

Branches and Twigs

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Erica's Tidings

Dear AAUW Friends,

The end of March and beginning of April has been a great time for Redlands AAUW. Our April Branch meeting continued our focus on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), with our speaker Sandra Portocarrero presenting her Ph.D. research on diversity in organizations. The meeting was recorded and can be seen on our website if you missed it. At our May 3rd

Branch meeting we will be treated to a presentation about the new Museum of Redlands.

The last "I Am, Therefore I Think" meeting was a terrific presentation by Jenna Guzman Lowery on "Hopelessness," which, in fact, did not leave the group feeling hopeless after a deeply moving discussion. April's "I AM..." meeting should be great when we each try to "Tell our life stories in

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May Branch Meeting

"Museum of Redlands

- From Beginning to Present"



Steve Stockton is president of the Redlands Historical Museum Association and leader for the current construction of the Museum of Redlands at the corner of Brookside and Center streets.

He will briefly trace the 22-year path of founding the museum, searching for a site, working with the architect and A.K. Smiley Public Library Heritage Room on the design, and speak about future plans and what this museum will mean to Redlands.

The MOR (Museum of Redlands) main structure with galleries and second-floor storage space as well as the adjacent Pavilion, garden area and Solter Stage, are meant to provide a "Living Room" for Redlands--a space not only to display the history of Redlands and the Inland Area but offer a variety of meeting space needed in Our Town.

Steve is nearly a native of Redlands and attended Redlands schools. He received his bachelor's degree in Management from the University of Redlands and is a registered civil engineer with 41 years' experience with three water districts.

He retired in 2005 from the San Geronio Pass Water Agency, which brought imported water from Northern California to Beaumont and Banning.

He is a past president of Kiwanis Club of Redlands, is a YMCA Board member, is a member of the City of Redlands Utilities and Public Works Commission, and has served on the RHMA/Museum Board since 2006.

May Branch Meeting

When Tuesday, May 3, 2022

Social 5:30 p.m.

Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Program 6:45 p.m.

IN PERSON

Where: CASA LOMA ROOM

University of Redlands

Menu Chef's Choice Dinner Buffet

Chef's choice chicken entrée; vegetarian entrée; starch; vegetables; salad, 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, April 24, 2022, to make a dinner reservation. After April 24th 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.

VIA WEBINAR

When: May 3, 2022 6:30 PM

Register in advance for this webinar:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_e1g4JANJQvWqUsipV17KDg](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_e1g4JANJQvWqUsipV17KDg)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Branch Meetings

2021-2022

Saturday, 6/4 9:00 am

Branch Officers: **President:** Erica Wilson (909-938-3011), **President-elect:** Patricia Stubbs (909-289-9183), **Communications Vice President:** Priya Vedula (989-400-3242), **Hospitality Vice President:** Eileen Sanborn (909-900-7154), **Membership Vice President:** Susan Shodahl (909-790-6287), **Program Vice President:** Martha Lehman (909-936-7819), **Secretary:** Nerni Miller (951-595-1297), **Treasurer:** Ellen Weiss (909-794-7941), **At-Large Board Members:** Judy Dods (909-794-2373), Mary Lou Guerrero (909-792-9410), Barbara Simmons (909-798-4070)


B&T Submission:

The deadline for the **June newsletter** is **May 5th**. Send articles and photos to the editors via email to

news@aauw-redlands-ca.org

Sunday, April 24 RESERVATION DEADLINE for May 3 dinner

May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 6pm California Cuisine 1	2 1pm Great Dec #9	3 BRANCH MEETING	4 <u>1pm Bridge</u> 7pm Great Dec #9	5 6:30 Racial Justice & DEI	6	7
	9 6pm Board Mtg	10	11 TBD Hiking	12	13 5:45pm LUNAFEST	14
	15 5:30pm California Cuisine 2	16 1pm Bridge	17 Time TBA CHAT	18 12pm I Am, Therefore I Think	19	20
22	23	24 7pm Public Policy	25 1pm Bunco	26 6pm Reading & the Rainbow	27	28 TBD Hiking
29	30	31	Save the date: Redlands Bowl Ushering July 8			

AAUW Redlands Board Meeting

5/9 6 pm Zoom

~Erica Wilson

Bridge Groups

5/4 and 5/16 1pm

~Contact coordinator Dorothy Nordquist

Bunco

5/25 1pm

~Patty Ahearn

California Cuisine and Conversation I

5/1 6pm Host & address will be sent by email.

~Kathy Toister

California Cuisine and Conversation 2

5/15 5:30pm

~Patty Ahearn

CHAT meeting

5/17 TBA

~Katherine Gifford 909-798-7565, ext 4138

literacy@akspl.org

Great Decisions

5/2 1 pm and 5/4 7pm

~Sue Wallace & Sue Ferguson

Hiking Our Hills & Mountains

2nd Wednesday and 4th Saturday.

Contact Erica and Kathy to be added to distribution list.

~Kathy Toister & Erica Wilson

I Am, Therefore I Think

5/18 "Tell Your Life Story in Three Minutes"

Facilitator: Marie Mitchell

12-2pm (12-12:30 informal brown bag lunch)

~Toni Momberger & Barbara Simmons

Public Policy

5/24 7pm

~Cassie MacDuff

Racial Justice / Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

5/5 6:30pm ZOOM hosts: Erica Wilson, Ellen Gruenbaum

and Donita Remington

~Erica Wilson & Ellen Gruenbaum

Reading and the Rainbow (see page 6)

5/26 6pm book recommendation meeting

~Amy Bisek & Kathryn Brown

Erica's Tiding *continued from page 1*

three minutes.” Storytelling could be a great way to get to know each other better and to help us figure out where we want to go and how we can diversify.

We had five guests from the Ontario Branch at our April meeting. We had hoped to have three more from Palm Springs, but they lost their driver to a broken foot. We are hoping to make inter-branch cooperation a more usual occurrence. The Quarterly Southeast Interbranch Council (SEIBC) meeting, chaired by Patty Ahearn from our branch, will be held on April 23rd on Zoom at 10:00 AM. It's a chance to meet members of other nearby branches. Let Patty know if you are interested in attending (Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86124790160?pwd=S0kveC9jUytoY1lwNGxbVFSVm1tZz09>)

After our March Branch meeting, at which Dr. Mario Martinez (Dean of the U of R School of Education) was our guest speaker, three of us met with him to discuss ways in which we could cooperate on future DEI projects. It was a very productive meeting. We were invited to send five of our members to their awards dinner for Faculty, Students and Alumni on April 15th, where we will be able to introduce ourselves and tell them about all the things we are doing. We will report back in next month's newsletter. Some of the ideas we came up with on how we can mutually benefit each other include joint speaking engagements at various community organizations; providing networking and mentoring to their students by our numerous current and retired teachers; extending our Nancy Yowell Scholarships to their qualified returning students. We may be able to attract new AAUW members from their midst. At the moment, the Racial Justice/DEI Committee is taking the lead in this endeavor, but we are anxious to have many of you participate – especially you teachers and those who have been part of the College/University Partnership Committee, chaired by Pam Ford and Susan Bangasser (who will be one of those attending the School of Ed dinner on the 15th).

I wish the World was in as positive and hopeful a state as we are at our AAUW Branch. Our thoughts are certainly with the people of Ukraine. I, in particular, can't avoid thinking about what is going on there...my grandparents emigrated from Ukraine at the turn of last century to avoid the Pogroms that massacred hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian and Russian Jews, leading up to the Holocaust. And my daughter-in-law came to the U.S. from Ukraine in 1988, after her father, who was a “Refusenik,” spent some time in a Russian prison. I can only hope that by the time you read this newsletter, the War in Ukraine will be over, and we will be helping them rebuild.

See you all at the May 3rd Branch Meeting.

All My Best, Erica



Condolences

In sympathy and friendship, we send our condolences to the family and friends on the loss of Sharlene Lund and Mary Dalton.

Sharlene Lund joined the AAUW branch in 2009 and was the co-chair of the “I Am, Therefore I Think” for many years.

Mary Dalton was a Redlands Branch member for 40 years (1997-2018) and an active volunteer in Redlands. In 1984, Mary was a Named Gift Honoree.

Obituary:

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/redlandsdailyfacts/name/mary-dalton-obituary?id=33940529>



Membership News

Twillea Evans-Carthen

Welcome



Twillea has lived in the Inland Empire for over thirty years. She enjoys traveling, going to concerts, plays, movies, and ballets. This is her 34th year as a college administrator for CSU, San Bernardino. In addition to being a college professor, Twillea is the current Director of Ombuds Services. She is an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Eta Nu Omega Chapter, the Inland Ivy Foundation, League of Women Voters, and a member of the Social Lites, Inc. Twillea is interested in being a member of AAUW to help young ladies achieve their potential through community service, civic engagement, scholarship opportunities, and developing and maintaining relationships with a diverse group of women.

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR YEARBOOK:

Twillea Evans-Carthen

BS CSU Long Beach, MPA CSUSB

Laura Ruml

BA Univ of Virginia, MD Eastern Virginia Medical School, MPH Johns Hopkins Univ

Membership Matters

2022-23 Renewal – *not yet*

Membership renewals for the coming year are **delayed** this year due to the new COMMUNITY HUB, which is replacing the Member Services Database (MDS).

All members will need to reset their password. Click [HERE](#) to go to the AAUW National website. To access your account, click the “Log In” at the top right corner of the home page. **The first time you log in, you’ll need to reset your password by clicking the “Forgot Password” link.**

Please do not click on the RENEW button.

Hospitality Birthday Club

Our best wishes this month to:

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

Watch our April Branch Meeting on the AAUW Redlands Website under “Recorded Zoom Meetings”
<https://redlands-ca.aauw.net/meetings/>
or click on the YOUTUBE link
<https://youtu.be/XROhJ55TJLM>

Saturday, April 30, 2022

**2022 AAUW CA Annual Event—
A Real Adventure!**



Grab your compass and join the expedition to AAUWLand at the AAUW CA Annual Event on Saturday, April 30th 9-3 via Zoom for a virtual event celebrating our AAUW branches, listening to inspiring speakers, and crowning a 2022 Speech Trek winner! Tour guides (hosts) will lead conversations about a range of topics related to AAUW and our mission in Zoom breakout rooms. Here you will be able to share your opinions with others, learn something new, and connect with AAUW friends across the state.

Information and registration: <https://www.aauw-ca.org/2022-annual-event-a-real-adventure/>

AAUW National Election

Voting period is April 6 to May 16.

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 to elect members to the national AAUW Board of Directors and to weigh in on changes to the bylaws that would streamline the nominations process and ballot administration.

You’ll find all the information you need on our [National Election page](#) which includes key deadlines, board candidates' bios, and answers to members' most frequently asked questions.

AAUW-CA Election

Voting period is April 23 to May 14.

Nominations and Elections Committee is excited to announce that we have [ten candidates](#) for eight open positions, as well as the secretary position, and we will have a contested election for the director slots.

The ballot will arrive in an email. Need a paper ballot? Contact the office at 916-389-0220.

Family Service/Micah House Back-to-School Jam



Good News! Once again we will be able to collect donations for this worthy cause in person at our June meeting!

Your contributions will help supply backpacks and school supplies for

RUSD students in need for the 2022 - 23 school year. Look for the colorful Crayola boxes on your luncheon tables in June and place your cash or check donation inside. No amount is too small as it all adds up. And to make it even easier, this year you can charge it to your credit card if you forgot your cash or checkbook at home!

The past generosity of our members has been greatly appreciated, and I hope we can count on you all again to support this project. See you in June!

Thank you

~Dawn Romo, Back-to-School Project Chair

Lunafest Live Returns!



Friday May 13th, 2022, we will host our live Lunafest event! This joint activity with Zonta Club of Redlands and our branch benefits both of our clubs. Tickets will be \$40 which includes the pre-screening reception. [Tickets can be purchased here!](#)

The evening begins at 5:45PM, with hors d'oeuvres and drinks in the beautiful Esri Café. The films start at 7PM in the Esri Auditorium.

Covid restrictions requested by our host venue: proof of Covid-19 vaccination. Masks to be worn in the auditorium. Seating limited. These restrictions are subject to change with local conditions.

There will also be a virtual screening of the films offered to those who are not able to attend our live event.

We are looking for local businesses to sponsor our event. Contact Heather Abushanab for questions, or email the committee at lunafest@auw-redlands-ca.org

Opportunity Baskets for Lunafest! During the Lunafest reception, we will have Opportunity Baskets. If you would like to put together a basket for this event, please contact the committee.



THE LUNAFEST STORY

The Future of Film is Diversity

LUNA, the makers of the Whole Nutrition Bar for Women, has always believed in the power of women. From the

beginning, we knew women had a role to play in shaping the future of the film industry, so in 2000, LUNAFEST was born. LUNAFEST was the first all-women travelling film festival to hit the screens and amplify the voices of strong women everywhere. Today, screenings in more than 175 cities across the nation showcase the work of talented women filmmakers. LUNAFEST partners with Chicken & Egg Pictures, a nonprofit organization that provides mentorship and critical financial support to female nonfiction filmmakers. Together LUNAFEST and Chicken & Egg Pictures celebrate and champion women storytellers while creating a strong community for women in the film industry.



CHICKEN & EGG PICTURES

Speech Trek



The Redlands Branch winner this year for Speech Trek is **Brianna Ton**. She is a bubbly 10th grader at Citrus Valley High School. Brianna won first place over two seniors from Redlands High School. They were second place winner, Zaid Hintzman and third place winner, Isabelle Steinbrunn. The five judges and timer were from District 12 Toastmasters.

The speech topic was, *Has the United States lived up to its pledge of liberty and justice for all? Would requiring the study of diversity, equity, and inclusion in a high school setting help insure liberty and justice for all?*

Brianna received her \$300 check from the Speech Trek Chair, Patty Ahearn, at her home. Brianna's Dad volunteered to take pictures to publish in the Branch newsletter and Community newspaper.

Brianna will be competing with the winners from 13 other California branches. The proud winner will have the title of the Speech Trek State Champion and win \$1500 dollars. The three finalists' videos will be showcased at the April 30th AAUW CA virtual event. Click [HERE](#) to register for the 2022 Annual Event.

Brianna will be performing her speech at the branch meeting on Tuesday night, May 3rd, in the place of the *Thought for the Month*.

The link to listen to her 5 to 6 minute speech is below https://youtu.be/PBOXFdlF_5E

Hiking Our Hills and Mountains



Reading and the Rainbow

Our Reading and the Rainbow session on Thursday, May 26, will be held at 6:00 p.m. as a live session at Kathryn Brown's cabana. There will not be a 1:00 session nor a 4:00 Zoom session in May. The purpose of this session is for members to recommend and overview books to read next year. Please note that we request you only recommend books that you have read previously to ensure they have robust content for group discussion. A list of all recommendations will be compiled, and a voting process will occur in June and July, with the final winners announced shortly thereafter. If you are unable to attend this live session, please provide your recommendation and a brief write-up of why you are recommending it to Amy Bisek at amy.bisek@gmail.com prior to May 26. It will be read at the session in your absence. As in past years, we will have a pizza, salad, and dessert buffet at this session for a \$15 contribution. If you would like to be added to the email distribution list informing members of our meeting locations, etc., feel free to contact Amy Bisek



~Amy Bisek and Kathryn Brown

Congratulations

2022 NANCY YOWELL
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Laura Cotter- \$2,000.00

California State University, San Bernardino
Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, Spring 2022

Samantha McVeigh- \$1,000.00

Crafton Hills College, with transfer to UC Davis
Associate of Arts, Biology /Education, Spring 2023

Cynthia De Los Santos- \$1,000.00

Crafton Hills College, with transfer to UC Irvine
Associate of Science, Aerospace Engineering, Fall 2022
2021 NYMS Recipient



Scholarship Recipients
have been asked to speak
at the May Branch
Meeting!

2022 Redlands Branch Named Gift Honorees Announced

At our April branch meeting, Susan Bangasser, Kate Pretorius, and Ellen Cope were pleased and surprised to learn that they had been chosen to become our Redlands Branch Named Gift Honorees for 2022. The Named Gift Honoree Program, a special way



to pay tribute to our branch members for extraordinary service to AAUW, is connected to the AAUW Fund because for each \$750 in donations the branch and its members contribute annually to the AAUW Fund, up to three (3)

branch members may be selected to receive this honor.

The three honorees to be named this year were selected by our past Redlands Branch honorees. In turn (and with a touch of humor), Sue Ferguson, Kay Dobbartin, Susan Shodahl, and Rosemary Conway described the backgrounds, achievements, and service to AAUW Redlands of the honorees before introducing them by name, after which Mary Lou Guerrero presented each with an orchid, NGH Certificate, and pin.



Many members also chose to salute our Named Gift Honorees (as well as our April program speaker, Sandra Portocarrero, an AAUW American Fellowship recipient) and show their support for the AAUW Fund by making a donation at the meeting, raising over \$1300 (all donations made in 2022 will “count” toward the threshold \$2250 donation amount required to name our three 2023 NGH recipients.

~Kathryn Brown
Redlands Branch AAUW Fund Chair

What's New with the Redlands Adult Literacy Program

Are you looking for a rewarding, flexible volunteer opportunity? Please consider the Redlands Adult Literacy Program. It is a dynamic program that is always looking for ways to better meet the needs of adult learners. One such way is forging new partnerships with organizations in the community.

The new partnership between the Redlands Adult Literacy Program and YMCA of the East Valley is an example. The YMCA offers meeting space for adult learner teams and programs that have grown out of Adult Literacy, including Family Literacy and the Conversation Corner, a program that helps adults practice their conversational English.

The Family Literacy Program was designed to support adult learners who are currently enrolled or plan to enroll in adult literacy. Participants have family-oriented goals, such as reading a book to their children or helping their children with schoolwork. **Studies show parental literacy is directly linked to the success of children in school.**

Conversation Corner helps adults who are trying to learn conversational English so that they have the conversational skills required for enrolling into the Redlands Adult Literacy Program. Participants practice useful skills, such as ways to introduce themselves to people they encounter in their daily lives along with casual conversation about their favorite recipes. The informal setting is a comfortable way for participants to practice speaking English.

If you know of someone who needs help in reading, writing, or English conversation, please encourage them to take the first step in changing their lives by contacting the Redlands Adult Literacy Program. All services are free and confidential.

The Redlands Adult Literacy Program seeks additional volunteers who can help motivated adults improve their reading and writing. If you would like to volunteer with the Redlands Adult Literacy Program, please contact Diane Shimota, Adult Literacy Coordinator, at (909)798-7565 ext. 4138 or email literacy@akspl.org or visit the adult literacy website: www.akspl.org/literacy.

Lynne Batchelor, AAUW CA Fund Committee Chair

Thank you to everyone for your tremendous efforts this year to raise money for AAUW Fund and congratulations on the wonderful results of just over \$494,000 contributed by California individuals and branches.

From the Hospitality Committee

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



Congratulations to the following members as of JUNE 2022

55 years ~joined 1967-68
Nelda Stuck

50 years ~joined 1972-73
Ellen Schollenberger

45 years ~joined 1977-78
Betty Romero
Louise Schumann

35 years ~joined 1987-88
Deborah Seibly

30 years ~joined 1992-93
Beverly Cox

25 years ~joined 1997-98
Linda Adams
Kay Dobbertin
Ann Harding
Cathryn Oltman
Barbara Pike
Helen Webb

20 years ~joined 2002-03
Kaye Espinosa
Pat Estrada
Margie Galligan
Theresa Lantz
Jane Roberts
Anne Viricel
Trudy Waldron

15 years ~joined 2007-08
Sherri Kinsey
Marie Mitchell
Jessie Powell
Susan Shodahl

10 years ~joined 2012-13
Linda Bidaki
Mary Blickensderfer
Kathryn Brown
Elaine Brubacher
Johanne Dyerly
Katherine Gifford
Viktoria Norberg
Rita Reading
Sue Wallace
Karen Wardell
Kipi Wilson-Lee

5 years ~joined 2017-18
Carol Ahuja
Sue Ferguson
Kim Fisher
Pam Ford
Heidi Hutchinson
Sande Meith-Rask



Congratulations to the following members as of JUNE 2021

35 years ~joined 1986-87
Carol Buchanan
Evelyn O'Prey

25 years ~joined 1996-97
Kathleen Albrektsen
Judy Dods
Kathy Presnell-Best
Renae Reiswig
Sally Vaughn

20 years ~joined 2001-02
Dorothy Nordquist

15 years ~joined 2006-07
Patty Ahearn
Roslyn Dunn
Susan Willis

10 years ~joined 2011-12
Heather Abushanab
Marge Emrick
Margaret Fuller
Toni Momberger
Marilyn Shankar

5 years ~joined 2016-17
Judy Adams
Shelley Bodnar
Rosemary Conway
Hazel Curtis
Karen Darnell
Cheri Dawes
Mercedes Gifford
Yvette Guidry
Cassie MacDuff
Susan Miller
Carolyn Richie
Linda Serros
Beverly Woolverton



Congratulations!
~Eileen Sanborn, Hospitality VP

AAUW Redlands Branch STEM INITIATIVES

Beaumont STEM Conference – Saturday, March 26

The Beaumont STEM Conference for 8th Grade Girls was a success! After the girls were welcomed by Erica Wilson, they attended three workshops and general session followed by lunch. The presenters included AAUW Redlands branch members Kim Cousins and Karen Watkins as well as Rachel Tolber, Angie Nett, Liz Brown, and two Creative Learning Specialists from Garner Holt Productions. Our keynote speaker was Anna Stirling, Associate Dean of Distance Education & Professional Development at Mt. San Jacinto College. Her talk was really gripping and relevant.

Thank you to the committee, hosts and volunteers: Kathryn Brown, Rosemary Conway, Ellen Cope, Peggi Cook, Kay Dobbertin, Roslyn Dunn, Johanne Dyerly, Margi Galligan, Cindy Perkins, Deborah Seibly, Marilyn Shankar, and Karen Watkins.

~Pam Ford and Theresa Lantz, co-chairs Pass Stem Conference



2022 Beaumont STEM Conference



Community Read and Updates

Enlightening. Engaging. Entertaining. The March Community Book Read and Discussion was all of these descriptors and more!



Susan Straight, our guest speaker, has published not only our featured book *In the Country of Women: a Memoir*, but also eight fictional novels, two books for children, and a myriad of short stories. With over 100 attendees at the Contemporary Club last month, Susan shared her triumphs and challenges, crafting her memoir from family stories shared by relatives over the years in their driveways, back yards, living rooms, and kitchens. She highlighted what it was like to live and love in a racially diverse extended family and raise multi-racial children while navigating through the demands of a working-class lifestyle. Susan had a warm and enthusiastic manner, actively answered audience questions, and shared her love of the people and places that are Southern California.

A smashing success, this event was co-sponsored by Smiley Library, which donated the use of the Contemporary Club and PR efforts; the Frugal Frigate, which provided Susan's memoir and her most recent book, *Mecca*, for attendees to buy and have signed; and members of our AAUW Reading and the Rainbow book club who supplied cookies and treats for all attendees. A special thank you to the AAUW bakers, including myself, Kathryn Brown, Amber Costa, Tricia Stubbs and Heather Turpin, who had their remaining cookies sent to my nephew, an Army Sergeant 1st Class currently stationed in Romania. He is there supporting our NATO allies near Ukraine.

~Amy Bisek



AAUW members thanked attendees for their participation with a variety of cookies and treats.

*photo above:
Susan Straight shared insights on writing her book, *In The Country of Women*, with over 100 attendees at the Contemporary Club in April.*



Many AAUW members, including Linda Adams, Shelley Bodnar and Evelyn O'Prey, had their books signed by the author.



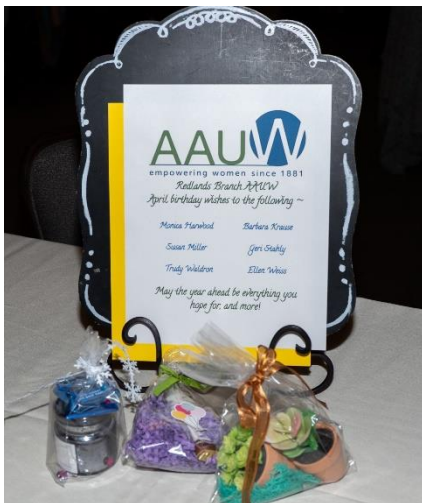


Denise Westcott
thought for the month

April Branch Meeting

Keita Wangari introducing AAUW Fund
speaker Sandra Portocarrer

Ellen Cope and Ellen Weiss with Amy Bisek



Redlands Bowl Ushering July 8th

The Redlands Bowl will be resuming regular programs this summer of 2022 with intermission. As in the past, AAUW has been requested to usher at a performance. We have been assigned Friday, July 8, 2022, featuring Mariachi Garibaldi with Ballet Folklorico de Los Angeles. We are in need of 20-22 people to sign up to help usher that evening. Barbara Simmons will have a sign-up sheet at the April and May meetings. Please consider signing-up to help usher and meet with your AAUW friends on July 8th.

~Barbara Simmons

