

Branches and Twigs

Redlands Branch, AAUW
December 2021

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Erica's Tidings

Dear AAUW Girl Gang,

Our November 6th Branch Branch meeting was a tremendous success. Our speakers, Judith Ashton and Jan Harvey from CCL (Citizens Climate Lobby) presented some great information about the state of climate change and what proposed bills may be able to mitigate against future deterioration of our planet. They answered some very hard and pointed questions posed by our smart and educated members. I also want to thank Nancy White for her beautiful tribute to Shirley Harlan, one of Redlands early feminists, who died recently at the age of 92.

We took in \$3201 from Boutique purchases and donations for the Nancy Yowell Memorial Scholarship Fund. Our inaugural use of SQUARE went remarkably smoothly and was used to pay for Boutique purchases and meals. At branch meetings, you can use your credit cards for meals, membership fees, making donations, buying tickets to various fundraisers, and other financial interactions that come up. We are slowly tip-toeing into the 21st century.

December's branch meeting will be our Holiday festivities, with harpist Kristen Cameron serenading us. Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and I wish you all a wonderful family-filled time. I will be out of town for the December meeting, so my terrific right-hand woman, Tricia Stubbs, will be running the show.

To all of you a HAPPY CHRISTMAHANNUKWANZAKAHSOLSTICE!!
Erica

December Branch Meeting

"A Harp Christmas"

Kristen Cameron received her Bachelor of Music Degree from the University of Redlands. She has completed post graduate studies with the Royal School of Church Music, Croydon, England, Pomona College, and California State University, Long Beach. Kristen has performed on stage and television in concerts, recitals, and workshops throughout the United States. Kristen is a therapeutic harpist for Music Ministry at St. Bernardines Medical Center located in San Bernardino.

~Kay Dobberty, Coordinator



December Branch Meeting

When Tuesday,
December 7, 2021
Social 5:30 p.m.
Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Program 6:45 p.m.

Where

University of Redlands
CASA LOMA Room

Menu

Salad: Boston Butter Lettuce,
Goat Cheese, Pear, Pecans,
Champagne Vinaigrette

Main Entrée: Pre-Sliced Herbed
Beef Tenderloin, Shallot Demi-
Glacé

Vegetarian entrée: Fire Grilled
Portobello Mushroom, Quinoa
Pilaf, Wilted Spinach, Fresh
Ricotta, Roasted Tomato Coulis

Sides: Tri-Colored Carrots,
Duchesses Potatoes, Dinner
Rolls

Dessert: Assorted Cakes;
Coffee/Tea

Cost

Members and guests: \$25

Reservations

Please call 909-362-4955 or
email rsvpmeeting@aauw-redlands-ca.org by Sunday,
November 28, 2021. After
November 28, 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, 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

Sunday, November 28
DINNER RESERVATION DEADLINE for DECEMBER 7th
MEETING

December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 1pm Bridge	2	3	4 9 am STEM Redlands Mtg
5 9-1 & 12:45-4:45 <u>YMCA Home Tour</u> 6 pm California Cuisine 1	6	7 5:30pm Branch Mtg	8	9	10	11
12	13 6:30 pm <u>CHAT</u> NO BOARD MEETING	14	15 8:30 am Hiking Our <u>Hills & Mountains</u> NO I Am, Therefore I Think MEETING	16	17	18 9 am STEM Redlands Mtg
19 5:30 pm California Cuisine 2	20	21	22	23 NO Reading & Rainbow MEETING	24	25
26	27	28 7pm Public Policy Mtg.	29	30	31	

2022 Save the dates

Adult Literacy Tutor Orientation in January
First Week of March, Mon. & Wed. Great Decisions
Wed. March 2, 2022, Redlands STEM Conference
Sat. March 26, 2022 Beaumont STEM Conference

Bridge Groups

12/1 1pm ~Contact Coordinator Dorothy Nordquist

California Cuisine and Conversation I

12/5 6pm Host & address will be sent by email.
~Kathy Toister

California Cuisine and Conversation 2

12/19 5:30pm
~ Patty Ahearn 909-792-7106

CHAT Meeting

12/13 6:30pm Zoom.
~Katherine Gifford literacy@akspl.org

Hiking Our Hills & Mountains

12/15 8:30 am contact Erica
~Erica Wilson & Kathy Toister

Public Policy

12/28 7pm ~Cassie MacDuff

Redlands STEM Initiatives

Committee meetings:

12/4 & 12/18 9am at Kathryn Brown's home.

Redlands STEM Conference:

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at University of Redlands

Beaumont STEM Conference

Saturday, March 26, 2022 at San Geronio Middle
school in Beaumont. ~Kathryn Brown

YMCA Home Tour

12/5 9-1 & 12:45-4:45
~Ann Leonard & Linda Browning

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
January newsletter will be
December 5th. Send your
articles to the editor via email
to [news@aaauw-redlands-](mailto:news@aaauw-redlands-ca.org)
[ca.org](mailto:news@aaauw-redlands-ca.org)

Welcome New Members

Alison Rodriguez lives in Highland across the street from Donita Remington. She grew up in Monterey Park and is a Past Honored Queen of the International Order of Jobs Daughters. This is her 30th year of teaching Physical Education and hopes to retire in 3-4 years. Alison has a 23-year-old son and a 20-year-old daughter. Hobbies: reading, mothering my pets (5 dogs and 6 cats), running, singing, do it yourself projects, and helping others/service projects.

...from City of Redlands website

Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery

Jenna has made Redlands her homebase since her birth here in 1989. She has been highly involved in the community from a very young age. She has been a significant part of the YMCA community, Great Y Circus, CCAC, as well as the Armantrout Montessori Education Foundation. Jenna received her bachelors of arts in cinema studies with a minor in anthropology from Cal State Fullerton. She recently finished her masters of science in clinical mental health counseling. She believes in the importance of creating caring communities through infrastructural changes that make the lives of those in Redlands more equitable, happier, and better overall.

The community of Redlands has been **Sally Robertson's** home for most of her life. She was born and raised here but left for college, returning after she married and her husband began practicing medicine in Riverside. Sally has a BA from University of Redlands and a BS from the University of Oklahoma. After raising their three sons, Sally became very involved in community organizations and loved giving back to this wonderful town. Reading, spending quality time with family, friends, especially her four grandchildren, outdoor activities and adventure travel are her passions. AAUW's mission of "advancing equity of women and girls, diversity of membership is very appealing to me."

Welcome Past Member

Billie Randolph grew up in Redlands and graduated from Redlands HS. She worked at Norton Air Force Base and graduated from Southern Illinois University. Billie has 2 children and loves to read and loves photography. Billie first joined AAUW in 2019 and "is looking forward to being a member of AAUW for friendship and any service I can do."

Member News - Condolences



In sympathy and friendship, we send our condolences to Ann Leonard on the loss of her father.

With sadness we share that Nancy Ruth White passed away November 15th. She was a member of AAUW Redlands branch from 1978-2019 and rejoined the branch at the November meeting. We will all remember everything she did for the community, but AAUW will also remember the heartwarming tribute she gave for Shirley Harlan. *see photo on page 8*

YEARBOK UPDATES

Linda Browning

Betsy Grimes

Jenna Guzman Lowery

Billie Randolph

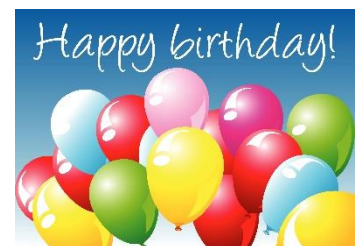
Sally Robinson

Alison Rodriguez

Hospitality Birthday Club

A special Happy Birthday to our December ladies.

Marge Emrick
Priva Vedula Engel
Jenna Guzman-Lowery
Debra Lewin
Nerni Miller
Marie Mitchell
Dorothy Nordquist
Eileen Sanborn
Louise Schumann
Carol Townsend
Sarah VanTassel
Helen Webb



If we missed you please let us know so we can get you on the list!

*~Eileen Sanborn
Hospitality VP*

Membership & Hospitality - New and Prospective Members Get Together

When one becomes a member of AAUW Redlands, I think the first thing she may be impressed by is our Branch's hospitality. This certainly was on display Wednesday evening, October 20th, when Kay Dobbertin graciously opened her home for the New and Prospective Member Coffee & Dessert hosted by the Membership and Hospitality Committees. We began the meeting by introducing ourselves and how we came to join AAUW. It was a great way to get to know both our new and old members.

New members who attended were **Marion Golson, Sally Leialoha, Hongwei Lu, Jan Negron, Donita Remington, Barbara Switzer and Karen Watkins.** Two guests, **Jenna Guzman-Lowery and Alison Rodriguez,** attended and are the newest members of our branch.

Kathy Toister provided the group with an excellent overview of the vital programs, community action projects, fundraisers, and the many interest groups sponsored by our branch.

Additionally, there to answer any questions or concerns our new members may have had (and they did) were Valarie Boone, Sheron Bealer, Amber Costa, Kay Dobbertin, Eileen Sanborn, Patricia Stubbs, Kathy Toister and Erica Wilson.

An enjoyable (and very edible) time was had by all.

~Eileen Sanborn Hospitality VP



We will be having our next Adult Literacy orientation and training in January. Visit our website for more

information, <https://www.akspl.org/literacy/> and contact me for dates and times.

~Diane Shimota, Adult Literacy Coordinator
909-798-7565, ext. 4138, literacy@akspl.org



YMCA 2021 Holiday Home Tour



If you would like to join the fun and volunteer on Sunday, December 5, 2021, to be a hostess in the home AAUW has been assigned, please let us know. We have two shifts available, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 12:45 - 4:45 p.m. Please email us your name, phone number, and which shift you would like to work.

~Ann Leonard & Linda Browning, Co-Chairs



for
**2022-
2023**

The Nominating Committee will begin meeting soon to consider nominees for our officers for the 2022-23 year. First we need to nominate a **President-Elect** who will serve a one-year term and basically apprentice for the role of President in the 2023-24 year. We also will need to nominate a new **Membership Vice-President, Secretary** and **Treasurer**. The Membership Vice-President is responsible for initiating and coordinating branch recruitment efforts. The Secretary is responsible for recording the minutes at both the branch and board meetings. The Treasurer is responsible for all monetary transactions involving branch activities, managing the branch's bank accounts, and maintains all branch financial records. These officers will serve for two years terms.

We also need **3 At-Large Board members** who will serve one-year terms. These At-Large Board members represent the membership as a whole in the branch board meetings and act as a liaison between the membership and the board. In addition, we need three new members on the **Nominating Committee** who will serve two-year terms. The Nominating Committee is responsible for recruiting candidates for branch officers. The Committee is chaired by the immediate Past President. If you are interested in any of these positions or know a member who you think might be interested in any of these positions, please contact Sue Wallace, the chairperson of the Nominating Committee.



Branch STEM Initiatives On Track for 2022



Plans are now complete to hold in-person, live events for all three of our 2022 Redlands branch-sponsored STEM programs.

On Wednesday, March 2, we will return to the University of Redlands campus (during their spring break) to hold our 28th annual STEM Conference for 8th Grade Girls who attend middle schools in the Redlands, Yucaipa-Calimesa, and Banning school districts .

On Saturday, March 26, we will hold another in-person, live STEM Conference at San Geronio Middle School for the 8th grade girls in the Beaumont school district.

TechTrek, the AAUW CA sponsored week-long summer camp, will also be returning live in 2022. Our Redlands branch has requested 16 spaces for the girls we plan to sponsor. This year, in addition to sending 7th grade campers from the Beaumont, Banning, and Redlands school districts, we plan to add at least one camper from Yucaipa-Calimesa.

There are many ways members can volunteer their services for these fun and important community events; please contact STEM Volunteer Coordinators Linda Browning or Patty Ahearn if you are available on either or both conference days. If you are interested. in joining the TechTrek team, contact Marilyn Shankar If you would like to join the STEM Initiatives planning committee, contact Kathryn Brown



Nancy Yowell Memorial Scholarship

Thank you to all who donated items for the November 6th Boutique and to those who shopped. Between donations and sales, we were able to raise \$3,201 for the 2021-2022 scholarships.

The scholarship application period is now open and applications are due February 28, 2022. All information about the scholarships is on the AAUW Redlands web site under Projects: Local Scholarships tab. <https://redlands-ca.aauw.net/projects/scholarships-2/>

~Nerni Miller, NYMS Chair

Nancy Yowell Memorial Scholarship

Do you know a woman re-entering her educational journey?

- Scholarships are offered for associate, bachelor and graduate level programs
- Applicants must live in or attend school in the Redlands Branch Area

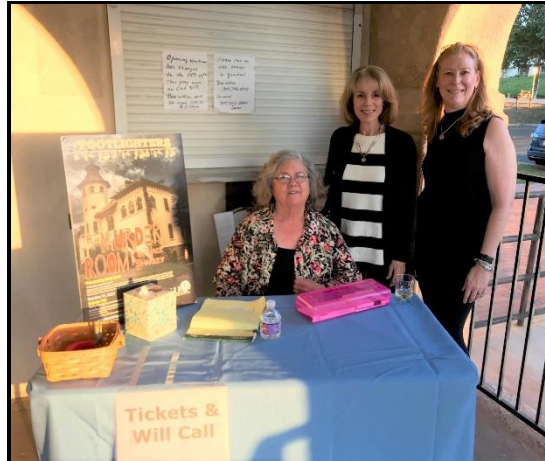
Application Window:
November 15, 2021 to
February 28, 2022

For more information contact:
Nerni Miller

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



2021 Footlighters Event: *Murder Room*



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## 2021 Redlands Veteran's Day Parade





## Coco Contreras, CHAT Member, Speaks at Library Event



On November 1, 2021, A. K. Smiley Public celebrated Dia de Los Muertos with the Redlands community. The purpose of Dia de Los Muertos, known also as the Day of the Dead, is to show love and respect for deceased family members and friends. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has recognized the importance of Dia de los Muertos by adding the holiday to its list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

Coco Contreras, a member of the AAUW-sponsored Conversation Helps Adults Transition (CHAT), was a keynote speaker at the library event. Coco explained the history of this originally Aztec-Mexican holiday and the symbolic meaning of items that are included in the ofrendas (home altars), including marigolds whose scent brings the dead into the world of the living, tissue flowers to remind us of the fragility of life, and placement of favorite foods and beverages for the departed.

Coco and her friend Sandy Godoy, a fellow-CHAT member, prepared an ofrenda for the CHAT community. They also decorated the entire

Contemporary Club auditorium, creating a beautiful and educational environment for the evening. AAUW member and Board Trustee, Dr. Rosa Gomez, served as chair for the evening, which included remarks by Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Tejeda and Councilmember Jenna Guzman-Lowery. Rosa was interviewed by Channel 4, and she explained the importance of Dia de los Muertos in honoring loved ones who have passed.

We congratulate Coco, who shared her remarks in English and Spanish. The CHAT program currently includes over 30 chattees (women who want to improve their conversational English) from over ten countries. We welcome AAUW volunteers who want to help adults in our community improve their conversational English.

~Katherine Gifford, CHAT Program Co-Chair



## November Branch Meeting



Erica and Nancy Ruth White



## November Branch Meeting

**Speakers**  
Judith Ashton



## NCCWSL attendees

Lucy Stiff  
Brooke McBay  
Charis Alexander



Jan  
Harvey





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

***Watch our November 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=YMYaBeyNoLk>***



## October Branch Meeting

In addition to being a STEM conference presenter, **Commander Rachel Tolber** was the speaker at our April 2021 branch meeting. Rachael was invited by the STEM Initiatives Chair, Kathryn Brown, to be our guest at the October branch meeting's *Celebrating Our Own*.

### ***Rachel sent the following...***

Good morning Kathryn,

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for inviting me to the AAUW meeting. What an inspiration to see so many women in one place, so educated, motivated, and inspirational for other women. I really enjoyed the presentation and learning all of what AAUW does.

Rachel Tolber  
Commander  
Redlands Police Department