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Erica's Tidings

Hi AAUW Friends,

I am writing this a few days before our first Branch Meeting on September 11, so I can't whoop and holler about how great it was. (Well...I can whoop and holler about how great I know it's going to be!!) This is our first live meeting since March 2019, and I know how relieved I feel that we can all be in the same room together (vaccinated, masked, and socially distant, but still in the same room and smiling beneath our masks). We are presenting the meeting as a Webinar as well, so if you couldn't make it live, you can join us on Zoom (*link on page 3*). As of 9/11, we have 83 members and guests planning to attend the meeting – including 15 guests (hopefully all will join AAUW). That's a great start!

I can't yet comment on Dr. Mary Zupanc's talk although I know how terrific her talks have been in the past. So...thank you Dr. Zupanc.

I want to take a moment to thank all of the Board members who have worked hard to pull off this first meeting—especially Kay Dobbertin, Tricia Stubbs, Martha Lehman, Priya Vedula Engel, Kathryn Brown. Kay, we will have to find a way to put your brain in a jar for AAUW posterity! Without your incredible knowledge about our Branch, we would be lost.

I am looking forward to our up-coming meetings, speakers, and programs. October's program Tuesday evening, October 5th at 5:30, is titled "Celebrating our Own"...a tribute to members who have been part of our organization for many years and to the many accomplishments of the Redlands' branch.

See you all Saturday...or already saw you Saturday. Have an exciting, productive, fulfilling month.

All my best,

Erica

October Branch Meeting *Celebrating Our Own!*

IF we had been able to meet in person since March 2019, we would have congratulated our Redlands branch's ...

- members for their years of continuous membership in AAUW
- awardees of our high school and college scholarship
- awardees of our AAUW's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) scholarships
- STEM Committee on presenting both live and video 2021 STEM conferences
- Tech Trek Committee for Tech Trekkers attending the virtual 2021 Tech Trek conferences
- President Sue Wallace and our 2020-21 branch leaders for online branch and interest group meetings
- Heather Abushanab for two online Lunafest film festivals and Kathryn Brown for our in-person Footlighters event



October Branch Meeting

When

Tuesday, October 5th
Social 5:30 p.m.
Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Program 6:45 p.m.

Where

University of Redlands
CASA LOMA Room

Menu **Chef's Choice Dinner Buffet**

Chef's choice main entrée; vegetarian entrée; starch; seasonal vegetables; mixed green salad with ranch and balsamic dressing; dinner rolls; dessert; coffee/tea

Cost Members and guests: \$25

Registrations for

dinner: Please email rsvpmeeting@aauw-redlands-ca.org or call 909-362-4955 by Sunday, September 26, 2021, to make a dinner reservation. After September 26th, dinner reservations will be made on a space-available basis.

Reminder:

A reservation made is a reservation paid.

Members and guests are invited to attend the speaker portion of the meeting free of charge. Chairs will be available.

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday September 26th REGISTRATION DEADLINE for October 5th Dinner reservation						
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3 6pm California Cuisine 1	4	5 <u>5:30pm Branch Meeting</u>	6 1pm Bridge	7	8	9
10	11 6pm AAUW Board mtg	12 6:30pm CHAT	13	14 6:30pm AAUW Theater Benefit	15	16
17	18 1pm Bridge	19	20 12pm I Am, <u>Therefore I Think</u> 7pm New Member coffee & dessert	21	22	23 8:30 am Hiking <u>our Hills & Mts</u> 10am AAUW FUND Event
24	25	26	27 8:30 am Hiking our Hills & Mountains..... 1pm Bunko	28 1pm & 7pm Reading & the Rainbow	29	30 9am STEM <u>Committee mtg</u> 10am AAUW FUND Event
AAUW Fund Event Zoom 10/23 & 10/30 10 am-noon (page 4 for registration information)			<div> <div>Save the dates</div> <div> AAUW FUND Event Sun. Nov. 7 Sunday, Dec. 8 YMCA Holiday Home Tour, 9 am or 12:45 pm Wed. March 2, 2022 REDLANDS STEM Conference </div> </div>			
AAUW Theater Benefit Fundraiser 10/14 6:30pm reception & 8pm performance (page 5 for ticket information) ~Kathryn Brown AAUW Redlands Board Meeting 10/11 6:00 pm Zoom ~Erica Wilson Bridge Groups 10/6 and 10/18 1pm ~Contact coordinator Dorothy Nordquist Bunko 10/27 1pm ~Patty Ahearn California Cuisine and Conversation 1 10/3 6 pm Host & address will be sent by email. ~Kathy Toister CHAT meeting 9/14 6:30pm Zoom. ~Katherine Gifford 798-7565 literacy@akspl.org			Hiking our Hills & Mountains 10/23 8:30 am contact Kathy 10/27 8:30 am contact Erica ~Kathy Toister & Erica Wilson I Am, Therefore I Think 10/20 TBA Meets 12 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church Lounge (Rooms 6-8) 419 South 4 th Street, Redlands. ~Toni Momberger & Barbara Simmons Reading and the Rainbow 10/28 <i>Hamnet</i> by Maggie O'Farrell 1pm host: Judy Adams, 7pm host: Tricia Stubbs <u>Reservations</u> are not required. ~Amy Bisek & Kathryn Brown STEM conference planning meeting 10/30 9am ~Kathryn Brown			
Branch Officers: President: Erica Wilson, President-elect: Patricia Stubbs, Communications Vice President: Priya Vedula, Hospitality Vice President: Eileen Sanborn, Membership Vice President: Susan Shodahl, 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 November newsletter will be October 5th . Send your articles to the editor via email to news@aauw-redlands-ca.org		



OUR FIRST MEETING & COUNTING

Highlights:

- Program by **Dr. Mary L. Zupanc**
"The Fascinating History of Women in Medicine"
- **Visiting our 25 Branch Programs, Projects, Committees, and Interest Groups tables** (Handout with description and contact information is attached to the newsletter)
- **83 ladies were in attendance of which 15 were guests**
- **9 new members joined our AAUW Redlands branch**

The Fascinating History of Women in Medicine

Mary L. Zupanc, MD

Professor, Dept of Neurology/Pediatrics

UCI, Division Chief, Pediatric Neurology

Co-Medical Director, CHOC Neuroscience Institute

Children's Hospital of Orange County

University of California--Irvine



President Erica Wilson,
Communications VP Priya Engel and
Past-President Sue Wallace

A note from Dr. Zupanc to Kathy Toister.

Hi Kathy---The pleasure was all ours! We had a wonderful time.

I am delighted that the members enjoyed my presentation. The history of women in medicine is so fascinating. I am continually discovering new women to present!

The AAUW Redlands branch is amazing! Both David and I are in absolute awe about the enthusiasm and activism of your chapter! What wonderful programs! I am certainly going to tell the National AAUW about all of you---there are some lessons that we can all learn about how to keep a branch active, vibrant, and engaged with the community.

Thank you again. I am always happy to come to Redlands, despite the traffic.

*Very warm regards,
Mary*

Many thanks to Priva Engel, Communication Vice President, for her ongoing technical expertise and support of our Redlands branch meetings and programs.

Watch our September Branch Meeting on AAUW Redlands Website under "Recorded Zoom Meetings" <https://redlands-ca.aauw.net/meetings/>

or click on YOUTUBE link <https://youtu.be/2akK0S2ImGk>

YMCA Holiday Home Tour 2021 Volunteers Needed

For the last seventeen years AAUW has assisted the YMCA with their annual home tour by hosting a home. If you would like to join the fun and volunteer on December 5, 2021, to be a hostess in the home that AAUW is assigned for that day, please let us know. We have two shifts available, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm and 12:45- 4:45 pm. It is a wonderful way to assist the YMCA with their big fund raiser. The money raised goes to support the Y's Legal Aid Program, which provides legal services to low-income clients, primarily women. The program employs a very experienced attorney, Paula Salcido, who has a team with at least



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one paralegal and several paid and volunteer clerks, as well as volunteer attorneys who together provide legal services. It's really a great program that was a YWCA initiative that they brought over when they merged with the YMCA. Your gift of time and energy makes you feel good and serves a wonderful cause. There will be a sign-up sheet at the October meeting, or you can email me your name, phone number, and which shift you would like to work.

~Ann Leonard and Linda Browning, Co-Chairs



Member News - Condolences



In sympathy and friendship, we send our condolences to Evelyn O'Prey on the loss of her grandson and to Ann Leonard on the loss of her father-in-law.

The AAUW of California Fund Committee is proud to honor our 2021-22 California Fellow and Grant Recipients

California has 37 scholars studying here this year. In order to give each of these women an adequate amount of time to speak, we are scheduling three events this year: Saturday, October 23rd (10am-noon), Saturday, October 30th (10am-noon), and Sunday, November 7th (1pm-3pm). You are welcome to register and attend all three events.

<https://www.aauw-ca.org/aauw-2021-fund-events/>

In 2021-22, AAUW awarded \$5 million to 260 women and community projects to improve the lives of women and girls. Recipients will give a brief overview of their studies or projects and highlight what AAUW's support has meant to them.

Hospitality Birthday Club MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO OUR OCTOBER BIRTHDAY LADIES!

Kathy Albrektson
Luann Bangsund
Susan Bentley
Valarie Boone
Ellen Cope
Amber Costa
Suzanne Cranston
Shirley Harlan
Diane Landeros
Susan Leonard



Hongwei Lu
Carolyn Ritchie
Deborah Seibly
Diane Shimota
Patricia Stubbs
Erica Wilson
Whitney Zick

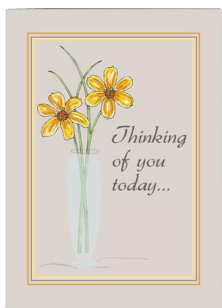
We hope to see you at the branch meeting. Be sure to stop by the Birthday Table to pick up your gift!

~Eileen Sanborn, Hospitality VP

Branch Meetings 2021-2022

Saturday, 11/6 9:00 am	Tuesday, 3/1 5:30 pm
Tuesday, 12/7 5:30 pm	Saturday, 4/2 9:00 am
Tuesday, 1/11 5:30 pm	Tuesday, 5/3 5:30 pm
Saturday, 2/5 9:00 am	Saturday, 6/4 9:00 am

Hospitality Member News



We want our members to know that we think of them when they are ill or grieving the loss of a loved one. Please contact me if you know of a member who needs a card from our branch to let them know they are in our thoughts. Thank you.

~Eileen Sanborn, Hospitality VP



Last Call for Wine for the October Fundraiser

DONATE A BOTTLE



We are still accepting wine for our fundraiser at the Footlighter. Please bring your wine donations to the October Branch meeting. If you are unable to attend the October branch

meeting and would like to donate wine, please contact me (text is easiest). I will be happy to pick up your wine. All donations are requested by Monday, October 11th. We greatly appreciate everyone who has already generously donated wine for our event. Thank you

~Kathy Toister, Cell 909-225-8704
bktoister@aol.com

AAUW Footlighters Gala! Theater, Music, Wine: Benefit for Our Mission Fund

Join us again this year on Thursday, October 14, for our 28th Annual Event at the Footlighters Theater and enjoy a performance of the mystery farce, MURDER ROOM. As one recent review stated,



MURDER ROOM is "A good mixture of Agatha Christie, Monty Python, and Abbot and Costello!" The story features newlyweds Edgar and Mavis. On their wedding night, Edgar discovers that Mavis -a nasty piece of work-is being unfaithful. Determined to run off with her lover, Mavis botches the attempt to poison Edgar (the family cat was not so lucky), so she resorts to using a gun. Chaos and complications reign when it transpires that the shots were blanks and that Edgar's body has vanished!

Your ticket to the play and pre-performance reception featuring wine, delicious snacks, live music & door prizes is just \$35 (\$20 for Footlighters season ticket holders.) The festivities start at 6:30 pm, with curtain time at 8 pm. Tickets will be on sale at the October 5 branch meeting, may be purchased by contacting Kathryn Brown by phone or on Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aauw-footlighters-gala-theater-music-wine-benefit-for-our-mission-fund-tickets-169353738591?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Tech Trek Went Virtual in 2021



Virtual Tech Trek was 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.

AAUW Redlands Branch had 11 girls attend this summer's Virtual Tech Trek Camp. Each of the girls attended the morning core class in Robotics and worked in small groups with the help of their Build and Social coaches to build and code their final project. Many provided videos of their process in building their hats. In the afternoons they had the opportunity to attend additional workshops presented by professional women working in STEM fields

We invite you to attend our October 5th Branch Meeting where a few of the girls who attended the Tech Trek Virtual Camp will present their experiences and hopefully their hats. We look forward to seeing you there.

~Denise Westcott and Marilyn Shankar, co-chairs

October Branch Meeting

Celebrating Our Own!

In January 2016, we began a new tradition of “celebrating your AAUW anniversary” by recognizing our members who reached 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, or 50 years of continuous AAUW membership.



*Congratulations to the following members as of **JUNE 2020***

60 years~joined 1959

Aleta West

25 years~joined 1994

Betty Meltzer

20 years~joined 1999

Sheron Bealer

Kathy Toister

15 years~joined 2004

Deborah Seibly

10 years ~joined 2009

Gail Anderson

Diane Bennett

Linda Browning

Nancy Earney

Rebecca Johnston

Sharlene Lund

Carol McDonald

Anne Sandel

Jeanne Shelvin

5 years~joined 2014

Carol Chaney

Denise Davis

Gabrielle Duff

Virginia Evans-Perry

Kay Fangerow

Rosa Gomez

Barbara Krause

Kristina Marnell

Jennifer Nelson

Erica Paddock

Meena Sprangrud

Denise Spencer

Sandy Szukalsky

Kathy Warren

*Congratulations to the following members as of **JUNE 2021***

50 years~joined 1971

Char Burgess

30 years~joined 1990

Janice Jacobson

Pamela Ong'

Irene Vltt

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 Simmons

Carol Townsend

Patricia Zappia

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



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Nancy Yowell & High School



I Am, Therefore I Think & Great Decisions

Welcome New Members!

Katherine Gifford invited **Karen Watkins** to our September meeting. She is the secretary for the Friends of A.K. Smiley Library Board and member of the Sierra Club. Karen is a Planning Manager for San Bernardino County. After her retirement in February, she wants to continue to serve others. Karen is a lifelong traveler, hiker, and writer and is looking forward to starting a writing group. Her outdoor activities have included working as a Park Ranger and at a YMCA summer camp.



Ellie Tooke is an administrative assistant at a law firm and plans on applying to law schools this fall. She grew up in Redlands and is looking for ways to become involved in the community she loves. She was the guest of Kay Dobbertin.

Margee Fuller invited **Lisa McCarty** to our membership meeting. Lisa lives in Redlands and is recently retired. She loves to quilt, garden, read and cook.



Peggi Cook moved to Redlands in 2018 after retiring from her real estate consulting practice in La Quinta. She is enjoying the strong community involvement and identity of Redlands. Peggi enjoys reading, gardening and swimming and looks forward to volunteering with AAUW Redlands. She was the guest of Susan Kean.

Jan Negron was the guest of Suzy Miller. She was a teacher for 38 years in the San Bernardino City USD and loves to read.



Marion Golson recently returned to Southern California after being away for nearly 50 years. Having grown up in the Orange/Santa Ana area, she attended UC Irvine for a year before transferring to the University of Oregon in Eugene. After living in Oregon and Washington most of her adult life, she retired from the Employment Security Department in Lacey, WA. She moved to Redlands last year and enjoys living here. Marion's mother was a 50-year member of AAUW, and Marion always planned on joining when she had more time to pursue her interests. She was the guest of Valarie Boone.

Donita Remington became interested in AAUW Redlands through her dear friends Ginny Evans-Perry, Ellen Gruenbaum, and Erica Wilson. She lives in Highland and has worked with children with autism and their families for more than 25 years at CSU San Bernardino. Donita is retiring at the end of the year and is looking for ways to contribute. She commented that participating in the Racial Justice discussion group and has been "rewarding, humbling and inspiring".



Kay Dobbertin met **Barbara Switzer** through a mutual friend and invited her to the membership meeting. Barbara was raised in Toledo, Ohio, and lived on a ranch in Montana and a farm in Arizona. She has worked in real estate, politics, radio, community college administration and teaching. Barbara was an English teacher at Redlands High School for 17 years and taught writing at the University of Redlands' School of Business for 33 years. She has 5 grown children.



Sue Wallace received her past president pin from President Erica Wilson



September Membership Meeting



Mary Jane Auerbacher celebrates her 99th birthday on September 21. HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY to Mary Jane and to Sue Wallace, Katherine Gifford, Cheri Dawes, Cassie MacDuff and Kathy Warren.