

Branches and Twigs

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Sue's News

First, I want to thank all the members who sent cards and emails wishing me a speedy recovery. Your thoughtfulness means a lot to me. I'm well on the road to recovery and once again will be hosting the January social meeting as well as the January Webinar. Note--we did change the January meeting from Saturday to Tuesday, January 5, to accommodate our guest speaker. Although we were unable to have a November board meeting, we did meet in December. We had a chance to review our successes in fundraising at Lunafest, Footlighters, and Toni Momberger's Halloween Spookfest. All three fundraising activities were very successful despite COVID 19. Because we are not having our monthly meetings at the Casa Loma room, we have decided to be more flexible on which day of the month to hold them. This is to accommodate our guest speakers. There may be some changes from the dates in your directory, but we will keep you informed through *Branches and Twigs*. At this point we plan on continuing our missions for Tech Trek and Speech Trek although both will be virtual programs. The Committee for the Stem Conference is working hard on developing a virtual experience for the 8th grade girls this year. They are progressing nicely.

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January Branch Meeting

YouthHope Foundation

Our Mission is to build confidence and promote self-sufficiency for homeless, runaway, and at-risk youth, ages 14-24, by providing trust, hope, support, and education. YouthHope was established to provide a support system for youth in a safe and caring environment, so they may grow to be healthy, self-sustaining adults.



Heidi Mayer, Founder and Executive Director of YouthHope, will be presenting the program at our January 5th AAUW Branch meeting.

Heidi first experienced homeless outreach programs in 2003 while chaperoning a mission trip to the West Coast. She visited dozens of shelters, drop-in centers, and outreach providers in a variety of settings. Heidi found her heart changed by the abused and neglected homeless, runaway, and under-served youth whom she met and served. She realized that she

could no longer sit on the sidelines knowing that there were thousands of youths who were abused, neglected, and going hungry every day.

YouthHope began as a grass-roots organization delivering peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, socks, and hygiene items to homeless youth on the streets of Redlands. In 2009, Heidi formed the 501(c) non-profit YouthHope Foundation.

Currently, The Drop in Center on Redlands Blvd (donated to the YouthHope Foundation) provides a safe environment for the youth to meet and receive hot meals and services. There is a computer lab, a clothing closet and food pantry, a recreational and reading area. Services

January Branch Meeting

Tuesday, January 5, 2021
Social 6:00 p.m. Zoom
Program 6:30 p.m. Webinar

Prior to January 5th, you will receive an email inviting you to join both the ZOOM SOCIAL and WEBINAR.

TO ATTEND ZOOM SOCIAL
(no registration required)
On January 5 @ 6 p.m.
open original email and click on the link.

TO ATTEND WEBINAR
you must register in advance:

- 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 January 5 at 6:30 p.m., open the confirmation email and click on [Click Here to Join](#) link

Questions?
text 909-917-8039 or
email kaydobbertin@aol.com

Branch Meetings: 2020-2021

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.

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for the youth include job training, opportunities for continuing education, medical and counseling services, and housing for young men and women. All services are free to these young people.

Heidi's tremendous contributions to serving these youths has not gone unnoticed. She has received numerous local and state awards over the past 10 years. She was awarded Town and Gown's Woman of Distinction (2011), City of Redlands Hero Award (2015), Woman of the Year State of California 40th District (2016), and numerous other honors for the service she has provided the youth. She is most proud of the award given to The YouthHope Foundation this past September as the California Non-profit of the Year.

Heidi will share with us her journey and the positive impact YouthHope has had on the lives of over 4,000 youth that have been served over the past 10+years. Additionally, she will discuss how they have adapted to serve and provide for the youth during the pandemic.

For more information about YouthHope you can go to youthhope.org.

~Linda Browning

The President's Corner – Sue Wallace (continued)

I know 2020 has been a challenge for everyone, but the good news is that it is rapidly coming to an end. Even though we are having a spike in COVID 19 cases right now, things are looking up with the development of the new vaccines. As an elementary student I remember how elated everyone was when they developed the Polio vaccine. It was especially poignant for our family in that one of my younger cousins had developed Polio just before the vaccine became available. Maybe with the development of the COVID 19 vaccine we can all go back to meeting in person next year. Until then stay home and stay safe. I want to see all of your happy faces in person next year.

Sue Wallace
President

January 2021	AAUW Redlands Calendar
Tuesday, January 5	Branch Meeting 6:00 pm social via Zoom & 6:30 pm program via Webinar
Monday, January 11	AAUW Redlands Board Meeting 6:00 pm via Zoom ~Sue Wallace
Wednesday, January 13	I Am, Therefore I Think "It Took a Pandemic To..." Facilitator: Marie Mitchell 12:00-2:00 pm (12-12:30 informal brown bag lunch) ~Viktoria Norberg & Ellen Schollenberger
Tuesday, January 19	CHAT meeting 6:00 pm via Zoom ~Katherine Gifford 909-798-7565 literacy@akspl.org
Thursday, January 28	Reading and Rainbow The Overstory by Richard Powers 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm via Zoom ~Amy Bisek & Kathryn Brown

Hospitality Birthday Club

Happy Birthday to All! This month we will celebrate not only our January birthdays but also those in July. We do this because we don't meet in July or August, and we don't want to leave anyone out.

January Birthdays:

Nancy Alexander	Stephanie Harlan
Sheron Bealer	Jessie Powell
Kim Cousins	Lori Powell
Kim Fisher	Susan Satzger
Mercedes Gifford	Bev Woolverton
Rosa Gomez	Jenny Zorn
Kris Goodfellow	



July Birthdays:

Judy Adams	Sharlene Lund
Linda Adams	Viktoria Norberg
Hazel Curtis	Pam Ong
Sue Ferguson	Barbara Pike
Yvette Guidry	Cathy Schilling
Heidi Hutchinson	Barbara Simmons
Becky Johnston	Anne Viricel
Ann Leonard	Susan Wong



Tech Trek will be virtual this year. Instead of each campus having their own curriculum, all California camps will have the same one. There will be at least 3 different weeks in the summer for the students to attend. The morning session will be a Robotics class where the girls will spend the week learning engineering principles, coding and circuitry and combining those with their artistic flare to produce a hat that represents their value and goals. The afternoon sessions will be on different topics representing the STEM fields.

There is a need for volunteers to help make this a success--technical people to assist with the STEM functions and social volunteers to help the girls discover their goals and values. All volunteers will be provided training and a stipend. If interested please contact me.

Students will be selected from Clement Middle School in Redlands, Nicolet Middle School in Banning, and San Gorgonio School in Beaumont.

~Marilyn Shankar, Chair



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Watch December Branch Meeting On YOUTUBE

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H_6U00lpgco

Branch Officers: **President:** Sue Wallace, **President-elect:** Erica Wilson, **Communications Vice President:** Priya Vedula, **Hospitality Vice President:** Sue Ferguson, **Membership Vice President:** Shelley Bodnar, **Program Vice President:** Martha Lehman, **Secretary:** Nerni Miller, **Treasurer:** Ellen Weiss, **At-Large Board Members:** Judy Dods, Mary Lou Guerrero, Barbara Simmons

B&T Submission:

The deadline for the **February newsletter** will be **January 15th**. Send your articles to the editor via email to news@aauw-redlands-ca.org



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