

Branches and Twigs

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President's Corner, Patricia Stubbs

Greetings!

I am excited to be your President this year, 2022-2023. Better yet, I have two talented and experienced women who will be the president elects. Heather Abushanab and Marilyn Shankar will be sharing the job of president next year. We are all, indeed, lucky.

At the June 4th branch meeting, a new roster of Board Members was installed by Kay Dobbertin. Thanks to all the awesome members who are willing to be a part of this year's AAUW Board. Welcome all!



Title IX is turning 50 and has been "under siege." Our speaker, Alicia Hetman, was inspiring to listen to. Time to write letters and petition President Biden. Become a Two-Minute Activist to make sure your voice is heard. Here's how: Go to our AAUW National website, sign in, click on take action, scroll down to Two-Minute Activist, sign up. We all need to stand up and be counted, now more than ever. Buy Title IX postage stamps. Become involved in the solution as we continue to push.

AAUW participated in the Juneteenth Celebration at Sylvan Park on June 19th. Many of our Branch members volunteered to be with me there to promote AAUW in the community. It was well done, a beautiful day, and the atmosphere of love and support was everywhere. Thanks to all the women who donated some of their Father's Day to join in. A special thank you to Amy Bisek for lending AAUW all her talents, which are many, to our Juneteenth participation. She designed the cards, the sticker for the fans handed out, the incredible poster, which we'll bring to our meetings, and the updated flyer. It was her easy up, baskets, and attention to detail that helped. She even supplied water.

Looking towards the fall, our first meeting, September 6th at 5:30 pm, will be our 75th Diamond Anniversary. We are overdue for the celebration. Our chapter was started in 1947. Plans are in the works and you will want to be there. Our next meeting after that will be October 8th. It will be our annual membership meeting. More information on the September and October meeting is on page 3. If you are a member who needs a ride to our branch meetings, call me or email me and we will all try to find a buddy to bring you. Also in October will be our Footlighters fundraiser. Bring friends. It's a fun, social event for us.

One of my goals this year is to get everyone, who wants to, become involved in helping AAUW operate. If that's you, we are going to be advertising in Branches and Twigs as to what help is needed. Please feel free to email me at if you would like to help in some way.

I'm looking forward to a great year and representing you as President.

~Patricia Stubbs

Branch Meetings: 2022-2023

Tuesday, September 6



**Redlands Branch 75th
Anniversary Celebration**

Saturday, October 8



Membership Branch

Tuesday, 11/1 evening
Tuesday, 12/6 evening
Saturday, 1/14 morning
Saturday, 2/4 morning
Tuesday, 3/7 evening
Tuesday, 4/4 evening
Saturday, 5/6 morning
Saturday, 6/3 morning



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
17 JULY	18	19 6:30pm CHAT	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 4pm & 7pm Reading & the Rainbow	29	30
31	1 AUGUST	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 6:30pm Board Mtg	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 4pm & 7pm Reading & the Rainbow	26	27 9am STEM Redlands Mtg
28	29	30	31	<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 10px;"> <p>Save the dates</p> <p>Tuesday, September 6 Redlands Branch 75th Anniversary celebration</p> <p>Saturday, October 8 MEMBERSHIP Brunch</p> <p>Thursday, October 20 Footlighters Fundraiser</p> </div>		

AAUW Redlands Board Meeting

8/8 6:30 pm Zoom

~Patricia Stubbs

CHAT meeting

7/19 6:30pm Zoom

~Katherine Gifford 909-798-7565, ext 4138
literacy@akspl.org

Reading and the Rainbow

7/29 *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett

no 1 pm meeting, 4pm: Self facilitated Zoom session

7pm: Live Session – seeking a host

8/25 *City of Thieves* by David Benioff

no 1 pm meeting, 4pm: Self facilitated Zoom session

7pm: Live Session – seeking a host & co-host

Information on facilitator, host, and co-host will be emailed.

Reservations are not required.

~Amy Bisek

Save the dates

Tuesday, September 6

Redlands Branch 75th
Anniversary celebration

Saturday, October 8

MEMBERSHIP Brunch

Thursday, October 20

Footlighters Fundraiser

Redlands STEM Initiatives

Committee meeting:

8-27 9am at Kathryn Brown's home.

Redlands STEM Conference:

Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at University of Redlands

Pass STEM Conference

Date & Location TBD

~Co Chairs: Kathryn Brown & Pam Ford

Branch Officers: **President:** Patricia Stubbs, **Presidents-elect:** Heather Abushanab & Marilyn Shankar, **Communications Vice President:** Priya Vedula, **Hospitality Vice President:** Eileen Sanborn, **Membership Vice President:** Amy Bisek, **Program Vice President:** Martha Lehman, **Secretary:** Marion Golson, **Treasurer:** Sue Ferguson **At-Large Board Members:** Rosemary Conway, Joyce Heitmeier, Sarah Van Tassel

B&T Submission:

The deadline for the **September newsletter** is **August 5th**. Send your articles to the editor via email to news@aaauw-redlands-ca.org

Watch our June Branch Meeting on the AAUW Redlands Website
under “Recorded Zoom Meetings” <https://redlands-ca.aaauw.net/meetings/>
or click on the YOUTUBE link <https://youtu.be/G8O0E0sjvLM>



It's our 75th Anniversary!

**AAUW Redlands Branch
was organized April 15, 1947.**



Diamond Jubilee Celebration

Celebrating our Past, Present and Future!

AAUW Redlands Branch invites you to join us

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

5:30 p.m. Social Time

6:00 p.m. Celebration Dinner and Program

University of Redlands, Casa Loma Room

We are searching for the branch historical records. If you have any celebration photos, award plaques, or other branch history, please contact Sheron Bealer
909-229-0370 or sheronb1@verizon.net

Membership Meeting, October 8, 9:00 am Invite Your Friends and Colleagues!



Our AAUW Redlands branch is filled with amazing, capable, smart, and talented people! People who passionately care about improving the lives of women and children and who also like to have fun. Start thinking now about who you will invite to our membership meeting, Saturday, October 8. Here, we'll showcase what AAUW is all about. They will be awed by our community

activism, the many interest groups they can participate in, and the great personal connections they can make. And if you feel it's time to rejuvenate your participation, this is a great meeting at which to start the ball rolling.



~Amy Bisek, Membership Vice President

Membership Matters

2022-23 Renewal – working...once you reset your password

Annual dues for 2022-23 are \$118, which includes \$67 national, \$20 state, and \$31 branch.

There are THREE WAYS to renew: (1) you renew ONLINE with credit card (directions below)
(2) we will renew your membership if you come to June Branch Meeting, and you pay your dues by CHECK or Credit Card (\$3.50 fee)

or (3) you mail your dues **CHECK** (\$118 made payable to AAUW Redlands). Mail to Ellen Cope c/o AAUW Redlands, P. O. Box 7678, Redlands, 92375-0678

ONLINE >> The membership section of the national website has been revamped and members need to update their password to access their account. Be sure not to create a new account – you already have one (even if you don't know the password).

First: If you need to reset your password. Click <https://www.aauw.org/> for 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** (note: one member's email was not recognized. If you cannot reset your link, let me know).

Second: Please have your credit card and be prepared to complete the renewal process. It does not appear that there is "in cart" for you to return to at later time.



1. log in (again) <https://www.aauw.org/>
2. Personal Snapshot >> scroll down >> Click RENEW
3. verify your information >> update, if needed >> click NEXT
4. highest degree >> update if needed, using drop down menus >> click NEXT
5. AAUW Dues and Fees >> select NATIONAL >> degree field use drop down past "AAUW.." >> date conferred format example June 1 >> 5, 2000 click NEXT
6. add Branch or State Membership? >> click YES >> click NEXT
7. select Branch >> scroll down to **CA0089 Redlands** & check >> scroll to bottom & click NEXT
8. select state >> CA already checked >> scroll to bottom & click NEXT
9. donation to Greatest Need Fund >> check Yes or No >> click NEXT
10. checkout >> term 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023
National = \$67, Redlands 0089 - \$31, AAUWCA = \$20 (Total Dues = \$118)
>> Fill out credit card information >> click SUBMIT
11. Order Summary >> receipt will be sent to email or PRINT

Any questions or problems, please don't panic...we are here to help.

~Ellen Cope and Kay Dobbertin

*Please update any changes or corrections to your contact information for the 2022-2023 yearbook by emailing correct information to membership@aauw-redlands-ca.org
The 2021-2022 yearbook additions and changes are listed on page 11.*

Hospitality Happenings!

Welcome summer and all that it has to offer! I hope yours is off to a good start, and you are doing things that bring you happiness. Before you know it, we will be preparing for our first meeting of our 2022-23 year, and off we go. Enjoy everything these next two months bring your way as much as possible.

Let me share our Birthday Club news. The following friends in our branch are celebrating birthdays during July and August. While we celebrated them in January and February of this year, I'd like to share their names again.



Birthday Club

July (celebrated in January)

Judy Adams
Linda Adams
Hazel Curtis
Sue Ferguson
Yvette Gundry
Heidi Hutchinson
Becky Johnston
Ann Leonard
Viktoria Norberg
Pam Ong
Patsy Oppenheim
Barbara Pike
Catherine Schilling
Barbara Simmons
Anne Viricel
Susan Wong

August (celebrated in February)

Heather Abushanab
Gail Anderson
Cid Breyer
Peggi Cook
Roslyn Dunn
Marion Golson
Joyce Heitmeier
Martha Lehman
Valerie Lichtman
Ann Marshall
Betty Meltzer
Toni Momberger
Cathi Curtis Odegaard
Jane Roberts
Anne Sandel
Susan Shodahl
Susan Willis

I do have a feeling that I am missing some of our members with July and August birthdays - we had such a great, new group of members join us during the year. If YOUR name is not listed here, would you please contact me and allow me to add you to the roster? Thank you!

~Eileen Sanborn, Hospitality VP

Hospitality Happenings!

The Hospitality Committee met and made a few decisions that we'd like to share with you. Starting in September, members' birthdays are going to be acknowledged in the monthly newsletter only. Several members have commented that, while very thoughtful to do, there isn't a need for a small gift to be provided at the meeting. We will still acknowledge birthdays during the meeting and sing a rousing "Happy Birthday to You" for all to enjoy. We hope you agree that this small change is something that can be made. We also discussed the centerpieces that are used at our meals and whether or not we should continue providing them. The tables at our meetings tend to be filled with a variety of items that take space and, at times, certain things get covered up. We have not made a final decision on the centerpieces at this point but will before we begin our meetings in September. I'd like to thank Nerni Mink Miller for accepting the job of sending cards to members when the need arises. She is ready and willing to begin doing this as soon as there is a need. If you know of anyone who needs a card or note sent to convey "Get Well" wishes, "Sympathy or Condolences" acknowledged, or a simple note checking in on someone, please don't hesitate to let Nerni know.

In case you weren't aware, one of our loveliest members, Cid Breyer, is recovering from a fall she took several months ago. She has been a trooper working at getting back to full speed. If you have a minute, I know Cid would love a note, call, or email from any of you. You're amazing Cid, and I know you're going to be back to good as new in the near future.

With the growth in our membership, I am seeking those of you who would be willing to mentor our new members. You don't have to be an expert on AAUW to be a mentor - just someone willing to reach out to a new member and help them become familiar with all of the wonderful things we have to offer. Please let me know if you'd be willing to become a Mentor - I appreciate your help!

I am looking forward to a rewarding year ahead and appreciate your help in making it happen. Thank you, in advance, for your willingness to be involved. Warmly,

~Eileen Sanborn, Hospitality VP





Patsy Oppenheim has lived in Redlands for 25 years, raised a son and a daughter, and now has a lovely son-in-law and two wonderful little grandsons (all who live in Redlands). She has been active in several community projects and organizations.

She was the first in her Montana family to attend college and graduated with her BS in 1972, MS in 1975, and PhD in 1980. Patsy worked in University Administration and Student Affairs. She retired from UC Riverside in 2012, finishing her career as Assistant Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education.

Erin Sanborn was born and raised in Redlands and has lived in a restored family cabin in Forest Falls for the past six years. Erin writes “I have a wonderful family made up of my mom, late father, and five siblings who have provided me with an abundance of nieces and nephews!”

Erin has been at the U of R since 2001, working in the Office of Community Service Learning (CSL), managing Volunteer Outreach and Youth Programs. In 2017, she moved to the Student Involvement and Success Office (SIS) where she and her team manage and advise Student Government, Greek Life, special events, and clubs and organizations. In 2021 Erin returned to CSL as the Director of Sustainable Education and Associate Director of CSL where she oversees U of R’s campus farm and gardens along community outreach related to sustainability and U of R’s Climate Action Corp AmeriCorps Program. Erin also is an advisor to Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity, a Title IX Investigator, and a Restorative Justice Facilitator. Erin has also been an officer of U of R’s Town and Gown, Kimberly-Shirk Board of Trustees, Youth Accountability Board, and Redlands Service Club Council.

In the fall, Erin will start the U of R School of Education Doctorate in Educational Justice. She loves crafts, gardening, good conversation, good food, and exploring new things – and of course shopping at local stores and markets! Erin writes: “I am excited to get to know more about AAUW and being involved with such a wonderful group of women!”



From: Five Star Program

Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 7:37 AM

To: Erica Wilson

Subject: Congratulations from the
AAUW Five Star Program

Congratulations! We're pleased to share that your branch CA0089-Redlands is now a 5 star branch. Your branch will be featured in a Five Star success story in Membership Matters and be recognized on the AAUW National Website. Thank you for your participation and all you do on behalf of women and girls.

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR YEARBOOK:

Mackenzie Dawes

Patsy Oppenheim

Erin Sanborn



October 8 @ Branch Meeting

We are seeking volunteers to assist with the membership meeting this fall. From event planning to greeting and hosting potential new members, a variety of roles are awaiting your assistance. Please contact Amy Bisek if you'd like to help.



NYMS HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE FUNDRAISER 2022-2023

Believe it or not, it isn't too early to start thinking about the Holiday Boutique Fundraiser for the 2022-2023 season. The Boutique Sale will be on Tuesday, November 1, 2022.

All interested members can sign up for the committee during the AAUW meeting, which is scheduled for Saturday, October 8.

We will be meeting in early September and October to include all new interested parties to discuss details.

Several categories of sale items have been discussed. There will be raffles for baskets of wine and cheese, baked goods will be gathered, Christmas-themed gift items will be available, and you can look forward to many beautiful home décor items, all handmade, including candles. If there is interest, there may be a vintage jewelry category. Save your jewelry items, if you are cleaning out your closets this summer.

~Judy Adams



Reading and the Rainbow

July 28 Sessions:

The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett.

- No 1:00 session in July
- 4:00 Zoom session – Zoom link will be sent out the day before.
- 7:00 Live session - We are seeking a host. The host opens her home to attendees as our meeting place and provides drinks. It's as simple as that.

August 25 Sessions:

City of Thieves by David Benioff

- No 1:00 session in August
- 4:00 Zoom session - Zoom link will be sent out the day before.
- 7:00 Live session – We are seeking a host and co-host. The co-host brings to the host's home a small selection of treats for after the session's conclusion.



Step Up For STEM!

We have the date for our 29th Redlands STEM Conference for 8th Grade Girls (to be held at the University of Redlands):

Wednesday, March 1, 2023. Co-chairs of the 2023 STEM Committee are Pam Ford and Kathryn Brown. The first informational/organizational meeting for members interested in helping to plan and put on the conference this year (as well as the Beaumont/Banning conference, for which the date and location are still to be determined) will be held on Saturday, August 27 at 9 AM at the home of Kathryn Brown. Lots of enthusiastic women with many different skill sets and ideas are needed to create a successful conference--please join us! For questions or more information, contact Pam or Kathryn.

Hiking

Fantastic hike to end the year--Wildwood Canyon State Park, Yucaipa. The hike included a couple of friendly horses and their riders at the top of the trail.

Left to right - Alison Rodriguez, Susan Cortz (Amber Costa's daughter), Susan Bangasser, Kathy Toister, Amber Costa, Karen Watkins and Donita Remington.

~Kathy Toister



Juneteenth

On Sunday, June 19th, AAUW Redlands Branch had a booth at the first annual Juneteenth Festival at Sylvan Park in Redlands. The Event was presented by Stronger Together Now and included music, delicious food, a beer garden, black owned businesses, information booths, a church service, parade, and celebration. It was wonderful to be present to support the community event and to celebrate Juneteenth. Our booth was organized by the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee, spearheaded by Erica Wilson and Tricia Stubbs. More than 20 members participated in planning, organizing, and staffing our booth. Juneteenth fans with the AAUW logo were distributed to hundreds of attendees. Amy Bisek designed a fabulous poster for our booth, highlighting our purpose, programs, activities, and interest groups. We handed out cards and candy to individuals visiting our booth. We had brochures and applications available to give to interested individuals and had the opportunity to tell many people about AAUW. The booth allowed us to increase awareness of AAUW and the scholarships and programs we offer; outreach to build diversity and add potential new members; collaborate with other groups who share our goals and mission; and most importantly, put into action some of our diversity and racial justice goals by participating in this activity. The Juneteenth Festival was a great success! It was wonderful to see so many people celebrating. It was an honor to be part of the celebration. We are looking forward to next year's event!



~Donita Remington



A HUGE shout out from Tricia Stubbs.

Thanks to all who joined me and gave up part of your Father's Day to attend the Juneteenth Celebration and promote AAUW. It wouldn't happen without you.

Cassie MacDuff, Marie Mitchell, Marion Golson, Heidi Hutchinson, Twillea Evans-Carthen, Donita Remington, Pam Ford, Karen Watkins, Ellen Gruenbaum, Kim Cousins, Sheron Bealer, Judy Dods, Susan Bangasser, Kathryn Brown, Nelda Stuck, Ellen Weiss, and Barbara Simmons visited as they attended the event. They also lent their support.



NCCWSL 2022: Thanks for Your Support

Thanks to our branch for sponsoring **two students from Crafton Hills College** and **six students from the University of Redlands** to this year's *National Conference for College Women Student Leaders*. More than 500 people registered for this engaging virtual experience May 24-26. It included a wealth of practical workshops, a half-day session on design thinking, and an inspiring keynote conversation with Pulitzer-prize-winning journalist Nikole Hannah-Jones.

~Pam Ford and Susan Bangasser



Redlands Bowl Ushering July 8th

Thank you!

Left to right – Mackenzie Dawes, Sally Trost, Kay Dobbertin, Lori Powell, Kathryn Brown, Katherine Gifford, Keita Wangari, Marion Golson, Susan Bentley, Sheron Bealer, Joyce Heitmeier, Eileen Sanborn, Marie Mitchell, Meena Spangrud, Barbara Simmons, Samantha McVeigh, Elaine Brubacher, Theresa Lantz, Tricia Stubbs, Nelda Stuck, and (not pictured) Ellen Weiss.

June Branch Meeting



Thank you for helping us grow!

Members who joined the branch between March 2020 And May 2022 Left to right – Jenna Guzman-Lowery, Twillea Evans-Carthen, Marion Golson, Charlotte Lucey, Samantha McVeigh, Susan Leonard, Jan Negron, Donita Remington, Alison Rodriguez, Barbara Switzer and Karen Watkins



LAF Chair Deborah Seibly
introducing Alicia Hetman



Tech Trek Virtual Camp

Virtual Tech Trek is the newest week-long camp in AAUW California's STEM offerings. Developed in response to Covid 19 in 2020, the cloud-based camp served 40 girls in its pilot year (2020) and nearly 600 in its state-wide inaugural year (2021). With a similar hands-on STEM and social learning focus as the campus-based Tech Trek programs, it provides campers remote access to activities, new friends, virtual field trips, and role models to help foster STEM engagement and interest in STEM studies and careers without ever having to leave home (other than to pick up their camp supplies)!

AAUW Redlands campers will attend the July 24-29 virtual camp.

~Marilyn Shankar & Denise Westcott



Report from the LAF Committee

I want to thank everyone who contributed to the LAF at our June branch meeting. We collected \$879 in cash and checks during, or right after, the meeting. Twenty members contributed at the meeting. For those of you who identified yourself and your contribution amount, information was sent to the AAUW national office to record your donation for tax purposes.

Title IX remains in the news during this anniversary month. The Biden administration proposed changes on June 23rd to “roll back” changes made by the previous administration. The proposed changes are not without controversy, particularly those expanding sex to include gender and sexual orientation, impact on due process, single investigator model, and expansion of what constitutes sexual harassment. The new regulations were published in the Federal Register on June 23, starting a 60-day period for public comment. A fact sheet can be accessed at www2.ed.gov. I encourage everyone to read it and come to your own conclusion regarding the proposed changes and comment if moved to do so.

There is also a nascent movement to establish a bipartisan commission to propose regulations that do not change with each administration and/or to get a reading from the Supreme Court.

So keep your eye on the ball. Many of the activities we support as an organization are only possible due to Title IX. An interesting article that illustrates how far we have come can be found in Sports Illustrated, written by Maggie Mertens -May 19, 2022. I learned that in 1970, 3 years after I graduated college, only 59% of women had high school degrees and just 8% had college degrees!

~Deborah Seibly, LAF Chair

AAUW High School Scholarship Recipients

I am pleased to announce our three high school scholarship recipients. Our recipients are so deserving of our \$500 scholarships. We wish them all the best as they continue their education and pursue their dreams. They each further AAUW’s mission and goals.



Beverly Suoth is graduating from Redlands High School. The endeavors of Marie Curie have motivated her to become a research biologist. She was always fascinated by the functions of the world and its living organisms. A vast spectrum of medical methods could also present alternatives to the current ones we use, and unearthed procedures may grant patients a greater opportunity for survival. Safer and more effective approaches to various kinds of high-risk surgeries can guarantee greater survival rates. There is an unlimited fountain of science awaiting, and Beverly is ready to accept the quest for it.

Celine Barrera is graduating from Citrus Valley High School. When she was in middle school, she attended the STEM Conference at the University of Redlands. It was the first time anyone had looked her in the eye and told her she had the opportunity to do great things because women were revolutionizing and changing the way the game is played. She wants to become an aerospace engineer. She plans to pursue a PhD. Her ultimate career goal is to lead an engineering team in designing, creating, and testing aerospace systems and devices for a company that supports innovation and advancement in space technology. She hopes to be an inclusive leader that can inspire other young girls who watch the stars all night and track the moon’s cycle as she once did.

Sadeen Elfaqir is graduating from Redlands East Valley High School. She is a Muslim-Arab woman. She is expected to not stray from her father’s demands and follow them until she becomes her husband’s problem to deal with. Deciding to major in history in order to become a professor advocating for women’s rights is viewed as rebellious in her father’s eyes, but it is a revolt she sees necessary for progressing the feminist movement. She wants to influence other ethnic women to find their voice. She aspires to bring awareness to taboo politics.

We also award two \$250 scholarships to Orangewood High School graduates. Our scholarship recipients are **Margie Dionicio Lopez** and **Alyssa Sihock**.

I would like to thank our committee members for their time and insights into selecting our deserving recipients.

~Theresa Lantz High School Scholarships