

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 AAUW's Long Road to Women's Suffrage

Women's Equality Day, August 26, marks the anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which granted women the right to vote. It may come as a surprise to you that the road to women's suffrage was not an easily travelled one for AAUW, then called the Association of Collegiate Alumnae (ACA). On the contrary, it was filled with lots of delays and roadblocks. It wasn't until 1914 that ACA leaders and members even began to discuss the issue. Only then did they support a watered-down resolution that simply called for branches to "study the issue."

Why, you might ask, would a group of such brave, trailblazing, educated women oppose women's suffrage? The answer is that most ACA members supported suffrage in principle but remained fearful of discussing it because it was considered outside the stated purpose of the association. If they became involved in this "external" issue, what else would follow? Would they then become stretched too thin and not be able to accomplish their original mission?

The fear of losing membership loomed large in this decision. Remember that in the 1910s, the pool of potential members, women with college degrees, was still rather small. So with limited womanpower at their disposal, early leaders wanted to conserve

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February Branch Meeting

Named Gift Honorees

We proudly honor three branch members as Named Gift Honorees. These three women have made outstanding contributions to our branch. For every \$750 our branch donates to the AAUW Fund, we may designate a named gift honoree. We are pleased to give them special recognition.

AAUW Fund Fellowship/Grant Speaker

Conscience Princess Bwiza ("Princess"), selected for a 2019-20 AAUW Fund International Fellowship, is a 2021 Ph.D. candidate in Biology of Aging at USC. Born and educated in Rwanda with the assistance of the Imbuto Foundation (established by beloved Rwandan First Lady Jeannette Kagame), Princess was honored to be named as the "Top Girl" upon both her primary and secondary school graduations. She holds a B.S. in chemistry from CA Baptist University and, while an undergraduate, served as a student intern at Rwanda Military Hospital and a chemistry Teaching Assistant here in the U.S. Our Redlands branch is one of her three AAUW Fund fellowship sponsors.

~Kathryn Brown, AAUW Fund Program Coordinator



February Branch Meeting

When Saturday,
February 1, 2020
Social 9:00 am
Brunch 9:30 a.m.
Program 10:15 a.m.

Where

University of Redlands
CASA LOMA Room

Menu

American Breakfast Buffet: scrambled eggs, blueberry blintzes, bacon, sliced seasonal fruit, assorted Danish pastries, ketchup, red salsa, coffee/tea

Cost: Members and guests: \$19

Reservations

The reservation deadline for the February 1st meeting is Saturday, January 25, 2020. 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

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

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Saturday Jan 25 Reservation for FEB. 1	Deadline Brunch Mtg.	Saturday, 9am Branch Mtg. Following the Meeting: >>Assemble student mailings for STEM >>Workshop: "...using social media"				
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 9am STEM Mtg.
9 6pm California Cuisine 1	10	11 6pm CHAT	12	13	14	15 9am STEM packet
16 5:30pm California Cuisine 2	17 6:30pm Board Mtg.	18	19 10am-2pm <u>Bridge Scramble</u> 12-2pm I Am, Therefore I Think	20 3-4pm STEM walk- through @ UofR	21	22 9:30-10:30am STEM walk- through <u>@ UofR</u>
23	24	25	26 STEM Conf. Redlands	27 1pm & 7pm Reading & Rainbow	28	29 SEIBC 10am

Save the dates

First Week of March, Mon & Wed, Great Decisions

Friday, April 17, LUNAFEST

April 17-19 AAUW California Convention, Westin San Francisco Airport

AAUW Redlands Board Meeting

2/17 6:30 pm Redlands United Church of Christ,
168 Bellevue Ave, Redlands ~Marie Mitchell

Bridge Groups Contact coordinators

~Pat Belk & Dorothy Nordquist

Bridge Scramble

2/19 10am-2pm ~Pat Belk

California Cuisine and Conversation 1

2/9 Host & address will be sent by email. ~Pamela Ong

California Cuisine and Conversation 2

2/16 5:30pm ~Patty Ahearn

CHAT meeting

2/11 6 pm Smiley Library Assembly room
~Katherine Gifford literacy@akspl.org 909-798-7565

I Am, Therefore I Think

2/19 "**Taboo Topics**" (Let's talk about those things we are too afraid to talk about with others.) Helen Webb (12-12:30 informal brown bag lunch). Trinity Episcopal Church Lounge, 419 South 4th, Redlands
~Ellen Schollenberger & Viktoria Norberg

Reading and Rainbow

2/27 Russian Tatoo: A Memoir by Eleana Gorokhova
1pm host Linda Richards, 7pm host Kathy Toister
Reservations are not required.

~Amy Bisek & Kathryn Brown

Redlands STEM Conference

Conference: Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Assemble Student Mailing: following Feb. 1 branch meeting

February Committee Meeting: 2/8 Committee meeting

@ 9am at Kathryn's

Packet Assembly: 2/15 @ 9 am University United Methodist Church, 940 E Colton, Redlands

Walk Through: 2/20 @ 3-4 pm & 2/28 @ 9:30-10:30 am

March Committee Meeting: 3/14 STEM 2020 Review and Celebration @ 9am at Kathryn's

~Kathryn Brown

Southeast Interbranch Council

2/29 10am AK Smiley Library, 125 W Vine St, Redlands

~Kathy Kinley, Chair SEIBC, Marie Mitchell, Sue Wallace

"...USING SOCIAL MEDIA" WORKSHOP following
February branch meeting

~Toni Momberger

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:

March newsletter deadline is February 5th.
Send your articles to the editor via email to news@aauw-redlands-ca.org or by mail to Paula Ferri-Milligan



Mary Wooley, President of Mount Holyoke College and President of AAUW from 1927 to 1933

The President's Corner – Marie Mitchell

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their membership and dedicate their focus on the original purpose: “for practical education work, for collection and publication of statistical and other information concerning education, and in general for the maintenance of high standards of education.” This first generation of college-educated women still faced insurmountable barriers to their full participation in the educational world; there was much work to be done without tackling the issue of suffrage.

“It is impossible to consider the question of civic responsibility,” Woolley wrote, “without reference to the question of woman suffrage.” (Woolley would later become AAUW president, in 1927.)

The following year, 1915, the association met in San Francisco. Now that the branches had studied the issue for a year, the organization deemed it safe to cast its ballots for or against the issue. The suffrage resolution passed by a vote of 247 to recognizing that, under our government, education in both its academic and social aspects is controlled by the electors, be it Resolved that we, as a body of college women dedicated to the promotion of education and desirous of furthering our ability for usefulness, favor suffrage for women.”

~Suzanne Gould <https://www.aauw.org>

And so a mere five years later, women won the right to vote!

~Marie Mitchell

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

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

~African Proverb

AAUW Fund Program

Saturday, February 1, is our annual AAUW Fund Program. This year, we will feature a Redlands branch contributions-sponsored Rwandan International Fellowship recipient, a request for 2020 contributions, and the announcement of the 2020 Named Gift Honorees.

Every year, our branch contributes at least \$2,250 — some of which is funded by our Footlighters Theater event, in addition to our individual donations—to the AAUW Fund, which entitles us to name three members who have made outstanding contributions to our branch as Named Gift Honorees. The honorees, all of whom must have been branch members for at least five years, are chosen by members who were honored in past years.

We hope you will join us to surprise and celebrate them with this honor!

~Kathryn Brown, AAUW Fund Chair



Redlands STEM Conference Committee requests your help stuffing student letters after the February branch meeting.

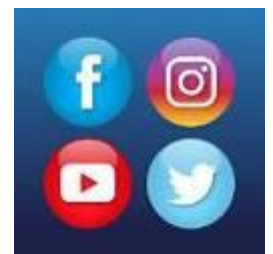
...using social media

The Communications Committee invites all interested members and their guests to a special workshop after the February branch meeting: ***How Clubs and Non-Profit Groups Should Be Using Social Media.*** Toni Momberger will be presenting.

There is no charge, and attendees do not need to bring computers to the presentation.

As a member of AAUW -- and if you belong to another club or service group, or have friends in those groups (invite them!)-- you will get useful and free tips on promoting events, membership, and donations.

~Toni Momberger



BRIDGE SCRAMBLE IS COMING!!!



Calling all bridge players! Our annual Bridge Scramble is coming in February, and we really want to make this the best Scramble yet. Every year has been better than the last, and we'd love to keep that going, but we need your help. If you haven't signed up to play yet, now's the time to do so. If you have a sign-up form at home, send it in. If you need one, give me a call, and I will get it to you. Or you can just call me and register by phone. We are ready and willing to accommodate as many players as possible. In fact, we'd like you to bring players from other groups to join us. The Scramble is on **February 19**

from 10:00 until 2:00. If that is your regular play day, bring the whole group! We play at Redlands United Church of Christ, 168 Bellevue Ave., Redlands. Your donation is \$40 for which you will receive lunch, dessert, drinks, snacks, and lots of door prizes! Of course, playing is the best part! All proceeds go to the Nancy Yowell Memorial Scholarship for women who are returning to school after a break in their education. We look forward to seeing all of you soon!

~Pat Belk

Forum: Tuesday, January 28 State Senate District 23 Candidates

The Public Policy Committee is partnering with the University of Redlands to co-sponsor a forum for State Senate District 23 candidates. There are three Republican and two Democratic candidates running for this position.

The forum will be held on January 28, 7-9 p.m., at the Casa Loma Room, University of Redlands. Refreshments will be served. Moderators for the forum are Dorene Isenberg, Chair of the Economics Department and Co-Director of Public Policy, Renee Van Vechten, Professor of Political Science, and Cassie Mac Duff, newspaper and radio journalist and member of our AAUW chapter. AAUW members are invited to submit questions to Dianne Landeros or any other member of the Public Policy Committee. Questions should be submitted at least a week before the forum. The moderators will choose which questions will be used as well as add questions of their own.

We are planning a second forum, which will be co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters. It will be broadcast on KVCR and is still in the planning stages. Stay tuned!

We hope you will all support this event. Help us get the word out by inviting your friends and colleagues so that we can all cast an educated vote in March.

~Dianne Landeros, Chair
Public Policy Committee

Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/state-senate-district-23-candidate-forum-tickets-88685716365>

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. at Sue Wallace's home, and an evening group meets on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Sue Ferguson's home. The meetings will be for 8 weeks in March and April. The sign-up sheet from September was misplaced, so Sue Ferguson and Sue Wallace need you to call or send an email to them if you signed up for the evening or afternoon groups. You need to order your book by going to the following website: https://fpa.org/great_decisions/. The cost is \$32.00 + shipping. Sue Ferguson and Sue Wallace have ordered the DVD for each group. If you did not sign-up at the September meeting but would like to join one of the groups, you can still do so. Topics to be covered this year will include: Climate Change and the Global Order, India and Pakistan, Red Sea Security, Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking, U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle, China's Road into Latin America, The Philippines and the U.S., and Artificial Intelligence and Data.

~Sue Wallace



Redlands STEM Conference Wednesday, February 26th

There is still time to get involved!



- **Guides and Hosts** are still needed. Sign up with Erica Wilson to be a **host** or with Linda Browning to be a **guide**
 - **Host Walk Throughs:** Thursday, February 20, at 3 pm & Saturday, February 22, at 9:30 am. Meet at the Casa Loma Room at the University of Redlands.
 - **Packets Assembly:** Saturday, February 15, at 9am @ the University Methodist Church, 940 East Colton Ave., Redlands
 - **Luncheon Reservations:** \$21 Kathy Toister. Reservation deadline is February 19. **You must have a paid reservation in order to join us for lunch the day of the conference.** Please make checks payable to AAUW.
 - We are still accepting donations for the conference. Adopt-a-girl with a \$20 donation!
- ~ Kathryn Brown, Redlands STEM Conference Chair

Pass Area STEM Conference

Our branch organized and hosted the 20th STEM Conference for 8th grade girls of Banning and Beaumont on January 7. A little more than 200 girls descended upon the San Jacinto Campus of Mt San Jacinto College to hear Amber Price's wonderfully relevant motivational keynote. They then participated in STEM workshops with topics ranging from Saving Lives to Flying Large Planes to Creating Theme Park Animatronics. Those were followed up with lunch and inspirational workshops for small group



sessions. Wish we could have heard the girls' conversations on their bus rides back to school! Thank you to all AAUW members who supported this effort!

~Pam Ford, PASS
STEM Conference
Co-Chair



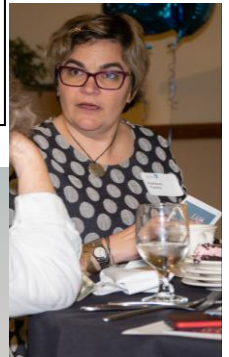
2020 STEM Pass Conference



January Branch Meeting Speaker Dr. Kathleen Feeley Suffrages Centennial Celebration

First 12
states/territories
to grant women
suffrage

- Wyoming (1869)
- Colorado (1893)
- Utah (1895)
- Idaho (1896)
- Washington (1910)
- California (1911)
- Arizona, Oregon, Kansas (1912)
- Alaska (1913)
- Montana, Nevada (1920)



Speech Trek
AAUW
CALIFORNIA

Zaid Hintzman is AAUW Redlands Speech Trek winner. His speech was his answer to the topic, "Are Men and Women Truly Equal Today or Are the Suffragettes Still Suffering."

Zaid, who is a sophomore at Redlands High School, will 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.

~Patty Ahearn, Speech Trek Chair



8th Annual Lunafest

Friday April 17th, 2020, is our 8th Annual Lunafest. Tickets are available on-line at the [LUNAFest website](http://LUNAFestwebsite) 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

Opportunity Baskets for Lunafest! During the Lunafest reception, we will have Opportunity Baskets. If you would like to put together a basket for this event, please contact the committee.

Prefer to get your tickets by mail? Use the order form below.



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 **AAUW Redlands, Lunafest c/o Heather Abushanab, P. O. box 7678 , Redlands CA 92375-0678**

THE LUNAFEST STORY The Future of Film is Diversity

LUNA, the makers of the Whole Nutrition Bar for Women, has always believed in the power of women. From the beginning, we knew women had a role to play in shaping the future of the film industry, so in 2000, LUNAFEST was born. LUNAFEST was the first all-women travelling film festival to hit the screens and amplify the voices of strong women everywhere. Today, screenings in more than 175 cities across the nation showcase the work of talented women filmmakers. LUNAFEST partners with Chicken & Egg Pictures, a nonprofit organization that provides mentorship and critical financial support to female nonfiction filmmakers. Together LUNAFEST and Chicken & Egg Pictures celebrate and champion women storytellers while creating a strong community for women in the film industry.



CHICKEN & EGG PICTURES

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.