

Branches and Twigs

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

Sue's News



The 2020-2021 year for Redlands Branch of AAUW is beginning to wind down. We still have two more branch meetings to organize and attend. Hopefully, next year starting in September we will be able to meet together in person. We have already signed a contract with the University of Redlands, but that is a decision that will be left up to the University and our incoming officers and board. I have just a few reminders for everyone.

First: Make sure you vote in both the AAUW National and AAUW CA elections as well as on the AAUW Redlands Branch 2021-2022 budget.

AAUW Redlands Voting period is May 5 to May 12

You will receive an email to vote on Redlands Branch 2021-2022 budget.

AAUW National Voting period is April 7 to May 17.

You should have received a **"Vote now to shape AAUW's future"** email from Shannon Wolfe, AAUW (memberinfo@email.aauw.org) with a direct link to VOTE on amendments to our Public Policy Priorities and Bylaws, including a proposal to eliminate AAUW's longstanding membership degree requirement. You'll also vote on four candidates to join AAUW's 15-person board of directors.

AAUW-CA Voting period is April 16 to May 7.

You should have received a **"2021 AAUW California Election Ballot"** email from siteadmin@aauw-ca.org via SurveyMonkey with a direct link to VOTE on Public Policy Priorities, AAUW CA Bylaws, and Board of Director positions.

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May Branch Meeting

"RUSD's Academic Case Carrier Program"

The Academic Case Carrier (ACC) Program of Redlands Unified School District offers dedicated support to foster, homeless, and other "at-risk" youth. These students face overwhelming challenges including socio-economic disadvantages and the effects of displacement from family and schools. The ACCs concentrate on improving students' educational performance and personal achievement and assist students in making choices that lead to stronger school-connectedness and academic performance.

Peter Lock, Coordinator of the ACC Program, and Ruth Sotomayor, Academic Case Carrier, will show how the program strives to build strong and empowering relationships with students and families. It also offers teachers, administrators, and parents information they can use to support the students' academic and emotional success.



Peter Lock currently serves as the coordinator for the Academic Case Carrier Program and has been in this role since January 2016. Peter graduated from the University of La Verne (1980) and earned his Master's degree (2004), and Doctorate (2010) from the University of Redlands. He has been in education for 37 years; since coming to Redlands Unified 23 years ago, he has

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May Branch Meeting

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Social 5:30 p.m. Zoom

Program 6:30 p.m. Webinar

Prior to April 6th, you will receive an email inviting you to join both the ZOOM SOCIAL and WEBINAR.

TO ATTEND ZOOM SOCIAL

(no registration required)

On May 4 @ 5:30 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 May 4 at 6:30 p.m., open the confirmation email and click on

[Click Here to Join](#) link.

Questions?

text 909-917-8039 or

email kaydobbartin@aol.com

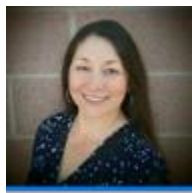
Branch Meetings:

2020-2021

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

May Branch Meeting Program *continued from page 1*

taught eighth grade English at Cope and Beattie middle schools and has also served as the assistant principal at Beattie. He believes that the work being done by the Academic Case Carriers is the most impactful work in which he has ever been involved in education as this program works to remove barriers for students who tend to have difficult home lives.



Ruth Sotomayor graduated in 1990 from the University of Redlands with a Bachelor's degree in Sociology and Anthropology. Ruth attended California State University, San Bernardino, where she earned her multiple subject teaching credential with BCLAD certification. She began teaching in Redlands in 1997, where she had the opportunity to continue supporting English Learner students. In 2002, she received her Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction and later returned in 2011 to complete coursework for a PPS credential for school counseling. Ruth has been an Academic Case Carrier since the program's inception in February 2016, and works with foster, homeless, and other at-risk youth at Cope Middle School, as well as Redlands and Orangewood high schools.

~Trudy Waldron

The President's Corner – Sue Wallace *continued from page 1*

Second: Toni Momberger has graciously agreed to host a discussion group about the Lunafest films on May 1 from 10:00 a.m. to noon: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81293280638>

Third: Priya Vedula, our Communications Vice-President, has launched our photo directory on our webpage. If you have not sent her a photo of yourself, please do so. A flyer is attached to the newsletter with the instructions to our members on how to access the online directory including a password.

Fourth: The board has approved a new interest reading group on Racial Justice. The group has been meeting most of this year as an adjunct to the Reading the Rainbow interest group. Now, however, they will be a separate interest group available to members. If you want more information, contact Erica Wilson.

Fifth: The board has also approved a revised Strategic Plan for the Redlands Branch AAUW. It will be posted soon on the website (<https://redlands-ca.aauw.net>) under Member Resources.

Finally, despite the restrictions we have faced this year because of the pandemic, I feel we have worked really hard to keep our organization active. That would not have been possible without the cooperation of everyone in the AAUW Redlands Branch. Thank you!

Sue Wallace, President

Watch April Branch Meeting On AAUW Redlands Website

under “Recorded Zoom Meetings”


<https://redlands-ca.aauw.net/meetings/>

YOUTUBE <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XwlisLCUh2o&t=18s>

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 June newsletter will be **May 15th**. Send your articles to the editor via email to news@aauw-redlands-ca.org

						May 2021
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10am Post Lunafest Discussion
2	3	4 Branch Mtg 5:30 pm social via Zoom & 6:30 pm program via Webinar	5 <u>AAUW Redlands:</u> <u>last day for 21-22 budget vote</u>	6	7 <u>AAUW CA:</u> <u>last day to vote</u>	8
	10 6pm Board Mtg	11	12	13 4-6pm Start Smart	14	15
16	17 <u>AAUW NATIONAL:</u> <u>last day to vote</u>	18 6pm CHAT	19 12pm I Am, Therefore I Think	20	21	22
23/ 30	24/31	25	26	27 6 pm Reading & the Rainbow	28	29
AAUW Redlands Board Meeting 5/10 6 pm Zoom <i>~Sue Wallace</i>			POST Lunafest discussion (page 4) 5/1, 10am Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82951367272 <i>~Toni Momberger</i>			
CHAT meeting 5/18 6pm Zoom <i>~Katherine Gifford 909-798-7565 literacy@akspl.org</i>			Reading and Rainbow (page 6) 5/27 6pm book recommendation meeting <i>~Amy Bisek & Kathryn Brown</i>			
I Am, Therefore I Think 5/19 "Guns and Violence" Zoom, Facilitator: Toni Momberger 12-2pm (12-12:30 informal brown bag lunch) <i>~ Viktoria Norberg & Ellen Schollenberger</i>			Start Smart workshop (page 5) 5/13 4-6pm via Zoom for University of Redlands students <i>~Susan Bangasser and Pamela Ford</i> <i>College/University Partnership Co-Chairs</i>			



Nancy Yowell Memorial Scholarship
Congratulations to the 2020-2021 scholarship recipients!

DOMINIQUE MARTINEZ, MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING AND LEARNING
 UNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS, MAY 2021

CYNTHIA DE LOS SANTOS, ASSOCIATES FOR TRANSFER, AEROSPACE ENGINEERING
 CRAFTON HILLS COLLEGE TO UC IRVINE, MAY 2022

We look forward to honoring both recipients at one of our fall in person branch meetings!



UNIVERSITY OF Redlands




Welcome to our New Member

Membership News

Brandi Bailes

contact
information in
April newsletter

Brandi loves the outdoors and is an avid hiker, runner, and biker. If you have an ultra-running or trail-running interest group, please let her know.

Brandi is an instructor of Mathematics at Crafton Hills College. She said "I love teaching. I love building positive connections with my students. It is awesome to be able to advocate for students and teachers and see tangible improvements."

Before teaching, Brandi worked in private industry as a programmer analyst and full-stack web developer.

Brandi has two young children and a wonderfully supportive husband.

Brandi participated in both the virtual classroom STEM conference with Redlands USD and the YouTube videos for the remaining school districts. View Brandi's "Welcome to Crafton Hills College" at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCF0mjbJbzmWFBFJE46L5Gmw/playlists> (click on VIEW FULL PLAYLIST).



Join us by zoom for

Lunafest discussion

May 1st 10 a.m. to noon

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81293280638>

Happy Mothers Day to all the women that are there for us throughout our lives that aren't our mothers. Friends, teachers or those women who inspire us, care about us and love us as if they were just another mother.



— Anil Kumar Malviya

YourQuote.in

Membership Matters Renewal Information

Membership renewals for the coming year started on March 16th. National dues have increased by \$3. For 2021-2022, AAUW National dues are \$62, of which \$59 are tax-deductible. State dues remain the same at \$20 but are not tax-deductible, and Redlands branch dues are \$31.

As in previous years, you will receive an email from memberinfo@aauw.org with subject line **AAUW Membership Renewal for Fiscal Year 2022** with a link to renew online as well as information if you prefer to renew by check.

~Ellen Cope, Membership Treasurer



Hospitality Birthday Club

Our best wishes this month to:

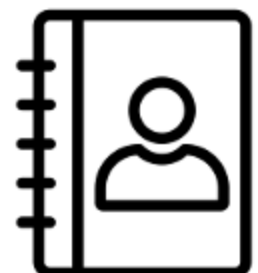
Sue Angell
Susan Bangasser
Antoinette Brenion
Kathryn Brown
Judy Dods
Gabrielle Duff
Margee Fuller
Kelsey Gormley

Rebecca Guillan
Ann Harding
Theresa Lantz
Sally Leialoha
Evelyn O'Prey
Dawn Romo
Hester Turpin
Patricia Zappia

New Digital Photo Membership Directory is available on our website.

There is a flyer attached to a separate email sent today with login information.

*Thank you Priya Vedula,
Communicatotion VP and
Sheron Bealer for this
valuable branch resource.*



~Sue Wallace

College/University Partnership Zoom

May 13: 4 – 6 pm

If you are interested in observing or helping answer questions, email Susan, and she will send you the Zoom link.



The College and University Partnership Committee co-chairs are offering a Start Smart Zoom workshop for students at the University of Redlands. One of the issues AAUW addresses is economic security for women. The Start Smart Program helps women negotiate a fair beginning salary raise.

~Susan Bangasser

College/University Partnership Co-Chair

Family Service/Micah House Back-to-School Project



Our FSA community service project will continue this year as it did last year in the form of monetary donations mailed to our AAUW treasurer. Micah House hopes to distribute backpacks full of supplies to

RUSD students in need in July in hopes that the students will return to on-campus, in-person instruction come August. The donations you make will be used either to actually purchase supplies to be delivered to Micah House in early July or to make a monetary donation for them to purchase according to their needs. Please consider this worthwhile project when deciding where your community support will go this year.

Please make your checks out to Redlands Branch AAUW, and be sure to include Family Service Project in the memo line. Mail them to:

AAUW FSA Project, Attn. Treasurer
PO Box 7678
Redlands, CA 92375-0678

Donations need to be received no later than June 30. The past generosity of our members for this project has been greatly appreciated, and I hope we can count on you all again to support our efforts. Thanks!

~Dawn Romo, FSA Back-to-School Project Chair

Celebrating...



From the Hospitality Committee

Congratulations to the following members who will receive certificates at June branch meeting for years of continuous membership in AAUW.

50 years~joined 1971

Char Burgess

30 years~joined 1990

Janice Jacobson

Pamela Ong'

Irene Vitt

25 years~joined 1995

Kimberly Cousins

Cathy Curtis Odegaard

Catherine Schilling

Erica Wilson

15 years~joined 2005

Dolores Barrett

Jane Henry

Linda Rowland

10 years~joined 2010

Ann Leonard

Denise Westcott

Sue Young



5 years~joined 2015

Susan Bangasser

Paula Ferri-Milligan

Mary Lou Guerrero

Stephanie Harlan

Joyce Heitmeier

Martha Lehman

Kate Pretorius

Linda Richards

Diane Shimota

Barbara Abrams

Simmons

Carol Townsend

Patricia Zappia

Congratulations!

~Sue Ferguson

Hospitality VP

Become a Volunteer Tutor



- No teaching experience necessary
- Training, ongoing support, and materials provided
- Flexible volunteering opportunities

Adult Literacy tutor training is taking place by Zoom. If you are interested, please contact me,
~Diane Shimota
Adult Literacy Coordinator, A.K. Smiley Public Library literacy@akspl.org 909.798.7565, ext. 413

Reading and the Rainbow

Our May book recommendation meeting will be LIVE on Thursday, May 27 at 6:00pm. This is due to the large quantity of members who have been fully vaccinated, therefore reducing our potential Covid exposure. We will meet outdoors at 1532 Lynne Ct., Redlands. If you are unable or not interested in attending live, know that you can provide your reading recommendation(s) for next year



directly to Amy via email, and they'll be included in our voting list. A pizza and salad dinner will be provided for \$15, and closer to the date we'll provide all of the logistical details in an email for your review and reference.

~Amy Bisek and Kathryn Brown

Celebration of Named Gift Honorees

Amy Bisek was introduced at the April branch meeting as the third 2021 Named Gift Honoree. Our three 2021 Named Gift Honorees, **Cindy Perkins**, **Sue Ann Wallace**, and **Amy Bisek** have done outstanding work in promoting the goals and programs of AAUW.



Erica Wilson and Kathryn Brown handled Amy's presentation, the highlight of which was Erica serenading Amy (with lyrics written for the occasion by Katherine Gifford) to the tune of "Once in Love With Amy" (see attachment.) The next day, Amy was surprised all over again with the morning delivery of her bouquet and AAUW NGH pin.

Most members know Amy best for her several years of leadership in the Reading & the Rainbow Book Club, including opening her home to the club several times for the annual book nomination dinner meeting and taking over as co-chair a few years back. She has also served in the past as a STEM Conference Host; this year, she stepped up to become a STEM Committee member, devoting many hours and her design expertise to help tackle the unique challenges faced in planning and executing both of this year's live virtual and YouTube conferences. Having made cookies for the Footlighters fundraiser every year since she joined the Redlands branch in 2013, this year Amy also joined the committee to help procure supplies for and volunteer with audience services on the night of the event.

Amy grew up in the small town of New Prague, MN, which had a population of less than 3000 when she graduated from high school in 1980. After graduating from the University of Minnesota (famous alumni include Senator Amy Klobuchar, Bob Dylan, Kate Millet, and author Cheryl Strayed) in 1984, she went on to work for Minneapolis-based BI Worldwide, where she retired from her career there as a Design Director in September 2020, having worked remotely from Redlands after moving here in 2011 with her now-husband, Dennis Seaton, a native of Southern CA. Amy has a wide range of interests; she enjoys Yoga and is a member of the Master Gardeners Club. If you visit her at home, you'll be warmly welcomed by her two friendly dogs, Billy and Bella.

~Kathryn Brown, Chair, AAUW Fund Committee



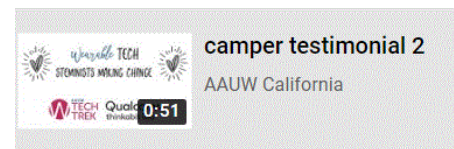
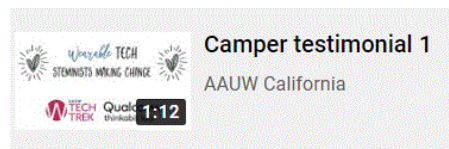
2021 Tech Trek will be Virtual

Virtual Tech Trek is designed to provide campers with exposure to computer science and engineering, along with workshops designed to explore individual STEM specialties more deeply using a hands-on or interactive approach. Hands-on activities, inspirational speakers, and interactive workshops help to make STEM subjects fun as well as

educational. Trained instructors and coaching staff including near-peer Tech Trek alumnae, work alongside credentialed teachers and women in STEM-related careers.

This is a week-long virtual camp for rising 8th grade girls. The camp is centered on a morning project-based robotics/engineering/coding class that meets daily and results in a personalized creation by week's end. After lunch, the campers hear from inspirational women for an hour, then participate in one or more 90-minute hands-on or interactive science, technology, engineering, and math workshops to encourage fun while learning. They can return for evening workshops with girls from another country, social activities, or even parent sessions.

~Trek Tech committee: Marilyn Shankar, Chair, Pam Ford, Kathy Toister and Denise Westcott



<https://youtu.be/CA6NzdA7Gvw>

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2021 AAUW California Lobby Day

On March 24, 2021, the AAUW California Public Policy Committee, in conjunction with our Advocacy firm MVM Strategy Group, conducted a hugely successful "virtual" Lobby Day, with 111 AAUW California members, representing 63 different branches, participating.

Way back in my high school history class, I learned about the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire, which occurred in Greenwich Village one Saturday in 1911. Factories like the Triangle Shirtwaist dotted the New York City landscape employing mostly immigrant women. During their 6-day, 52-hour workweek, they earned only between \$7 and \$12, the equivalent of \$191 to \$327 in today's dollars. Their working conditions were cramped and hazardous. The scrap-strewn workplace was filthy and flammable. The doors had been locked to prevent the women from taking unauthorized breaks. And when the fire broke out, the owners of the factory fled to the roof, letting the fire claim 146 workers, 123 of them women and girls. The tragedy shined a light on these dangerous conditions and led the New York legislature to pass 38 new laws including one sponsored by Frances Perkins, who would become our first woman cabinet member.

Until Lobby Day, I thought that our labor regulations and minimum wage laws had done away with these sweatshop conditions. But how wrong I was.

Senate Bill 62, the Garment Workers Protection Act, was authored by Maria Elena Durazo, the senator from Central and East Los Angeles. Piecemeal work is still the norm in the underground garment economy. In Los Angeles, some 46,000 garment workers — mostly immigrants from central and south America — work 10-12 hours a day earning on average \$5.15 an hour. This rate is unchanged since 1911, where the workers in the Triangle Shirtwaist factory earned the equivalent of \$3.67 to \$6.29 per hour.

SB 62 would eliminate the piece rate and ensure that workers receive a minimum wage by strengthening enforcement of wage theft laws meant to protect garment workers. It would ensure that retailers cannot use complicated layers of contracts to avoid responsibility for illegal and abusive practices. And it would ensure that workers are paid for all time spent working.

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A team of AAUW members, including Kris Goodfellow, Erica Rosenfeld, Sharen Wegner, Katherine Gifford, and Kathryn Brown, met virtually on March 24 with state legislative staff from the offices of assembly members Holden and Rodriguez and Senator Leyva urging them to support SB 62 and two other important pieces of legislation: AB 92 and SB 373.

The second bill we discussed was written by our own Eloise Gomez Reyes. The Assembly member from San Bernardino and Assembly Majority Leader opened the

day addressing the entire group of AAUW members at our morning kick-off event. She thanked AAUW for fighting for equity for women and girls. She talked about how the pandemic had disproportionately affected women who most often have borne the burden of childcare while trying to work during the pandemic.

Her Assembly Bill 92, Child Care Family Fees, would use federal funds to create an equitable sliding scale for family fees. It would help struggling families to pay for childcare through October 31, 2022. The pandemic also caused many childcare providers to go out of business, further limiting affordable childcare options. This bill would benefit the economic recovery of the state by helping parents remain in the workforce and achieve economic stability. AAUW is a co-sponsor of this bill.

The last bill that we discussed was written by Senator Dave Min, from Orange County. Senate Bill 373, the Protecting Vulnerable Populations from Coerced Debt Bill, would prevent the survivors of domestic violence, elder abuse, or foster youth from being responsible for coerced or fraudulent debt. Financial abuse occurs in 99 percent of domestic violence cases. It includes stealing money, credit, property, or identity and forcing a vulnerable party into filing fraudulent legal financial documents. Access to economic resources is the most likely predictor of whether a survivor will be able to permanently separate from their abuser.

SB 373 would make it easy for victims of financial abuse to prove this was done under duress or without their knowledge. It will also prohibit creditors from collecting when the debt is deemed to be coerced. And it will prohibit consumer credit reporting agencies from including coerced debts in their credit score calculations and reports.

We hope that you will join us in supporting these bills. Neither of our representatives were able to meet with the team of AAUW lobbyists. So if you wish to write to your Assembly member and/or Senator, we encourage you to do so. The district director for Asm. James Ramos, of AD-40, is Jeovana Sanchez Gonzalez, and she can be reached at Jeovana.SanchezGonzalez@Asm.Ca.Gov. Senator Rosalie Ochoa Bogh, of SD-23, can be reached by calling her office: (916) 651-4023 or by visiting <https://lcmspubcontact.lc.ca.gov/PublicLCMS/ContactPopup.php?district=SD23&iframe=N>

~Kris Goodfellow, Public Policy Co-Chair

Happy  Mother's Day

Supportive Adoration gracious Considerate
Encourage FRIEND Compassionate SPECIAL Sensitive
Laugh Beautiful Marvelous Strong
Adore Funny Generous Nurture noble patient Wonderful
Tender Loving Kind attentive Loyal DEDICATED Witty Thoughtful Insightful Fun
Incredible Selfless HOME Gentle Smile
Talented Helpful Fabulous

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April BRANCH MEETING

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XwllsLCUh2o&t=18s>



Commander Rachel Tolber,
Redlands Police Department



Thought for the
Month: Shirley
Harlan "Women in
Law Enforcement"