

# Branches and Twigs

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



## Sue's News

Congratulations to all those who voted in this election. For women, it is an historic occasion. We have the first woman Vice-President and the first woman of color Vice-President. This is truly a victory for women's rights no matter how you feel about the politics. The other major victory in this election was the historic number of Americans who turned out to vote. It is estimated that 80% of those eligible to vote did so. Note, that is those eligible not those who are registered voters. That's truly remarkable.

The other celebration we can have is we are moving forward with our local branch of AAUW despite the pandemic. We have now held our third branch meeting using Zoom and our second social time using Zoom. So far, from the responses I have been getting from various members, it looks like we are being successful. Although we will not be able to do our annual fundraising Christmas Bazaar this year, we are making headway on our fundraising. Not only did we have successful Lunafest and Footlighter events, but we also made around \$900 on a fundraiser Toni Momberger arranged on the Haunting of Redlands. Toni, I believe, is also working on additional fundraisers during this year. The board will be reevaluating our budget for this year and making adjustments where necessary. Unfortunately, we did have a drop in membership, but that was to be expected in such unusual times. In the meantime, we have started a new Racial Justice Discussion Group that has become very active. If you're interested in joining, contact our president-elect Erica Wilson.

The Program Committee will be meeting in December to consider what to do about our meetings in 2021. Much will depend on the University of Redlands and whether they will allow us to use their facility during the second half of our year. However, with COVID-19 cases on the rise it does not look hopeful. If you have any suggestions concerning our meetings or fundraisers, please let me know.

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## December Branch Meeting

**Tuesday, December 1, 2020**

**<<NO Social meeting this month>>**

**Program 6:30 p.m. Webinar**

### TO ATTEND WEBINAR

Prior to December 1, you will receive an email inviting you to join the ZOOM Webinar

- 1) Click on the link to "Register in advance for this webinar"
- 2) After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar.
- 3) On December 1 at 6:30 p.m., open the confirmation email and click on [Click Here to Join.](#)

Questions?

text 909-917-8039 or

email [kaydobbartin@aol.com](mailto:kaydobbartin@aol.com)

## 2021 Branch Meetings

Saturday, 1/9 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, 2/6 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, 3/6 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, 4/6 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 5/4 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, 6/5 9:30 a.m.

## December Branch Meeting

### ***"Queering the Canon: Women and the Re-Writing of Music History"***

Katherine Baber earned her Bachelor of Music and a Ph.D. in Musicology from the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University. She has been Associate Professor of Music History at the University of Redlands (2009-2019), and she currently serves as Alice Mozley Salzburg Director and CAS Associate Dean. Her book, *Leonard Bernstein and the Language of Jazz*, was recently published with University of Illinois Press (2019), and her work on Leonard Bernstein as an international musical and political figure can also be found in several German and English language publications.



## Sue's News *continued*

We do have a wonderful program in December with a guest speaker on "Women in Music." If you would like to invite a guest, you can send me the guest's email address, and I will make sure they receive an invite to register for the webinar. If for some reason you have not been receiving your invites to the webinar meetings or social times, please let me know. For now, we will keep moving forward. ~Sue Wallace

# Happy Holidays

December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Branch Meeting 6:30 Program ZOOM Webinar	2	3	4	5
6 YMCA Virtual Home Tour (see page 4)	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 NO BOARD MEETING	15	16 NO I Am, Therefore I Think MEETING	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 NO Reading & Rainbow MEETING	25	26
27	29	30	31			

**Branch Officers:** **President:** Sue Wallace (909-798-4347), **President-elect:** Erica Wilson (909-797-7938), **Communications Vice President:** Priya Vedula (989-400-3242), **Hospitality Vice President:** Sue Ferguson (951-312-4904), **Membership Vice President:** Shelley Bodnar (909-792-7181), **Program Vice President:** Martha Lehman (909-936-7819), **Secretary:** Nerni Miller (951-595-1297), **Treasurer:** Ellen Weiss (909-794-7941), **At-Large Board Members:** Judy Dods (909-794-2373), Mary Lou Guerrero (909-792-9410), Barbara Simmons (909-798-4070)

### B&T Submission:

The deadline for the **January newsletter** will be **December 15th**. Send your articles to the editor via email to [news@aaauw-redlands-ca.org](mailto:news@aaauw-redlands-ca.org)

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





## November Thought for the Month by Toni Momberger

As we meet this morning in a post-election, painfully-divided nation, I want to talk about peace and how we women are good at it.

Last month, the United Nations Security Council marked the 20-year anniversary of Resolution 1325, which acknowledged the essential role of women in securing and maintaining peace.

If you want to reduce conflict and advance stability, you need to include women in peace processes. Instead, women are often excluded from formal peace processes. Between 1992 and 2019, women constituted, on average, 6 percent of signatories in major peace processes around the world.

They need us.

When women are at the negotiating table, peace agreements are more likely to last 15 years or longer. When at least 35 percent of a country's legislature are women, the risk of conflict relapse is close to zero.

The participation of women's organizations like AAUW makes a peace agreement 64% less likely to fail.

The longer a country has had female suffrage before the outbreak of an international dispute, the higher the likelihood that it will resolve the dispute without military force. Women's presence in politics restores trust in government and increases the amount of attention paid by political bodies to social welfare, legal protection, and the transparency of government and business. Women's participation in public-sector positions improves the provision of clean water, immunizations, schooling, and infrastructure. The most rapid post-conflict reductions in poverty have been in areas where women reported higher levels of empowerment in their households.

And on and on.

So, why? Six reasons:

1. **Women are more inclined to work across lines.**

Women often take a collaborative approach to peacemaking and organize across cultural and sectarian divides. Women typically incorporate the concerns of diverse demographics like religious, ethnic and cultural groups, and this approach reduces failure, conflict, and poverty.

2. **Women act as honest brokers.**

Including women at the peace table increases the likelihood of reaching an agreement because women are often viewed as honest brokers. This perception is because women often operate outside existing power structures and are more widely perceived to be politically impartial mediators.

3. **Women stage mass action.**

Women often employ visible and high-profile tactics to pressure parties to begin or recommit to peace negotiations, as well as to sign accords. Women's groups have successfully staged mass actions and mobilized public opinion campaigns in many countries to encourage progress in peace talks. In recent times, women's groups have organized more mass action campaigns in support of peace deals than any other group.

4. **Women access critical information.**

Because women tend to have different social roles and responsibilities than men do, they have access to information and community networks that can inform negotiating positions and areas of agreement.

5. **Women broaden the agenda.**

Women are more likely to raise social issues in negotiations that help societies reconcile and recover. Women raise issues in conflict resolution processes beyond military action, power-sharing arrangements, and territorial gains, instead introducing political and legal reforms, and social and economic recovery priorities that make agreements more durable.

6. **And finally, women aid post-conflict recovery.**

Monitoring disarmament and demobilization, establishing a truth and reconciliation process, and drafting a constitution are all more effective when women participate. Women are also more likely to direct post-conflict resources to the reconstruction of public institutions and services critical to long-term stability, like schools, healthcare services, clean drinking water, and judicial systems.

**Thank you, AAUW sisters, all for the peace you create and keep.**





## The Annual Redlands YMCA's Holiday Home Tour is Going Virtual!

Stream the pre-recorded tour via TV, computer, tablet, or phone on Sat., Dec. 5 and Sun., Dec 6! This year you don't even need to be in Redlands. You can stream it from anywhere.

Check out the four homes on this year's tour: <https://ymcahometour.org/about-home-tour/>. Tickets are \$20 through Nov. 30 and then \$25. Sign in on Dec. 5 or 6, and enjoy homeowner-guided tours of these very different houses.

As always, net proceeds for the tour and Holiday Boutique support the Y's Legal Aid Clinic. The Clinic provides legal assistance on civil matters to hundreds of individuals and families throughout the East Valley every year. These events are the major source of funding for the clinic.

While the Y's famous Holiday Pantry is cancelled this year, a socially distanced version of the Holiday Boutique will be open, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Dec. 5-6, in the gymnasium. For more information visit: <https://ymcahometour.org/boutique-1>. Masks will be required and capacity restricted. Admission is free, but you can reserve a time slot for \$3. Others will be admitted on a first-come, first-served basis

~Ann Leonard and Linda Browning, Co-Chairs

### Watch November Branch Meeting

**On YOUTUBE** [https://youtu.be/\\_xd86ZudK30](https://youtu.be/_xd86ZudK30)

### November Branch Meeting Social Zoom

The members who met for *SOCIAL TIME* sung *Happy Birthday* to Mary Jane Auerbacher who celebrated her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday in September 2020.



## STEM Committee Gears Up For Spring Events

With both the University of Redlands and Mt. San Jacinto College unavailable to us for our in-person STEM conferences this year, the STEM Initiatives Team is busily preparing for two different virtual distance-learning



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conferences in 2021. The first, which will consist of a series of STEM-oriented videos featuring many of our past STEM conference speakers, will be offered to teachers for virtual classroom viewing by 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the Yucaipa, Beaumont, and Banning School Districts. The second conference, which will take place on two consecutive Friday mornings in March, will be a live, interactive (Zoom) conference for all 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls in the Redlands School District, with our speakers presenting their workshops from their remote workspaces and the girls attending in remote "classrooms" of up to 25 students each. In January, the process of selecting the 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls who will attend AAUW's live virtual TechTrek 2021 Summer Camp will begin. Space is limited for this free program; we are unsure how many "places" can be secured this year for our local girls. Marilyn Shankar heads the selection committee and is working now to reserve spaces for as many girls as possible.

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*Pictured right:  
2019 September  
Branch Meeting's  
Celebrating  
Mary Jane Aubacher's  
97<sup>th</sup> birthday*



## October Brought 26th Annual Footlighters Event

An appreciative audience of members and friends applauded Unity Dance Theatre's exuberant performance at the annual AAUW Redlands Footlighters Theater Event held October 16. The event, MC'd by Pianoman Patrick Vargas, was held on an outdoor stage and netted almost \$1400 for our Mission fund. The attendees were happy to see and greet each other (at a safe distance!) while enjoying snacks and beverages.



**AAUW MEMBERS**  
Pictured:

Kathy Presnell-Best  
Nelda Stuck

Shelley Bodnar  
Elaine Brubacher  
Lori Powell

Kay Dobbertin  
Sheron Bealer  
Krista Moreno



Thanks to Jim Hendon for the photos



**More AAUW MEMBERS** who enjoyed the evening:

Heather Abushanab  
Amy Bisek  
Kathryn Brown  
Amber Costa  
Mary Lou Guerrero  
Evelyn O'Prey  
Susan Shodahl  
Erica Wilson



AND...

Thank you to our AAUW members who made a donation to the Fundraiser

Diane Bennett, Susan Bentley, Johanne Dyerly, Katherine Gifford, Kris Goodfellow, Ann Leonard, Kate Pretorious, Renae Reiswig, Susan Satzger, Marilyn Shankar, Louise Schumann, Tricia Stubbs, Kathy Toister, Sue Wallace and Denise Westcott



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**Nancy Yowell Memorial Scholarships** are available to women who have returned to college after a break in their education and are now enrolled in a degree program.

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NANCY YOWELL  
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*APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE*

NOVEMBER 1, 2020

APPLICANTS MUST RESIDE  
WITHIN THE REDLANDS  
BRANCH AREA

*APPLICATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 1, 2021*

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