

Branches and Twigs

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Sue's News



This is my last Sue's News as your president. This year has been a challenge for all of us, but I want to thank the board and all those who volunteered for our programs and projects for the year. We could not have kept things going without your help. Erica Wilson and I have been working together to make the transition to next year as easy as possible. She will be contacting those of you who have been volunteering for programs, projects, and interest groups to solicit your help for next year. Please consider continuing in the roles you have been fulfilling, and if you are interested in volunteering for any part of our organization, please contact Erica to let her know. Some of our interest groups that have not been meeting this year because of the restrictions of the pandemic will be starting up again in the fall (Bridge, Bunco, etc.). If you have any suggestions for new interest groups, please let Erica or one of our at-large board representatives know (Mary Lou Guerrero, Judy Dods, Barbara Simmons). *Continued on page 2*

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## June Branch Meeting

### *"The Importance of Interethnic, Intersectional, and Intergenerational Coalition Building in Civil Societies"*



Susan Park is the founder and program director of Asian Americans for Housing and Environmental Justice, a nonprofit dedicated to building safer and healthier communities for all through interethnic, intersectional, and intergenerational coalition building, direct-aid, and economic development. She works on policy, funding, and program changes to uplift low-income black, indigenous, and other people of color (BIPOC) communities in Los Angeles and California. Her nonprofit advocates for in-language culturally competent support, direct aid, economic development, and

services for low income BIPOC. She is a multilingual, second-generation Korean American. She is a published writer, historian, and documentary filmmaker.

Asian Americans for Housing and Environmental Justice provides culturally competent, in-language support and immediate, direct aid to at-risk and unhoused Asian Americans. Her group does their own outreach and provides direct aid to fill in the gaps. They collaborate with API and BIPOC organizations to make their

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## June Branch Meeting

Saturday, June 5, 2021

Social 9:00 a.m. Zoom

Program 10:00 a.m. Webinar

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

### TO ATTEND ZOOM SOCIAL

(no registration required)

On June 5 @ 9:30 a.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 June 5 at 10:00 a.m., open the confirmation email and click on

[Click Here to Join](#) link

Questions?

text 909-917-8039 or

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

## Branch Meetings:

**2021-2022**

Saturday, 9/11 morning

Tuesday, 10/5 evening

Saturday, 11/6 morning

Tuesday, 12/7 evening

Tuesday, 1/11 evening

Saturday, 2/5 morning

Tuesday, 3/1 evening

Saturday, 4/2 morning

Tuesday, 5/3 evening

Saturday, 6/4 morning

## June Branch Meeting Program *continued from page 1*

collective work stronger. They build inter-ethnic, multilingual coalitions, advocate for in-language, culturally competent support, services, and for direct aid for low-income BIPOC.

*~Priya Vedula*

Asian Americans for Housing and Environmental are fiscally sponsored by Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance, 501(c)(3). Donations to AA4H can be made payable to KIWA with "AA4H" written on the memo line and mailed to 1436 Jefferson Blvd, Los Angeles Ca 90007. Donations can also be made with a credit card.

Koreatown Main Distribution Hub  
[2748 W 8th St. Los Angeles, Ca 90005](#)

South Central Los Angeles Food Bank  
[1436 West Jefferson Blvd. Los Angeles, Ca 90007](#)

Pasadena and San Gabriel Valley Distribution Site  
[75 N Marengo Ave, Pasadena, CA 91101](#)

Orange Asian Food Bank  
[18380 Brookhurst St. Fountain Valley, Ca 92708](#)

West Los Angeles Asian Food Pantry coming soon

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

The board will be contacting past members who did not rejoin this year because of the pandemic restrictions to encourage them to come back into the fold. If you have friends who you would like to join us, be sure to invite them to the September branch meeting. We are lucky to enjoy having such a diverse, large group of women in our local branch but will always welcome more. Once more a big "Thank You" to all the members for your support this year. It has been great getting to know many of you on a more personal level. I'll be "seeing" you in the fall.

*~Sue Wallace, President*

|     |                    |                   |                                                           |                                       |     | June 2021                                                                        |
|-----|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sun | Mon                | Tues              | Wed                                                       | Thu                                   | Fri | Sat                                                                              |
|     |                    | 1                 | 2                                                         | 3                                     | 4   | 5 <b>Branch Mtg</b><br>9:00 am social via Zoom<br>& 10:00 am program via Webinar |
| 6   | 7<br>6pm Board Mtg | 8                 | 9                                                         | 10                                    | 11  | 12                                                                               |
| 13  | 14                 | 15<br>6:30pm CHAT | 16                                                        | 17                                    | 18  | 19                                                                               |
| 20  | 21                 | 22                | 23<br>Annual Planning Luncheon<br>I Am, Therefore I Think | 24<br>1pm & 7pm Reading & the Rainbow | 25  | 26<br>10 am Southeast Interbranch Council meeting via Zoom                       |
| 27  | 28                 | 29                | 30                                                        |                                       |     |                                                                                  |

**Upcoming: Reading and the Rainbow--Thursday, July 22 7 pm only and Thursday, August 26 7pm only**

**AAUW Redlands Board Meeting**  
 6/7 6 pm Zoom *~Sue Wallace*

**CHAT Meeting**  
 6/15 6:30pm Zoom  
*~Katherine Gifford 909-798-7565 literacy@akspl.org*

**I Am, Therefore I Think**  
 6/23 12pm at a local restaurant. Annual Planning Luncheon. Reservations required.  
*~ Viktoria Norberg & Toni Momberger & Barbra Simmons*

**Reading and Rainbow**  
 6/24 *The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead 1pm & 7pm  
*~Amy Bisek & Kathryn Brown*

**Southeast Interbranch council meeting** via Zoom  
 6/26 10 am  
*~Kathy Kinley, Chair, SEIBC*

## Membership news

**PLEASE UPDATE YOUR YEARBOOK:**

Elaine Brubacher

Sally Vaughn

## Family Service/Micah House Back-to-School Project



Just a reminder...if you haven't yet made a donation (of ANY amount!) to our Family Service Back-to-School Project, you have until June 30 to do so. Unfortunately, it has to be done through the US Postal

Service again this year, but with children expected to be full-time, on-campus students come August, your support would be greatly appreciated, so we can make sure that all RUSD children have the needed supplies to have a successful 2021-22 school year.

Checks can be made out to AAUW Redlands Branch with Back-to-School Project mentioned in the memo line. Mail them to:

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

Please consider adding this to your to-do list before June 30. Thanks for your continuing support of this worthwhile project.

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

## 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](mailto:memberinfo@aauw.org) with subject line **AAUW Membership Renewal for Fiscal Year 2022** and a link to renew online as well as information if you prefer to renew by check.

*~Ellen Cope, Membership Treasurer*



## 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  
Carol Buchanan  
Paula Ferri-Milligan  
Susan Kean  
Aleta West

Elaine Brubacher  
Patricia Estrada  
Mary Lou Guerrero  
Sally Trost

**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 **Summer newsletter** will be **July 1<sup>st</sup>**. Send your articles to the editor via email to [news@aauw-redlands-ca.org](mailto:news@aauw-redlands-ca.org)





## College/University Partnership

### NCCWSL 2021 is Virtual

By the time you read this story, NCCWSL 2021 will be complete. The news from Redlands is that our branch was able to register ten young women for this conference. Brooke McBay from University of Redlands and Jessica Lopez (not pictured) from Crafton Hills College were selected to attend in 2020, but you know what that date meant. Fortunately, they could participate this year. Brooke just graduated from U of R and Jessica had transferred from CHC to Chapman University over the course of the year. Our students selected in 2021 from U of R are pictured here, and all of them will be returning to Redlands in the fall semester. Our students selected from Crafton Hills College in 2021 are pictured here, and they will be returning to Crafton in the fall semester. Everyone is hoping for, and looking forward to, being on campus as they share their leadership skills. We hope to meet most of these capable young women in person next fall.

*~Pam Ford, Denise Davis and Susan Bangasser  
College/University Partnership Committee*

### NCCWSL Scholarship Awardees



UoR: Brook McBay



UoR: Lucy Stiff



UoR: Montserrat Pineda



UoR: Simmy Grewal



UoR: Hannah Levenstein



CHC: Charis Alexander

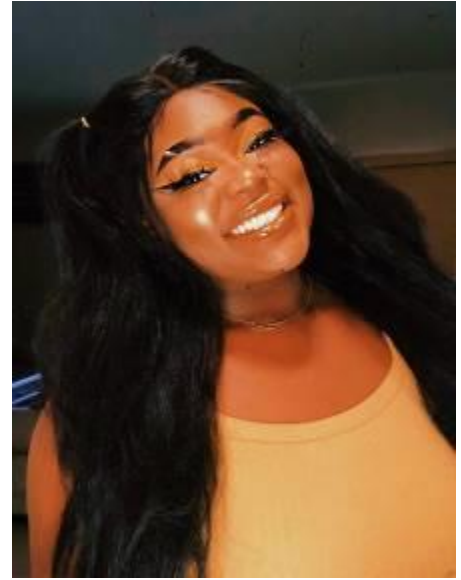
## NCCWSL Scholarship Awardees



CHC: Maria Oleckh



CHC: Hannah Stiff



CHC: Latifat Babatunde

## Voting for the 2021-22 Budget and Elected Officers

The AAUW Redlands Branch Board thanks our membership for their unanimous approval for the 2021-2022 budget and election of the slate of officers.

### AAUW Redlands Elected Officers will be installed at June meeting.

|                    |           |                   |
|--------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| President:         | 2021-2022 | Erica Wilson      |
| President Elect:   | 2021-2022 | Patricia Stubbs   |
| Hospitality VP:    | 2021-2023 | Eileen Sanborn    |
| Communications VP: | 2021-2023 | Priya Vedula      |
| Program VP:        | 2021-2023 | Martha Lehman     |
| At-Large:          | 2021-2022 | Judy Dods         |
| At-Large:          | 2021-2022 | Mary Lou Guerrero |
| At-Large:          | 2021-2022 | Barbara Simmons   |

#### Nominating Committee

|           |                                                 |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 2021-2022 | Sheron Bealer, Maria Rossi, Eileen Sanborn      |
| 2021-2023 | Susan Bangasser, Viktoria Norberg, Kathy Warren |



#### Thank you to our outgoing officers:

Sue Wallace, President  
Sue Ferguson, Hospitality Vice President

#### Thank you to our officers who are serving a second term:

Priya Vedula, Communications Vice President  
Martha Lehman, Program Vice President  
Judy Dods, At-Large  
Mary Lou Guerrero, At-Large  
Barbara Simmons, At-Large



## Steps to Becoming a Two-Minute Activist

It is easy to add your “voice” to that of other AAUW members across the United States by becoming a Two-Minute Activist. I, and the members of the Public Policy Committee, strongly encourage you to do so. Remember, there is power in numbers.



Follow these simple steps to become involved.

1. Navigate to [aauwaction.org](http://aauwaction.org)
2. Click on the “Become a Two Minute Activist” blue button at the end of the page.
3. A new page will come up with the option to Sign Up. Click that button.
4. On the following page, fill in the form with your contact information and interest and submit.

After signing up, you will begin to receive emails whenever action is requested. The emails may appear with names (Kate Nielson, Robin Lucas, Leticia Tomas) and AAUW Action. Open the email and, if you agree with AAUW’s stance on the action, press the Take Action red button.

You may be asked to enter information so that AAUW can determine the appropriate senator and or representative to direct your email. A page will open up with our senators and /or representatives identified and an already-composed is ready to send email. You may personalize the message as much as you wish. End by clicking on Send Message. You are now a Two-Minute Activist!

So far this year, we have been requested to take action on

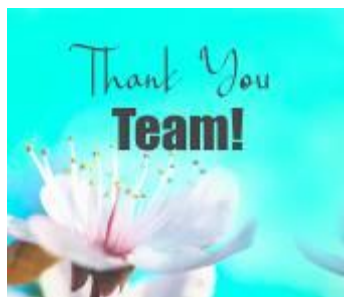
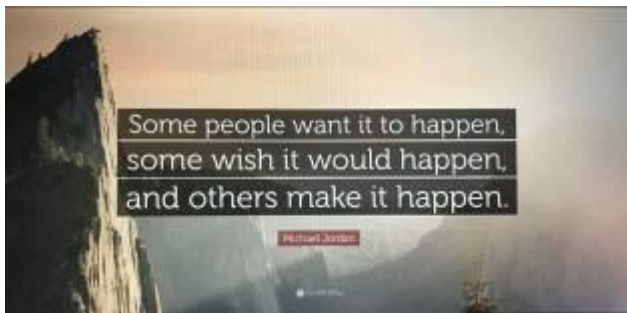
- The Paycheck Fairness Act to close the gender pay gap
- Raise the Wage Act-raise the minimum wage for federal employees up to \$15/hr by 2025
- Family and Medical Insurance Leave act to provide up to 12 weeks of job-protected, unpaid family leave
- The Equality Act-to protect against gender inequality and preserve LGBTQ rights
- The American Rescue Plan for continued Covid related relief programs
- For The People Act to stop voter suppression and promote voter equality
- Healthy Families Act to insure that full-time employees have the right to 7 paid sick days per year
- The ERA to lift the ERA deadline for ratification

Respectfully submitted,  
Deb Seibly  
Legal Advocacy Chair

**Watch May Branch Meeting On AAUW Redlands Website**  
under “Recorded Zoom Meetings”

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

**YOUTUBE <https://youtu.be/yi-K90-KNjA>**



**Great Decisions**



**Back-to-School Project**



**I Am, Therefore I Think**



**Nancy Yowell & High School**



**Legal Advocacy**



**STEM Initiatives:**  
**2021 STEM Conferences & Tech Trek**



**Digit Photo Membership Directory**



**Watching Branch Meetings On YOUTUBE**

## AAUW REPORT: Factory Flaw: The Attrition and Retention of Women In Manufacturing

Redlands Branch, AAUW  
P.O. Box 7678  
Redlands, CA 92375-0678

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### Fontana Mayor Will Address the Southeast Interbranch Council

Acquanetta Warren, the Mayor of Fontana, who is a leader of the Inland Empire Women in Manufacturing organization will address us at the SEIBC. Their vision "is to unify and diversify the Inland Empire workforce by supporting, empowering, and inspiring women in this great region." Women in manufacturing are the subject of a recently released AAUW study Factory Flaw. Officers and members of local AAUW branches will be able to network at the Southeast Interbranch Council meeting and share ideas. There will be an election of officers for the 2021--2022 SEIBC. Attendees will receive updates on state and federal public policy issues including legislation supported by AAUW. All are invited to attend the meeting on Zoom Saturday, June 26, at 10 a.m. Contact Kathy Kinley for more information and to request Zoom link.

*~Kathy Kinley, Chair  
SEIBC*

### MAY BRANCH MEETING

<https://youtu.be/yi-K90-KNjA>.



#### RUSD's Academic Case Carrier Program

Peter Lock and  
Ruth Sotomeyer



#### Thought for the Month

Sheron Bealer and  
Dr. Ericka Paddock  
Director of Student Life  
Crafton Hills College

