

Branches and Twigs

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

April 7th Branch meeting has been cancelled.

April 17th Lunafest Event is postponed.

The April Calendar will be sent later when there is more information on interest groups schedules.

**Branch Meetings
2019-2020**

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



The President's Corner – Marie Mitchell

Dear members, it is a pleasure to introduce you to the remarkable Victoria Woodhull, who I was amazed to find out was actually the first woman to run for President of the United States!

Victoria Woodhull 1838-1927

Victoria Woodhull (1838– June 9, 1927) was a leader of the women's suffrage movement. She was the first woman to own a brokerage firm on Wall Street, the first woman to start a weekly newspaper, and an activist for women's rights and labor reform. At her peak of political activity in the early 1870s, Woodhull was best known as the first woman candidate for the United States presidency, which she ran for in 1872 for the Equal Rights Party, supporting women's suffrage and equal rights.

Victoria California Claflin was born September 23, 1838, the seventh of ten children, in the rural frontier town of Homer, Ohio. Her father, Reuben Buckman Claflin, was a con man who came from an impoverished branch of the Massachusetts-based Scots-American Claflin family. Victoria was very close to her sister, Tennessee Celeste Claflin (called Tennie), seven years her junior and the last child born to the family.

In New York City, Woodhull and her sister, Tennie Claflin, became spiritual advisers to 76-year-old Cornelius Vanderbilt, the wealthy railroad magnate whose wife had just died. The sisters served as mediums to help him contact the spirit of his dead wife, and he also used their talents to gain financial insights from the spirit world.

Vanderbilt bankrolled Victoria and Tennie's financial ventures on Wall Street, where they began to make money in the stock market. They opened their own brokerage house - Woodhull, Claflin & Company - in 1870 and made a fortune at the New York Stock Exchange. Many contemporary men's journals published sexualized images of the pair running their firm, but Susan B. Anthony applauded the arrival of women on Wall Street.

Victoria Woodhull worked under the assumption that a "woman's ability to earn money is better protection against the tyranny and brutality of men than her ability to vote."

On May 14, 1870, Woodhull and Claflin used the money they had made from their brokerage to start a newspaper, *Woodhull & Claflin's Weekly*, which published for the next six years. The newspaper addressed issues that concerned women with unusual frankness and advanced the editors' vision that women could live as men's equals in the workplace, the political arena, and the family circle. With this venture, Woodhull demonstrated her ability as a married mother of two to "successfully engage in business."

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

*If you want to GO
FAR...go together.*

~African Proverb



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

The President's Corner – Marie Mitchell continued

The paper promoted women's suffrage and labor reform and announced Woodhull's candidacy for President of the United States. It also became notorious for publishing controversial opinions on taboo topics, advocating among other things sex education, free love, short skirts, spiritualism, vegetarianism, and licensed prostitution.

Victoria Woodhull had announced her candidacy in 1871 - it would be 50 years before women could vote, but there was no law preventing women from running for office. She was nominated for President of the United States by the newly formed Equal Rights Party on May 10, 1872, and her nomination was ratified at the convention on June 6, 1872. They also nominated the former slave and abolitionist leader Frederick Douglass for Vice President, but he never acknowledged the nomination.

In 1877, the now-bankrupt Victoria Woodhull and her sister Tennie left to start a new life in England. Woodhull made her first public appearance as a lecturer at St. James Hall in London on December 4, 1877. Her lecture was called "The Human Body, the Temple of God," a lecture which she had previously presented in the United States.

Present at one of Woodhull's lectures was the wealthy banker John Biddulph Martin. They began to see each other and were married on October 31, 1883. (His family disapproved of the marriage.) From then on, she was known as Victoria Woodhull Martin. Under that name, she published the magazine *The Humanitarian* from 1892 to 1901, remained active in the British women's suffrage movement and various causes, and worked to distance herself from her former radical ideas on sex and love

After her husband died in 1901, Woodhull Martin gave up publishing and retired to the country, establishing residence at Bredon's Norton, Worcestershire, England.

Victoria Claflin Woodhull Blood Martin died on June 9, 1927, at Bredon's Norton at age 88.

Victoria Woodhull was a popular and controversial figure in her day. In many ways she was ahead of her time and was an important trailblazer for women in generations to follow. She advocated for equal education for women, women's right to vote, and women's right to control their own health decisions. Above all, she criticized the Victorian ideal of women's place being first and foremost in the home.

by Maggie MacLean <https://ehistory.osu.edu/biographies/victoria-woodhull>



Member News

Dorothy Richardson passed away from complication of pneumonia on Friday, February 21.

Dorothy was a Force of nature in everyone's life who knew her. She was a 60-year member of AAUW, and worked

tirelessly to promote our mission: Education for all women.

Those who were blessed enough to know Dorothy will miss the light she brought into their lives.

~Marie Mitchell

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/ivdailybulletin/obituary.aspx?n=dorothy-yeandle-richardson&pid=195510620&fhid=9222>

Hospitality Birthday Club

These are the ladies who celebrate a birthday in April. We will wish you a belated happy birthday at our May branch meeting.

Pat Belk 😊	Connie Binkley
Adriane Gram	Monica Harwood
Barbara Krause	Susan Miller
Geri Stahly	Elizabeth Schilling
Trudy Waldron	

~ Pat Belk



MEMBERSHIP WELCOME!



Luann Bangsund

Luann graduated from University of Redlands and worked in Admissions for 5 years. Following earning her MBA from UCLA, Luann was a banker for 20 years. In 2000, she returned to school and completed her PhD. After teaching finance at University of Pacific in Stockton and Keck Graduate Institute in Claremont, Luann returned to Redlands in 2010. Since retiring in 2016, she has been active member in the Redlands Symphony, RCH Foundation, and U of R Alumni boards.

~Erica Wilson, Membership VP

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR YEARBOOK:

Luann Bangsund

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 21 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

Literacy Changes Lives!!!

Nominees for Elected Office

Elections will be held at the May branch meeting.

President:	2020-2021	Sue Wallace
President Elect:	2020-2021	Erica Wilson
Membership VP:	2020-2022	Shelley Bodner
Secretary:	2020-2022	Nerni Miller
Treasurer:	2020-2022	Ellen Weiss
At-Large:	2020-2021	Barbara Simmons Mary Lou Guerrero Judy Dods

Nominating Committee:

2020-2021 Marie Mitchell, Chair & Eileen Sanborn
2020-2022 Sheron Bealer, Viktoria Norberg & Maria Rossi

~2019-2020 Nominating Committee

Toni Momberger, Chair, Susan Bangasser,
Ellen Cope, Mary Lou Guerrero, Ruth Morvey,
Cathryn Oltman, Kathy Warren

College/University Partnership



NCCWSL Scholarship Awardees

A record number of applicants was received for our branch scholarship to attend AAUW's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders at the University of Maryland.

From Crafton Hills College we will be sending Jessica Lopez of Redlands who is majoring in political science and also serving as a stage manager for CHC's theatre productions. From the University of Redlands, we will send Brooke McBay of Highland who majors in psychology and minors in race & ethnic relations. Neither of these students has been to the Washington, D.C. area before, and they are both excited about attending the conference! They will report back to us in person next fall, and you will have an opportunity to meet them then.

Special thanks to Kelly Dries and Lauren Wooster at University of Redlands and to Ericka Paddock and Delmy Spencer at Crafton Hills College for recruitment and to Cheri Dawes who assisted with review of the applications. That record number, BTW, was 8 from U of R and 12 from CHC.

~Pam Ford and Susan Bangasser, Co-chairs
College/University Partnership Committee

March Branch Meeting



We THOUGHT we were getting a piano solo before the speaker this morning. What we got was a celebration of women's suffrage that Nelda Stuck, Patricia Stubbs, Elaine Brubacher, Dianne Landeros, Toni Momberger, and Patty Ahearn cooked up as a flash-mob surprise.

<https://www.facebook.com/aauwredlands/videos/2805560069480725/>



Dr. Purvi Parwani

March Birthdays

*Ellen Schollenberger,
Judy Racine, and
Margi Galligan*



August Birthday
... apology to
Valerie Lichtman
who was not in
the birthday
photo in March's
Newsletter

Orangewood HS 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!

Planned Parenthood Meeting



2020 STEM Conference Is A Wrap!

On Wednesday, February 26, 540 8th grade girls from Redlands, Yucaipa, Highland and Calimesa, along with their accompanying school staff, streamed from their school buses onto the University of Redlands campus to attend the 26th Annual AAUW Redlands STEM Conference. They were welcomed by the more than 80 Redlands AAUW Branch volunteers who joined together to create a day aimed at sparking the girls' interest in high school math and science courses, STEM careers, and attending college. The students each participated in two workshops led by area women with STEM-related careers, as well as a motivational workshop and the Keynote address. New to the conference this year were topic workshops featuring women engineers who work in construction and vehicle design; returning speakers offered the girls a glimpse of how they have used their STEM educations to foster careers in radar technology, systems engineering and management, graphic design, cartography, software design, forensics, laboratory science, the military, law enforcement, and many additional careers in which women have heretofore been in the minority. The girls were asked to provide written input about what they learned during their day; below are some quotes from their evaluations:



STEM Chair Kathryn Brown and
Keynote Speaker Amber Price

"It was really interesting to see how engineering is involved in so many different jobs."

"The Speaker's job is my dream job. The Speaker helped me find out what I need to do to reach my goal."

"AAUW cares about you."

*"1) Always set a goal; 2) Never be afraid to fail;
3) Always believe in yourself."*

"Bring all of these people back for next year if you can!"

"I'm here in the world for a reason."

"Whether you believe you can or believe you can't, you are always right."

"She was really nice and knew how to explain."

I learned that it is better for the world if we just use electricity."

"The Speaker gave great advice on business math and future career goals."

"The power of a woman is the best thing to use and believe; putting others down does not bring you up."



The date for our 27th Annual STEM Conference has been set for Wednesday, March 10, 2021; planning will begin in August 2020. Contact 2021 STEM Conference Chair Kathryn Brown (attykbrown@gmail.com or 510-220-1876) to join the committee!

2020 STEM Committee: Heather Abushanab, Patty Ahearn, Ivette Barnett, Kathryn Brown, Linda Browning, Maria Carrillo, Rosemary Conway, Ellen Cope, Kay Dobbertin, Roslyn Dunn, Johanne Dyerly, Pam Ford, Theresa Lantz, Phyllis Limbourne, Sande Meith-Rask, Cindy Perkins, Kate Pretorious, Elizabeth Schilling, Ellen Schollenberger, Marilyn Shankar, Meena Spangrud, Patricia Stubbs, Anne Viricel, Ellen Weiss, Denise Westcott, Erica Wilson

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& many "Adopt-A-
Girl" donors



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



Amber was amazing. She
really touched the heart.
It would be nice if
she could come to our
school and talk. We all
loved her. I wish she
was in my family. And
I know in a way she is.



STEM Packet Assembly



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February CHAT meeting

