

Branches and Twigs

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Erica's Tidings

Hi AAUW Girl Gang,

It seems that I always have to write these Tidings a month before our next Branch meeting, so I'm writing this in March for our April newsletter. So, when I say that I'm looking forward to something, it has often already passed!

March has been an exciting activity-packed month, starting with our March 1st Branch Meeting. Our speaker, Dr. Mario Martinez, Dean of the University of Redlands College of Education, continued the current AAUW focus on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Some of us will be meeting with him soon to discuss ways that we can work together on the DEI issue. Dr. Martinez's great talk was followed the next day by our annual Redlands STEM Conference, which was, as always, greeted with wild enthusiasm by the hundreds of 8th grade girls who attended. Thanks so much to Kathryn Brown, her committee, and the many AAUW members who worked as speakers, hosts, guides, etc. It is always a fulfilling project to work on. The PASS STEM Conference will (or will already have been) on March 26th and will be equally successful.

March events include (or included) the discussion on March 24th at the Contemporary Club with Susan Straight about her book *The Country of Women: a Memoire*; two hikes (Wednesday and Saturday); Great Decisions (weekly through April); Racial Justice (March 10th and April 4th); Public Policy (4th Tuesday)...and much more, which you can find on the Calendar.

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April Branch Meeting

"Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Organizations"

Sandra Portocarrero is the recipient of an AAUW Fund 2021-22 American Fellowship Award. As a Qualitative Sociologist and PhD candidate at Columbia University, she focuses on organizational processes, DEI expertise and race. Sandra was born in Peru. At the age of 16, she traveled to Oklahoma to join her undocumented father, eventually attending Berkeley City College (BCC) and the University of California, Berkeley. At BCC, she founded the Latin American Students Association. At UC Berkeley, Sandra won the CAL Alumni Achievement Award, and was accepted into the Haas Research Program and the McNair Scholars Program. She wrote her thesis on the effects of participation in an organization on the lives of Andean women affected by civil war in Ayecucho, Peru. Her thesis received high honors and was published in the Berkeley Undergraduate Journal. She currently resides in Irvine, CA, with her partner and child.



~Kathryn Brown, AAUW Fund Chair

April Branch Meeting

When Saturday, April 2, 2022

Social 9:00 am

Brunch 9:30 a.m.

Program 10:15 a.m.

IN PERSON

Where: CASA LOMA ROOM

University of Redlands

Menu

Southern Sunrise Breakfast Buffet

Biscuits and Gravy, Scrambled Eggs (vegetarian), Country Ham, Potatoes O'Brian (vegan), orange juice, coffee/tea

Cost: Members and guests: \$20

Registrations for brunch: Please email rsvpmeeting@aauw-redlands-ca.org or call 909-362-4955 by Saturday, March 26, 2022, to make a brunch reservation. After March 26th brunch 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: Apr 2, 2022 10:15 AM

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_EavSj7iwTe2-QJYCIQ4h1A

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

Branch Meetings

2021-2022

Tuesday, 5/3 5:30 pm

Saturday, 6/4 9:00 am

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Saturday, March 26 RESERVATION DEADLINE for April 2 brunch					1	2 9am BRANCH MEETING
3 6pm California Cuisine 1	4 <u>1pm Great Dec #5</u> 7pm Racial Justice	5	6 <u>1pm Bridge</u> 7pm Great Dec #5	7 7pm Lobby Week Webinar	8	9
10 <i>April 11-15</i> AAUW CA Lobby Week	11 <u>1pm Great Dec #6</u> <u>6pm Board Mtg</u> Lobby Week	12 Lobby Week	13 <u>TBD Hiking</u> <u>7pm Great Dec #6</u> Lobby Week	14 Lobby Week	15 Lobby Week	16
17 5:30pm California Cuisine 2	18 <u>1pm Great Dec #7</u> 1pm Bridge	19 6:30pm CHAT	20 12pm I Am, <u>Therefore I Think</u> 7pm Great Dec #7	21	22	23 TBD Hiking
24	25 1pm Great Dec #8	26 7pm Public Policy	27 <u>1pm Bunco</u> 7pm Great Dec #8	28 1pm, 4pm & 7pm Reading & the Rainbow	29	30 Virtual AAUW CA Meeting

Save the date: Lunafest-Friday, May 13 5:45pm

AAUW California Annual Meeting (see page 4)

4/30 9:30am – 1pm

AAUW California Lobby Week (see page 5)

4/7 7pm Webinar

AAUW Redlands Board Meeting

4/11 6 pm Zoom
~Erica Wilson

Bridge Groups

4/6 and 4/18 1pm
~Contact coordinator Dorothy Nordquist

Bunco

4/27 1pm
~Patty Ahearn

California Cuisine and Conversation I

4/3 6pm Host & address will be sent by email.
~Kathy Toister

California Cuisine and Conversation 2

4/17 5:30pm
~Patty Ahearn

CHAT meeting

4/19 6:30pm Zoom
~Katherine Gifford 909-798-7565, ext 4138
literacy@akspl.org

Great Decisions

1pm Mondays & 7pm Wednesdays
~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

4/20 “Women and Attitudes about Age”
Facilitator: Marion Golson
12-2pm (12-12:30 informal brown bag lunch)
~Toni Momberger & Barbara Simmons

Public Policy

4/26 7pm ~Cassie MacDuff

Racial Justice

4/4 7pm hosts: Erica Wilson and Donita Remington
~Erica Wilson & Ellen Gruenbaum

Reading and the Rainbow

Reading and the Rainbow
4/28 Apeirogon: A Novel by Colum McCann
1:00pm: Live Session - Kay Dobbertin host.
Need volunteers for facilitator and co-host.
4pm: Self facilitated Zoom session
7pm: Live Session –
Need volunteers for facilitator, host and co-host.
~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 **May newsletter** is **April 5th**. Send articles and photos to the editors via email to news@aauw-redlands-ca.org

Erica's Tiding *continued from page 1*

We are, as always, a busy and exciting AAUW Branch. Our April 2nd Branch Meeting will be dedicated to the AAUW Fund Grantee, Sandra Portocarrero (see program article on page 1) and will be a unique meeting because we have invited the Palm Springs, Ontario, and Riverside Branches to join us. This may be the beginning of many future collaboration between Branches. We hope that this meeting (live and webinar) will be well attended so that we can welcome our neighbors and show-off our wonderful Redlands Branch.

Have a great April. Spring will actually be here.
All my best
Erica

Award Spotlight on AAUW Redlands Members



Congratulations to Luann Bangsund on receiving the 2022 Award of Distinction from Town & Gown and the University of Redlands.

Congratulations to Denise Westcott on being one of six winning entries to the AAUW 2022 Art Contest.

"My Iris Garden" will be featured in a collection of notecards mailed to AAUW members this spring.



Elections will be held at April branch meeting

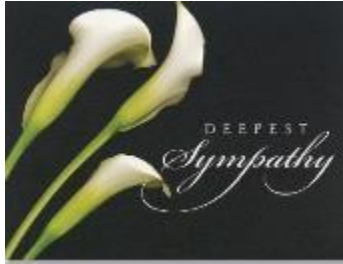
President:	2022-2023	Patricia Stubbs
Co-Presidents Elect:	2022-2023	Heather Abushanab Marilyn Shankar
Membership VP:	2022-2024	Amy Bisek
Secretary:	2022-2024	Marion Golson
Treasurer:	2022-2024	Sue Ferguson
At-Large:	2021-2022	Rosemary Conway
At-Large:	2021-2022	Joyce Heitmeier
At-Large:	2021-2022	Sarah Van Tassel

Nominating Committee:
2022-2023: Erica Wilson, chair
Susan Bangasser, Viktoria Norberg, Kathy Warren
2022-2024
Mary Lou Guerrero, Nerni Miller, Paula Ferri-Milligan



Thank You

Condolences



In sympathy and friendship, we send our condolences to the family and friends on the loss of Sue Angell.



Sue Angell joined the AAUW branch in 1997. During her 25 years of membership she served as AAUW Redlands Branch President, Secretary, and chaired many committees. In 2003, Sue was a named gift honoree.

Obituary:

<https://www.cortnerchapel.com/obituaries/Sue-Angell#!/Obituary>

Hiking Our Hills and Mountains

Note: Wednesday's hike is now the 2nd week

We had a fabulous day in February hiking the Highland Parkland Natural Trail, crystal clear weather made for great viewing of Highland.

We welcome anyone who is interested in getting some exercise while chatting with friends, new and old. The Saturday hike for March will be the fourth Saturday, March 26th. An email with the details will be sent about one week before.

If you are not currently on the email list, send me an email and I will add your name.

~Kathy Toister bktoister@aol.com



Photo from
Erica's
March 9th
hike

Hospitality Birthday Club

Please let us know if we missed anyone!

April Birthdays:

Monica Harwood
Barbara Krause
Susan Miller
Geri Stahly
Trudy Waldron
Ellen Weiss



PLEASE UPDATE YOUR YEARBOOK:

Stephanie Harlan

Watch our March Branch Meeting on the 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=WHiV9OLksYA>

2022 AAUW CA Annual Event— A Real Adventure!



Calling all AAUW adventurers!

Grab your compass and join the expedition to AAUWland at the AAUW CA Annual Event on Saturday, April 30th 9-3 via Zoom.

We will all be explorers, searching for new routes to connect to AAUW and its mission.

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

Let's Get Ready to Rumble – Everything you need to know to prepare for Lobby Day!



This webinar will provide training for members who have registered to participate in Lobby Week April 11-15, 2022. Members will be given detailed information on our priority bills, which they will be discussing with their representatives, as well as training on how to have the maximum impact in those discussions. Members will also be given ample opportunity to ask questions. This webinar is MANDATORY for all those who are participating in Lobby Week, however is open to all members who may wish to learn more about our priority bills.

Date: April 7, 2022 7 pm

If you are interested in attending the webinar but not participating in Lobby Week, Click [HERE](#) to register.

This year's **National Conference for College Women Student Leaders** is scheduled for the end of May. Once again, the conference will be virtual.



AAUW Redlands is committed to “sending” four students from Crafton Hills College and four students from the University of Redlands to this conference. The recruitment and application process is currently underway at both colleges.

You may suspect that the process is a little delayed this year, and you would be correct. One of our members has a grand-daughter who would say, “it’s a COVID thing.” We can’t argue with that. Therefore, we will update you once we have the names of the young students who will attend. Additionally, you can look forward to meeting them at a branch meeting next year. We are grateful for your support of this opportunity for our college and university partnership students.

-Pam Ford and Susan Bangasser

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@aauw-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.



THE FILMS & FILMMAKERS

Since 2000, LUNAFEST has showcased the work of talented women directors from all over the world. Discover the ground-breaking women from prior seasons, along with the ones who are changing the industry with this year’s lineup. NOTE: Films featured in LUNAFEST are not rated, but we suggest age 13+ for this season's lineup.

AAUW Redlands Branch STEM INITIATIVES

28th Annual STEM Conference Takes Place!



The 2022 AAUW STEM Conference returned “in person” to the University of Redlands campus on Wednesday, March 2. On hand to welcome the girls was the newly-installed twelfth—and first woman—president of the university, Krista L. Newkirk J.D. The eighth-graders attendance numbers were down a bit from 2020, but enthusiasm was high as they navigated the campus to attend three workshops each, enjoy a box lunch in the University Commons and



reconvene in the Chapel for the Keynote address delivered by 2018 AAUW Redlands Branch President and former Redlands City Councilmember Toni Momberger. Throughout the morning, invited guests, including several YCUSD Trustees and Superintendent Cali Binks, RUSD Superintendent Mauricio Arellano, Curriculum Specialist Dr. Kenneth Wagner and STEAM Coordinator Deepika Srivastava, Banning Superintendent Dr. Natasha Baker and Erin Lee, Military Specialist from the U of R, dropped by to observe some of the workshops and activities as well as join AAUW Redlands members for lunch in the Casa Loma Room. All, including the 24 volunteer speakers who led the workshops as well as the over 70 AAUW Redlands members who made the day a success by serving as committee members, guides, building chairs and hosts, enjoyed the excellent weather! Photos of conference day may be seen on pages 8 and 9.



On Saturday, March 26, a number of the speakers and volunteers will hold a second, smaller conference at San Geronio Middle School in Beaumont, where more than 80 girls are expected to attend.

~Kathryn Brown, STEM chair

Beaumont STEM Conference

By the time you are reading this story, the Beaumont STEM Conference for 8th Grade Girls will be in our rear view mirror. We will happily describe it for the May newsletter or for anyone who wants to listen to us after the fact.

But right now I can provide a little context about why we are hosting a STEM Conference for 8th graders in Beaumont on Saturday, March 26.

For MANY years AAUW Redlands has held a STEM conference for 8th grade girls from Banning and Beaumont at Mt San Jacinto College in early January. We call this the Pass STEM Conference. Our last Pass Conference was in January 2020. In 2021 our branch STEM Initiatives Committee provided videos made by many of the women of STEM who usually carry out the workshops for girls at the campus. These videos about STEM careers and opportunities were accessed by students and teachers from the Banning and Beaumont schools.

For 2022, we learned that the college would not be able to support public events on campus this semester. With great good fortune we accepted an invitation from Beaumont Unified School District to hold a smaller version of our conference on the campus of San Geronio Middle School. The conference is offered on a Saturday so that students from Mountain View Middle School and Summerwind Trails School may also attend with the students from San Geronio. (The girls from Nicolet Middle School in Banning were included in the conference at the University of Redlands this year.)

We are grateful to the workshop leaders and San Geronio Middle School counselor and staff who will participate with us to guarantee these girls have an in person conference in 2022.

We also thank everyone who has offered to help and support the conference in many ways.

~Pam Ford and Theresa Lantz

Sexual Assault on College Campuses

By Amy Hom, AAUW Public Policy Committee

College campuses should be safe spaces where students can study, learn, pursue academic goals and engage in social activities. Unfortunately college campuses have also long been places where students can face sexual violence. A 2019 study conducted by the Association of American Universities found the rate of undergraduates who experienced rape or sexual assault through physical force, violence, or incapacitation to be 26.4 percent for females, 23.1 percent for transgender, genderqueer, or nonconforming (TGQN) students, and 6.8 percent for males.

A crucial first step toward solving problems is accurate reporting and measurement. While numerous studies show that campus rape is common, an analysis by AAUW found that the vast majority (89%) of 11,000 American college and university campuses reported zero incidents of rape. This speaks to the inadequacy of reporting structures rather than the frequency of assaults. Only 1 in 5 female undergraduates report their sexual assault to authorities, with victims often reluctant to notify officials because they worry that they won't be believed or might face retaliation. Many schools make it difficult for students to come forward, and a majority fail to properly report incidents of sexual violence when they occur.

Further exacerbating the problem, in 2017 the U.S. Department of Education, led by then-secretary Betsy DeVos, rescinded a number of sexual harassment protections under Title IX. The DeVos rule expanded protections for those accused of sexual misconduct. It subjected sexual abuse claims to higher standards of evidence than other claims. It gave the accused the rights to a live hearing and to cross-examine accusers, which was not previously allowed. And it released schools from investigating incidents that occur off campus. As a result of these changes to Title IX, it has become even more challenging to report sexual assaults through official university channels.

In March 2021 President Biden signed an Executive Order directing Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona to suspend, revise or rescind the DeVos-era rule, or begin the process of collecting comments to draft a new rule. The Department of Education started that process in June 2021, and announced in December that it will unveil new proposed Title IX rules in April 2022, a month earlier than initially expected. The Department has indicated that it intends to propose major revisions to the current Title IX rules, including the definition of sexual harassment and how schools must respond to complaints of sexual harassment. Further, the Department has stated that it will prioritize protections for students based on sexual orientation and gender identity. The AAUW CA Public Policy committee will be looking out for the Department's new proposed Title IX revisions in the spring, and will provide updates as they become available.

Once critical protections for students are restored and further protections established, additional focus will be needed to fully enforce Title IX and to provide oversight of schools' compliance with the laws. AAUW will continue to defend Title IX and promote its effective enforcement as a key to fair and equitable education for women and girls in the United States.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the passage of the Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, a landmark piece of legislation for gender equity.



<https://www.aauw.org/issues/education/title-ix/>

Thanks to Title IX:

- ✓ Women now make up over 56% of [America's college students](#).
- ✓ Women hold nearly half (48%) of [tenure-track positions](#).
- ✓ Since Title IX's passage, the number of female athletes climbed more than 10 times: female athletes now make up 42% of all high school athletes.
- ✓ In 1972, only 700 girls played soccer on high school teams. In 2018, there were 390,000.

***Redlands STEM
Conference Committee
thanks our wonderful
volunteers for***

- ***stuffing student letters***
- ***assembling conference packets***
- ***participating in the March 2 conference***
- ***donating to STEM Initiatives***





Optimist Tim Houston, STEM conference guide, with daughter Madelaine Houston, Clement MS teacher.



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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

