

# Branches and Twigs

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

**June 6<sup>th</sup> Branch meeting has been cancelled.**

**Officers will be Installed at the June 15<sup>th</sup> zoom AAUW Board Meeting.**  
**Save the Date: Saturday, September 12, 2020 Membership Brunch.**



## The President's Corner – Marie Mitchell

My dear AAUW sisters,

Although it's been abbreviated, I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as your branch president this year. Starting the new year with our celebration of the 19th amendment's passing 100 years ago, seeing all your brilliant faces at each branch meeting, listening to each of our outstanding speakers, and working with your most excellent board.

It's also wonderful to know that next year Sue Wallace, who has been so amazing as president elect and has been there for me every step of the way, will be your next president. It's so sad that we are now experiencing this pandemic, which has brought so many things to an early close. However since we are still going through this, and we have no idea how much longer it's going to last, I would like to share something special

from our treasurer, Hazel Curtis. I found her *QUARANTINE SURVIVAL WORKBOOK* inspiring, and, I hope you will as well. The introduction to the *QUARANTINE SURVIVAL WORKBOOK* is below and more information is attached.

I wish you a wonderful and safe summer.

Sincerely,

Marie Mitchell

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

## *QUARANTINE SURVIVAL WORKBOOK* *WELCOME, FRIEND!*

*In these trying days of being under rigid quarantine guidelines - social distancing – staying safe by staying home - I worry we can easily slip into sadness, depression and more. Staying home for days on end is not exactly what we thought it would be. I used to wish for a time when I didn't have to "go to work every day-" imagining tea on the patio or reading by the pool - all without guilt or responsibility. Those dreams have gone up in smoke! We have lost jobs, our bank account is dwindling, our kids are home and bored, and life is upside down.*

*During this time, my goal is to inspire you to Release your Passion, Purpose and Power by taking steps to remain positive! This time will pass, and then we will create a new future. My team and I have designed a workbook that will begin to open up your thoughts and attitudes to the future you can create. Starting today! We are here to support you!*

*Never forget **You** are a treasure!*

*Hazel Curtis*



# MY CHECKLIST

Experience relief and accomplishment!

*READ OR LISTEN TO A NEW BOOK*

*LISTEN TO GREAT MUSIC*

*CALL A FRIEND*

*TAKE A WALK & SEE NATURE*

*TREAT YOUR BODY WELL*

*CLEAN SOMETHING*

*GET DRESSED*

*TREAT YOURSELF*

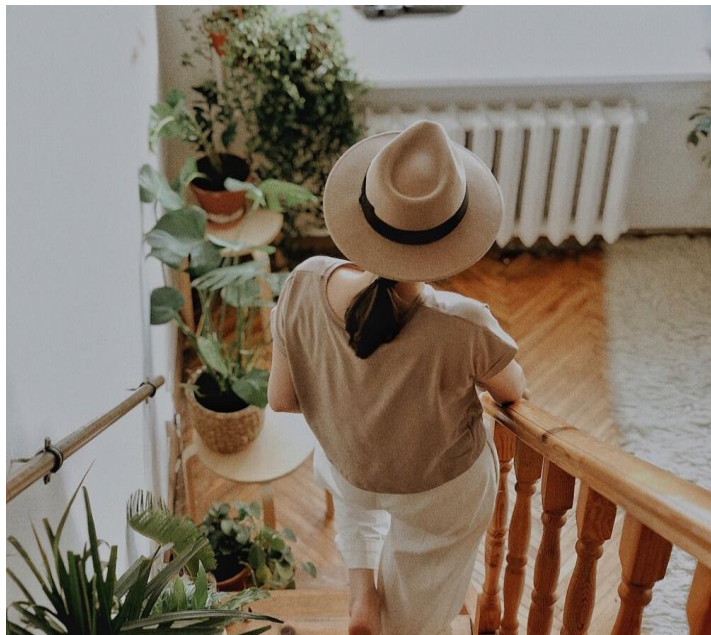
*TRY A NEW RECIPE*

*PUT ON MAKE-UP & FIX YOUR HAIR*

*UNPLUG*

*PLANT SOMETHING*

*CELEBRATE GREAT WOMEN & THE WOMEN YOU COME FROM*



[Click Here to Download the FULL WORKBOOK](#)

## Award Spotlight: Congratulations to AAUW Redlands STEM Initiaves

The Mt. San Jacinto College Foundation announced in January that it was awarding **AAUW Redlands** its ***Outstanding Community Group Award***. The award was to be delivered to our branch at the MSJC Foundation Annual Gala to be held, you guessed it, during likely stay at home orders, on May 21. (The Gala has been cancelled.)

The honor is heartfelt and quite respectful of AAUW Redlands' efforts at planning the Pass Area 8th Grade Girls STEM Conference for the past 20 years. Mt. San Jacinto College has graciously hosted the conference since Bessie Reece and other AAUW members living in the Pass decided to organize and carry out this conference for girls in Banning and Beaumont middle schools. The relationship between the college and our AAUW branch has remained strong throughout this collaboration. The MSJC Foundation works to support Mt. San Jacinto College students through scholarships and grants that aid students, faculty and support services. Both the college and the foundation recognize that our STEM conferences support the young women who will be students at the college in the future.

We are grateful for this recognition by the MSJC Foundation. We will miss participating in the Gala, the theme of which was to be 'Roar into the '20s.' Our president, Marie Mitchell, would have been perfectly attired in her Suffragette outfit!

Should you wish to donate to the MSJC Foundation, you can do so through the website at [www.msjc.edu/foundation/](http://www.msjc.edu/foundation/).

~Pam Ford & Theresa Lantz, PASS STEM Conference Chairs



## 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 2019 through May 2020 at a fall branch meeting. Our 2019-2020 new members are:

Ivette Barnett  
Susan Celoni  
Suzanne Cranston  
Mercedes Gifford  
Betsy Grimes  
Danielle Hamilton  
Shirley Harlan  
Nancy Johnston-Lashier  
Renee Kern  
Valerie Lichtman  
Billie Randolph  
Ingrid Sánchez  
Deepika Srivastava  
Denise Westcott  
Bea Yancey

Marina Battaglioli  
Cara Chavez  
Sharon Fabbri  
Kris Goodfellow  
Rebecca Guillan  
Judy Handleman  
Monica Harwood  
Ann Kawell  
Loes Knutson  
Lori Powell  
Mireia Rodriguez Poveda  
Pamela Schroeder  
Pamela Timothy  
Andrea Woodruff  
Jenny Zorn

*~Hospitality Committee*

## The 2020-21 Budget and New Officers Vote

The AAUW Redlands Branch Board thanks our membership for electing the slate of officers for 2020-21 and for approving the 2020-21 budget. The vote was as follows: YES 80 votes, NO zero votes.



2019-20 and 2020-21 Zoom branch board meeting on June 15th.

*~Sue Wallace, President Elect*

## Membership Matters

Our Membership Treasurer, Susan Willis, wants you to know that **you should have received an email invoice from [memberinfo@aauw.org](mailto:memberinfo@aauw.org) for your annual dues** for 2020-21. 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
- Any questions, or if you need the emailed invoice to be resent, please contact Susan by email or phone.



## Hospitality Birthday Club

Happy birthday to all our June birthday ladies. So sorry we can't get together to wish you the same in person and sing to you. Your birthday gifts are waiting for you but it will have to be at a later date. Hope you have a wonderful day.

*~Pat Belk*

Patty Ahearn	Elaine Brubacher
Carol Buchanan	Patricia Estrada
Sharon Fabbri	Paula Ferri-Milligan
Mary Lou Guerrero	Susan Kean
Billie Randolph	Mireia Rodriguez Poveda
Sally Trost	Aleta West





## Family Service Association Back-to-School Project

Dear AAUW Members,

Our June meeting each year has been the time for our Family Service Back-to-School Project collection in order to buy student supplies for the upcoming school year. Even though our June meeting has been cancelled, we are still planning to provide as many supplies as we can for students in need for the 20-21 school year, whatever form that may take, and would gratefully appreciate member support, especially in this year of enhanced difficulties.

We are accepting donations of ANY amount. We will have to do this by US mail and I thank you in advance for this extra effort. Please make your check payable to AAUW with Family Service Project in the memo line and mailed to AAUW, P.O. Box 7678, Redlands, CA 92375-0678 Attn: Ellen Weiss. Donations should be received by July 22 in order to secure supplies prior to the tentative opening of school in early August. No amount is too small. Your generosity over the past years has been amazing and I hope you will help us continue to support the children of RUSD.

Again, thank you so much for your past support and continuing to care for the children of our community. Stay safe and stay well until we can meet again.

~Dawn Romo, Project Chair



## 2020 Tech Trek Update

Pam Ford, Denise Westcott and I interviewed 12 amazing young women who applied to go to this year's Tech Trek. We were given 7 spots at University of California, San Diego and 4 at Whittier College. Which meant we had the hard decision on who would not be selected.

After much deliberations we picked 4 girls from Clement Middle School to go to Whittier; 4 from San Geronio Middle School in Beaumont and 3 from Nicolette Middle School in Banning to go to UCSD.

After notifying the girls and their families and getting their paperwork back, I was informed that due to Covid 19 there would not be any camps this year. Letting the girls know this was difficult. But the state is still trying to come up with some virtual camp activities for this year's Trekkers. I will hear more about this by the end of the month and the activity will likely be in late July.

~Marilyn Shankar

## Local Scholarship Committee Bridge Scramble

Another successful day of bridge, lunch, prizes, fun, and fellowship. As always, a special thank you to Ann Harding and Susan Shodahl for their food prep and serving in the kitchen as well as all the members who

contributed to the menu. Every year seems to get better! We had some special prizes from Louise Schumann this year as well as some items made especially for bridge players for purchase during the day. Congratulations to Jan Jacobson and Beth Allivato who

were the big winners this year. Here's hoping we see you all again next February and let's bring a new friend to join us.

~Pat Belk



## Orangewood HS Service Project

### New Picture Books

Unfortunately, it will be necessary to delay the delivery of donations for the OHS We Care Program until fall. Thank you if you have already collected or purchased books. I will plan to accept donations the next time we meet for a Branch meeting.

~Diane Bennett, Project Chair



**2019-2020 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 **Summer newsletter** will be **July 5th**. Send your articles to the editor via email to [news@aauw-redlands-ca.org](mailto:news@aauw-redlands-ca.org) or by email to Paula Ferri-Milligan

**ALL MEMBERS:**

Please review your contact information in the yearbook. Update any changes/corrections to your contact information for the 2020-2021 yearbook by emailing corrected information to [membership@aauw-redlands-ca.org](mailto:membership@aauw-redlands-ca.org)

**Yearbook additions and changes through May 15, 2020**

**Luann Bangsund**  
**Sue Beatty**  
**Suzanne Cranston**  
**Kris Goodfellow**  
**Nancy Johnston-Lashier**  
**Ann Kawell**  
**Loes Knutson**  
**Diane Mapes**  
**Jessie Powell**  
**Kathy Presnell-Best**  
**Jane Roberts**  
**Pamela Schroeder**  
**Shrddha Singhi**  
**Deepika Srivastava**  
**Jenny Zorn**