Wallace

Redlands STEM Conference

Wednesday, February 26th



- *All planning done*
- *600 girls & school staff are looking forward to the 2020 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 Erica Wilson to be a host*

*~ Kathryn Brown, Chair
Redlands STEM Conference*

Thank You to our Community Sponsors

Martha Lehman presented a check for \$600 from Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority, Redlands at the January branch meeting to Marilyn Shankar and Kathryn Brown.



The Redlands Community Foundation donated \$800 to the STEM Conference. Char Burgess presented the check at the AAUW February branch meeting to Kathryn Brown and Theresa Lantz.

Tech Trek 2020



Tech Trek is off and running. This year we are able to again send 9 girls to Tech Trek camps - 4 to Whittier College and 5 to UC San Diego. Besides selecting girls from the middle schools in Banning and Beaumont we are also including girls from Clement Middle School in Redlands.

The girls applications are due by March 3 and we will interview them the week after. Then the hard part will be to decide which ones can actually go.

~Marilyn Shankar, Tech Trek Chair

College University Partnership



The College and University Partnership Committee will be providing a Start Smart Workshop for students at the University of Redlands, on Wednesday, March 18, 4:00 PM- 6:00 PM, in Gregory 177. AAUW's salary negotiation workshops are designed to help job seekers negotiate for a new job, raise, or promotion. Participants learn:

- **About the wage gap, including its long-term consequences**
- **How to identify and articulate her personal value**
- **How to conduct objective market research to benchmark a target salary and benefits**
- **Strategies for making the ask including deflection, building her pitch, and responding persuasively**

Participants gain confidence in negotiation style through facilitated discussion and role playing. If you know any students or faculty at the University of Redlands, please inform them of this FREE upcoming workshop and have them email Lauren at ocpd@redlands.edu to enroll. If you would like to observe or help, then please email Susan Bangasser.

~Susan Bangasser Co-Chair C/U

8th Annual Lunafest



Friday April 17th, 2020, is our 8th 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.

The evening begins at 5:45 PM with hors d'oeuvres and drinks in the beautiful Esri Atrium. The films start at 7 PM 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 2020 event. Contact Heather Abushanab for questions or email the committee at lunafest@aauw-redlands-ca.org

Celebration of Named Gift Honorees



Dianne Landeros, Kathrine Gifford and Erica Wilson were introduced at the February meeting as the 2020 Named Gift Honorees by Toni Momberger, Truday Waldron and Tricia Stubbs and Kay Dobbartin respectively. Named Gift Honorees have done outstanding work in promoting the goals and programs of AAUW. Our honorees received their pins, AAUW Certificate, and a bouquet of flowers. We also recognized all previous Named Gift Honorees with special name cards.

*~Kathryn Brown, Chair
AAUW Fund Committee*

Friday, April 17, 2020 Tickets by Mail

Seating is limited. Please purchase tickets by April 10, 2020

Please make _____ reservation(s) for me at \$35.00 per person
Enclosed is my check for _____, made payable to **AAUW**.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Tickets will be sent electronically to your email address. If you do not have an email address, please let us know, and we will make another arrangement. Mail ticket requests to **Lunafest C/O: Heather Abushanab**



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.