

Branches and Twigs

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Erica's Tidings

Hi Dear AAUW Friends,

I want to thank Sue Wallace for the wonderful job she did in organizing the branch meeting last Tuesday; "Celebrating Our Own" was a terrific idea. The feedback that I've gotten is that everyone was amazed and impressed by what the Redlands AAUW Branch accomplished over the Pandemic year.

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November Branch Meeting: "Is There Still Hope? The Case for Saving the Planet"

We are pleased to have Judith Ashton and Jan Harvey as our presenters for the November branch meeting.

Judith Ashton is a retired educator. She served as the Dean of Humanities and Social Science at Crafton Hills College and the Chair of the English Department at San Bernardino Valley College. She previously served on the Human Relations Commission for the City of Redlands and has been involved in other community groups. Judith joined the Citizens Climate Lobby (CCL), East Valley chapter, in 2014. In 2015, she started the Redlands chapter and has served as the chapter leader since its formation to the present. In 2017, Judith was honored with the Citizens of Achievement Award by the League of Women Voters for her work with CCL. Judith has attended five national CCL conferences where she lobbied Congress in support of the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act.

Jan Harvey is a photographer and printmaker who creates etchings, which she exhibits in various shows and galleries. Pre-COVID, she taught etching through workshops in her studio using a process that safeguards the health of the artist and the planet as it does not use the traditional photo chemicals and acids of the past.

Jan has been involved in protecting the environment most of her life. She joined the local Redlands area CCL chapter about six years ago and has been in charge of outreach activities, such as tabling at community events. She was a member of the Sierra Club and was an activist with Citizens' Action for Peace for over twelve years. Jan was a long-time Girl Scout leader of troops emphasizing hiking, rock climbing, backpacking, and wilderness camping in our mountains and deserts. She, along with her husband and college-age children, built a geodesic dome home in Yucaipa, which incorporates many passive solar features and other energy-saving and earth-friendly aspects.

The Citizens Climate Lobby is a nonpartisan national organization focusing on climate change that empowers everyday people to work together on climate change solutions through more than 600 chapters across the United States. ~Dianne Landeros



November Branch Meeting

When Saturday,
November 6, 2021
Social 9:00 am
Brunch 9:30 a.m.
Program 10:15 a.m.

Where

University of Redlands
CASA LOMA ROOM

Menu Hot Cakes Buffet

Orange Cinnamon
Scented French Toast
(vegetarian), Scrambled
Eggs, Crispy Bacon, Diced
Hash Browns (vegan),
Sliced seasonal fruit tray,
ketchup, syrup, butter,
orange juice, coffee/tea

Cost

Members and guests: \$20

Reservations

Please call 909-362-4955
or email

[rsvpmeeting@aauw-
redlands-ca.org](mailto:rsvpmeeting@aauw-redlands-ca.org) by

Saturday, October 30,
2021. After October 30th,
reservations will be on a
space-available basis.

*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. Chairs will be
available.**

Branch Meetings: 2021-2022

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

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Saturday, October 30 is the RESERVATION DEADLINE for Saturday, NOVEMBER 6 BRUNCH Meeting						
	1	2	3 1pm Bridge	4	5	6 9:00am Branch Meeting & Boutique
7 <u>1pm AAUW FUND Event</u> 6pm California Cuisine 1	8 6pm Board Mtg	9 6:30pm CHAT	10 1pm Bunco	11	12	13
14	15 1pm Bridge	16	17 8:30 am Hiking Our Hills & <u>Mountains</u> 12pm I Am, Therefore I Think	18 1pm & 7pm Reading & the Rainbow	19	20
21 5:30pm California Cuisine 2	22	23	24	25 HAPPY THANKS- GIVING	26	27 8:30 am Hiking Our Hills & Mountains
28	29	30	<u>Save the dates:</u> Sunday, December 5—YMCA Holiday Home Tour, 9am or 12:45 pm Wednesday, March 2, 2022—REDLANDS STEM Conference			
AAUW Fund Event Zoom 11/7 1pm-3pm (page 4 for registration information) AAUW Redlands Board Meeting 11/8 6:00 pm Zoom Bridge Groups 11/3 and 11/15 1pm ~Contact coordinator Dorothy Nordquist Bunco 11/10 1pm California Cuisine and Conversation I 11/7 6pm Host & address will be sent by email. ~Kathy Toister California Cuisine and Conversation 2 11/21 5:30pm ~ Patty Ahearn CHAT meeting 11/9 6:30pm Zoom. ~Katherine Gifford 798-7565 literacy@akspl.org			Hiking Our Hills & Mountains 11/17 8:30 am contact Erica 11/27 8:30 am contact Kathy ~Kathy Toister & Erica Wilson I Am, Therefore I Think 11/17 "Covid vaccines" facilitator: Margee Fuller. Meets 12 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church Lounge (Rooms 6-8) 419 South 4 th Street, Redlands. ~Toni Mommerger & Barbara Simmons Reading and the Rainbow 11/18 <i>I Shall Not Hate: A Gaza Doctor's Journey on the Road to Peace and Human Dignity</i> by Dr. Izzeldin Albuelaish 1pm host: Valarie Boone (in person) 7pm host: Karen Darnell (zoom) <u>Reservations</u> are not required. ~Amy Bisek & Kathryn Brown			
Branch Officers: President: Erica Wilson, President-elect: Patricia Stubbs, Communications Vice President: Priya Vedula Engel, 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 December newsletter will be November 5th . Send your articles to the editor via email to news@aauw-redlands-ca.org	

Erica's Tidings *continued*

We all learned to use Zoom and to master technology that we didn't believe we could. We came up with new ways to create a distant *STEM Conference* and *Tech Trek*, to interact about *Racial Justice* issues when we felt that Covid prevented us from expressing our support for Black Lives Matter by marching, to discuss *Great Decisions* (Foreign Policy Challenges) on our computers, to continue *Reading* together on Zoom, to *Think, Therefore we Were* on Zoom, to view *Lunafest* films on line, to watch dancers socially distanced in a parking lot, to continue fundraising (a Halloween, spooky guided tour of Redlands and selling AAUW milestone pins) all on line, to choose recipients and present scholarships remotely, to hold Zoom Board and Webinar Branch meetings...and more that I'm forgetting.

We now have a chance to continue our progress live and in person or a combination of live and using the technology we have mastered. WE ARE AN EXTRAORDINARY GANG OF GIRLS!!

Keep it up ...Erica

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 the YOUTUBE link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k1xizZ41o_c

YMCA Holiday Home Tour



For the last 17 years, AAUW has assisted the YMCA with its annual home tour by hosting a home. If you would like to join the fun and volunteer on Sunday, 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 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 12:30 – 4:45 p.m. It is a wonderful way to assist the YMCA with its big fundraiser. 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 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 November meeting, or you can email us your name, phone number, and which shift you would like to work. Thank you

~Ann Leonard and Linda Browning, Co-Chairs

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR YEARBOOK

Linda Browning

Cheryl Jordan

Patricia Zappia



**WELCOME
NEW
MEMBER**

Hongwei Lu

I have been living and working in Redlands since 2004. I was a university lecturer in Shanghai before moving to the U.S. for my graduate education. I attended Clark University in Massachusetts and the University of Oregon, and I taught at Vassar College and Hamilton College in New York State before joining University of Redlands. I love the outdoors and enjoy hiking, backpacking, kayaking, etc. I enjoy a life that goes with the Chinese saying "hike 10,000 miles; read 10,000 books." I joined AAUW because of the important work that AAUW does.

* HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

November 6, 2021

Our annual Holiday Boutique benefiting the **Nancy Yowell Memorial Scholarship** is back! We will have a wide variety of household, gift, Fall and holiday items available; including a Wine Basket opportunity and several choices of small gift baskets.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE ITEMS TO THE BOUTIQUE, PLEASE BRING THE ITEMS THE MORNING OF THE EVENT OR CONTACT NERNI MILLER FOR PICK UP AHEAD OF TIME.

NERNI MILLER
NERNI.MILLER@GMAIL.COM
951-595-1297



Hospitality Birthday Club

We are wishing these ladies a very **Happy Birthday** in the month of November. Hopefully, you will join us at the branch meeting, so we can celebrate in person with you, and you can pick up your birthday present!



Mary Blickensderfer
Jane Henry
Kate Pretorius
Marilyn Shankar
Bea Yancey

Shelley Bodnar
Sande Meith-Rash
Donita Remington
Meena Spangrud
Sue Young

P.S. If we missed you or you are new, please let us know so we can get you on the list!

~Eileen Sanborn

AAUW of California Fund Committee

is proud to honor our 2021-22

California Fellow and Grant Recipients

Registration for November 7 event at 1 pm:

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



October branch meeting



Hiking Our Hills and Mountains

We have one master email list for both the Saturday and the Wednesday hikes. Erica will send an email with specifics about a week before each Wednesday hike, Kathy will do the same for Saturday hikes. If you don't receive an email and would like to participate, please contact Kathy.



Saturday, November 27th at 8:30 am

Wednesday, November 17th at 8:30 am

~Kathy Toister and Erica Wilson

What is AmazonSmile?

Did you know that Amazon will automatically donate .5% of your purchases to your favorite charity? The Amazon Smile Program allows all Amazon purchasers, both regular and Prime, to designate a charity for their donation. AAUW Redlands is one of the charities you can support. For information on how to sign up, please click on <https://redlands-ca.aauw.net/amazon-smile/>





October Branch Meeting



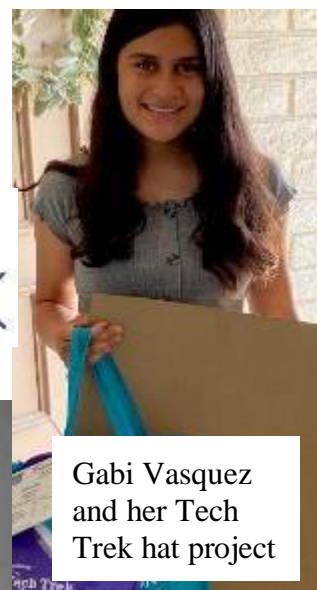
Tech Trek has been an AAUW CA program for more than 20 years. Prior to 2020, the girls attended a week-long, in-person camp at either Whittier College or UC, San Diego, where they lived in the dorms and worked in the science labs.

This year AAUW Redlands sponsored a total of 11 7th and 8th grade students from Nicolet Middle School in Banning, San Geronio Middle School in Beaumont, and Clement Middle School in Redlands. The virtual Tech Trek camp had more than 40 hours of STEM activities, 75% of which was hands-on, including 15 hours of coding. For the second year, Heather Abushanab was an instructor and coach.

~Marilyn Shankar and Denise Westcott



Petra Rathfelder



Gabi Vasquez and her Tech Trek hat project



Nancy Yowell Memorial



Cynthia De Los Santos is a single mom who graduated from Crafton Hills College. She attends UC, Irvine, majoring in aerospace engineering, mathematics, and physics.

In addition to paying for books, supplies, and a color graphic calculator, the \$1,000 Nancy Yowell Memorial Scholarship made it possible for Cynthia to attend a NASA program this summer. She received NASA's certificate of achievement as an aerospace scholar and is now a NASA Lucy Asteroid Ambassador. She is the materials and business lead for her NASA team and has applied for a JPL internship.

Cynthia thanked the branch for the scholarship, which has "opened doors" for her.



Dominique Martinez is a single mom who home schooled her daughter during the pandemic. The \$2,000 Nancy Yowell Memorial Scholarship allowed her to finish her second masters in secondary education with an emphasis in STEM. She is now an executive manager for a national owned tutoring company. Dominique liaisons with schools and districts and mentors instructors in Title I schools. She also teaches online in Vietnam from 2 am to 7 am.

Dominique thanked the branch for the scholarship, which has refocused her on teaching.

~Nerni Miller, NYMS chair

Awarded to ***Char Burgess***
in recognition of 50 years of continuous membership

Your partnership with AAUW over these 50 years has helped to further AAUW's mission:
Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.



FIFTY YEAR PIN
Joined 1971
Char Burgess

**Celebrating
Years of
Continuous
Membership**



50 years
Char Burgess

30 years
Pamela Ong

25 years
Cathy Schilling
Erica Wilson

20 years
Sheron Bealer
Kathy Toister

15 years
Linda Rowland
Deborah Seibly

10 years
Gail Anderson
Ann Leonard

5 years
Joyce Heitmeier
Martha Lehman
Meena Sprangrud
Kathy Warren





Redlands Veterans Day Celebration

Join us for the Redlands Veterans Day Parade, starting at 9am, honoring our veterans and celebrating our hometown heroes.

Parade route: RHS to Jennie Davis Park (Citrus to Eureka to State to Center to Redlands Blvd. to New York).

Veterans Day Observance at Jennie Davis Park at 10:45AM. Celebration immediately follows with food vendors, beer garden with live music, fly overs, military vehicles, vendor booths and more. Hosted by American Legion Post 106 and Post 650.

GREAT NEWS!

AAUW is going to be in the upcoming Veteran's Day Parade.

Patty Ahern's husband, Jim Ahern, who is a veteran of the Vietnam War, will be riding in a classic silver Jaguar convertible. In addition we will have 8 AAUW members walking along side the car handing out a total of 200 little baggies containing a small sheet of paper with our AAUW Mission Statement, and a piece of candy. These will be handed to the spectators along the route. Our intention is to have our community become more aware of the good AAUW does, and as a consequence choose to support us! We would love as many members as possible to come and cheer loudly as we walk by! ~Marie Mitchell

I Am, Therefore I Think



September I Am, Therefore I Think meeting with facilitator Nelda Stuck discussing a wide range of editorial columns or news stories that moved members to think about an issue they supported or which they disagreed.

Nelda Stuck showed a quilt she made by hand of the word Redlands in various letter systems. She said she did a lot of quilting during the pandemic.

~Toni Momberger, co-chair



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Saturday,
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