

Branches and Twigs

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President's Corner, Patricia Stubbs

If I haven't met you already, I'm Patricia (Tricia) Stubbs, your President for 2022-2023. If you have thoughts, concerns, or ideas (especially an idea for a fund raiser that raises money from outside our membership!!), please email me. If you would like to volunteer to help or be on a committee, let me know. I'd like to put everyone to work who is interested. We are in need of a member who is very "techie" to help coordinate Zoom for our Branch meetings and possibly help with communications.

Reading & the Rainbow met over the summer. We have discussed *The Vanishing Half* and will be discussing *The City of Thieves* on August 25th. Our new slate of books is already on the calendar. Contact Amy Bisek if you would like a copy. Bunco is ongoing. Contact Patty Ahearn if you'd like to join in the fun. Soon all of our interest groups will be starting up. I can't wait.



Be sure to join us September 6th at 5:30 pm at our first Branch Meeting. We will be celebrating our 75th Diamond Anniversary. We have planned a fabulous event to celebrate. You will learn the history of the Redlands branch and have a good time. I don't want to give away too much here, but I'm excited to see you there.

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September Branch Meeting:

We're Celebrating Our Diamond Jubilee!



In 1947, a group of AAUW San Geronio Branch members who had decided to form our own AAUW Redlands Branch held their first organizational meeting on the University of Redlands campus. Eager to celebrate our 75 years of commitment to improving the lives of girls and women, we've planned our September program to include an entertaining historical review of our branch's accomplishments and activities from 1947-2022, as well as to offer an inspirational look forward toward our next 25 years. Your dinner reservation will include a Jubilee Anniversary gift...AND, to add to the fun, we'd like you to join the Program Committee in shopping your closet, a vintage outlet, or online to re-create and attend in a fashion look from yesteryear—or maybe for the future!

~Sharon Bealer



September Branch Meeting

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

Social 5:30 p.m.

Dinner and Program 6:00 p.m.

CASA LOMA ROOM

University of Redlands

Menu

Salad: Boston Butter Lettuce, Goat Cheese, Pear, Pecans, Champagne Vinaigrette
Main Entrée: Pre-Sliced Herbed Beef Tenderloin, Shallot Demi-Glace

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

Sides: Tri-Colored Carrots, Duchesses Potatoes, Rolls

Dessert: Assorted Cakes; Coffee/Tea

Members and guests: \$35

Register for dinner by Monday, August 22, 2022.

After August 22nd dinner reservations will be made on a space-available basis.

Registration options:

1. Mail RSVP card
2. Online <https://redlands-ca.aauw.net/75th-anniversary-of-redlands-aauw/>
3. Email rsvpmeeting@aauw-redlands-ca.org
4. Call 909-362-4955

After registering, you will receive a confirmation.

Reminder: A reservation made is a reservation paid.

Members and guests are invited to attend the program portion of the meeting free of charge. Chairs will be available.

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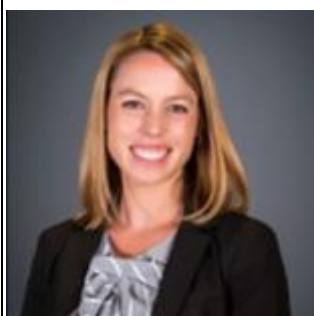
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Monday, August 22 RESERVATION DEADLINE for Sept. 6 Dinner Meeting <i>After August 22nd dinner reservations will be made on a space-available basis.</i>						
				1 6:30 DEI/Racial Justice	2	3
4	5 <i>Labor Day</i>	6 <u>5:30pm Branch Meeting</u>	7 9am CHAT	8	9 9am Tech Trek Mtg.	10
11	12 6:30pm AAUW Board Mtg.	13	14	15	16	17 9am STEM committee Mtg.
18	19	20	21 12pm I Am, Therefore I Think	22 1pm, 4pm & 7pm Reading & the Rainbow	23	24 9am Hiking
25 2pm Adult Literacy Celebration	26	27	28 1pm Bunko	29	30	<i>Save the date</i>
				Thurs. Oct. 20 Footlighters' Theater Fundraiser		
AAUW Redlands Board Meeting 9/12 6:30 pm Zoom <i>~Patricia Stubbs</i> Adult Literacy 9/25 2pm Adult Literacy Program Celebration of Authors Contemporary Club <i>~Diane Shimota 798-7565, ext. 4138 literacy@akspl.org</i> Bridge Groups 3rd Monday @ 1pm, 1st Wednesday @ 1pm, <i>~Contact coordinator Dorothy Nordquist</i> Bunko 9/28 1pm <i>~Patty Ahearn</i> CHAT meeting 9/7 9am Smiley Library Assembly Room. <i>~Katherine Gifford 909-798-7565, ext. 4138 literacy@akspl.org</i> Diversity, Equity & Inclusion / Racial Justice 9/1 6:30pm Zoom <i>~Erica Wilson ~Ellen Gruenbaum ~Donita Remington</i> Hiking Our Hills & Mountains <i>continued in column 2</i> USUALLY 3 rd Wednesday and 4 th Saturday. Contact Erica and Kathy to be added to distribution list. <i>~Kathy Toister ~Erica Wilson</i>				I Am, Therefore I Think 9/21 Title: <i>I Have Lived</i> . Facilitator: Susan Willis Meets 12 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church Lounge (Rooms 6-8) 419 South 4 th Street, Redlands. <i>~Barbara Simmons ~Margee Fuller</i> Reading and the Rainbow 9/22 <i>Dictionary of Lost Words</i> by Pip Williams Information on facilitator, host and co-host will be emailed. 1pm: Live Session, 4pm: Self facilitated Zoom session 7pm: Live Session <i>~Amy Bisek ~Kathryn Brown ~Valarie Boone</i> STEM Initiatives Redlands Conference: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 Redlands STEM conference planning meeting 9/17 9am at Kay Dobbertin's <i>~Kathryn Brown ~Pam Ford</i> Tech Trek planning meeting 9/9 9am at Denise Westcott's <i>~Denise Westcott ~Theresa Lantz</i>		

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As this year marks our 75th Anniversary, give a thought to way down the road, 25 years to 2047. What will the future hold for women's rights, Equal Means Equal, Title IX, and Title VII? What will our grandchildren be facing in the realm of discrimination? What will they think of our efforts 25 years prior? We have good reason to be concerned about the direction we are heading in. Great things will come but not without all of us making it happen. Keep reading and learning about issues, lobbying, voting, getting others to vote, donating, calling and writing politicians, protesting, pushing, and never give up. Passivity won't help our grandchildren, yet I know the future will hold great things because I know the women in our AAUW Branch, and we are only one branch. We can move mountains if we put our minds to it.



Award Spotlight: Congratulations to Kelsey Gormley, President of the University of Redlands Alumni Board



Kelsey has been in the field of sustainability and energy since 2009. She has successfully implemented a spectrum of projects that reduce energy consumption, provide renewable sources of on-site power generation, and improve operational efficiency. Currently, Kelsey is a senior project manager at Grid Subject Matter Experts (GridSME), specializing in grid integration for large, utility-scale energy projects.

At the University of Redlands, Kelsey graduated with a double major in history and government, with a minor in religious studies, in 2007. She completed her master's degree in conflict resolution, negotiation, and peacebuilding from California State University, Dominguez Hills, in 2016.



Thank you Kelsey for presenting **Renewal**

Energy workshops at both the Redlands and Pass STEM Conferences.



Membership Matters

Thanks to everyone who renewed over the summer, making it much easier for us to prepare the yearbook.



If you have not renewed yet for the 2022-23 membership year, please do so by our September 6th branch meeting to make sure your information is in our branch yearbook.

Membership renewal includes the following dues: \$67 for national, \$20 for the state, and \$31 for the branch, for a total of \$118. Remember that \$64 of your national membership is tax deductible.

There are now FOUR WAYS to renew. Please download the newsletter attachment for more information.

(1) You can renew **ONLINE** with a credit card on **AAUW Redlands Website**

(2) You can renew **ONLINE** with a credit card on **AAUW National Website**

(3) You can renew your membership at the **September Branch Meeting**.

Cash or Check (no fee) or Credit Card (\$3.50 fee)

(4) You can **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



Member News - Condolences

In sympathy and friendship, we send our condolences to Yvette Guidry on the loss of her husband, Kenneth.

Marge Emrick joined the Redlands Branch in 2012 and passed away in June 2022 at the age of 93. She was active with many community organizations, including the Boys Sunrise & Girls Clubs, Assistance League of Redlands, and Sunrise Rotary. Our condolences to her family and friends.



Volunteers needed for October 8 xBranch Meeting

We are seeking volunteers to assist with the membership meeting, October 8th. From event planning to greeting and hosting potential new members, a variety of roles are awaiting your assistance. Please contact Amy Bisek at if you'd like to help.



**PLEASE UPDATE YOUR
YEARBOOK:**

Marcella Cavallaroo



Membership Meeting, October 8, 8:45 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



HAPPY September Birthdays



Del Barrett
Linda Browning
Char Burgess
Beverly Cox
Karen Darnell
Cheri Dawes

Katherine Gifford
Cassie MacDuff
Cathryn Oltman
Linda Rowland
Barbara Switzer
Sue Wallace
Kathy Warren



SAVE the DATE for REDLANDS STEM:

Wednesday, MARCH 1, 2023

We have set the date and are ready to start planning for our 29th Annual STEM Conference for 8th Grade girls at the University of Redlands. Our first organizational meeting for the 29th conference will take place at 9 AM on Saturday morning, August 27, at the home of committee co-chair Kathryn Brown. All those interested in learning more about what we will be doing to prepare and how you might join this fun and interesting committee are welcome to attend. The conference entails many different tasks, and all kinds of skill sets are needed. You need not be available to help in person on March 1 to join the committee; we have plenty that needs to be accomplished before conference day! If you are interested but cannot attend our first meeting, please join us September 17 (see calendar). If you have questions, please contact either co-chair: Pam Ford or Kathryn Brown.



**Virtual 2022
NCCWSL Report**
*Written by Carina
Gutierrez, a student at
Crafton Hills College.*

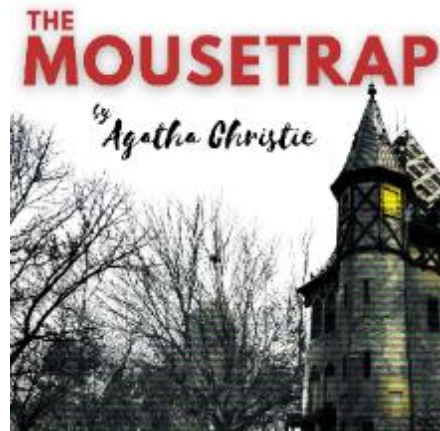
"NCCWSL was a great experience, and the presenters were phenomenal. It was great to be surrounded by driven and determined women in education. I was able to relate to the student panel and found their responses helpful. I think what stood out was the workshops that included presenters that are larger than life. They pushed the hard topics and added comedic relief. They caught my attention. I learned about power struggles in career and education and how to overcome them. Especially by "putting on my big girl pants." It was a great experience, and I think it is important for students to be able to attend these conferences for inspiration, advice and to be able to relate."

AAUW Redlands enrolled a total of 8 young women for this conference, 2 from Crafton and 6 from the University of Redlands.

~Pam Ford and Susan Bangasser

AAUW Redlands Theater Event Set for October 20

Our annual Footlighters Theater Event on Thursday evening, October 20, at 6 PM, promises to be one of the most memorable ever, as our local thespians entertain us with the longest-running stage production in history: Agatha Christie's masterpiece, *The Mousetrap*. After a local woman is murdered at Monkswell Manor, the guests and staff find themselves stranded during a snowstorm. Tensions and fears escalate when a second murder takes place, and it becomes clear that the killer is among them! This record-breaking murder mystery features a brilliant surprise finish from Dame Agatha Christie, the foremost



mystery writer of her time. Pre-



performance, we will enjoy an outdoor wine-and-snacks reception. Tickets, at \$35 for the reception & performance, or \$20 for those who have Footlighters season tickets, will be on sale at our September Diamond Jubilee branch meeting, or may also be purchased online at Eventbrite. All proceeds from the event will be used to support our AAUW Redlands Branch Mission Fund as well as our many ongoing programs that improve the lives of women and girls. Questions? Contact Footlighters Event Chair Kathryn Brown.



WINE, Please

The AAUW Fund Committee could use your help! Please consider donating a bottle of wine (or two) to be served at our annual Footlighters event, to be held this year on Thursday evening, October 20, at 6 PM. You may bring your wine donation to the ticket sale table at our Diamond Jubilee branch meeting on September 6, or contact Kathryn Brown to make other arrangements.

Adult Literacy Students' writings in "Our Stories"



Adult Learners will read from their works, which were published in the adult literacy anthology "Our Stories, a Collection of Writings."

Community leaders, including Mayor Paul Barich and Library Trustee Kate Pretorius, will describe their own literacy journeys and the life-changing impact of literacy.

The community of Redlands is invited to this festive event in gratitude for their continued support of adult literacy, particularly through the difficult years of the pandemic. The celebration will be held at 2 p.m., September 25, in the Contemporary Club, 173 S. Eureka St. Registration for the free event is required and will begin September 1 at www.akspl.org.

~Diane Shimota



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 branch meetings.

We will be meeting in early September and October to include all new interested parties and 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. Please save your extra vintage jewelry items if you are cleaning out your closets this summer. If you would like to volunteer, call or email Judy Adams ASAP.

Back to School Project



Once again, our generous members have amply provided for the Family Service/Micah House Back2School Jam. A total of \$970 was donated, a portion of which went toward the purchase of backpacks and the remainder in the form of a large check for the organization to use to purchase additional backpacks and school supplies. Thank you so much for all your continued support of the students of the Redlands Unified School District.

~Dawn Romo, Back-to-School Chair

The AAUW of California Fund Committee is proud to honor our California Fellow and Grant Recipients



AAUW CA is scheduling four Zoom meetings featuring many of the recipients on the following dates: Saturday, October 15, Saturday, October 22, Sunday, October 23, and Saturday, November 12. You are welcome to register and attend any or all four events. Hearing from our awardees is such an inspiration and the personification of our mission. Recipients will give a brief overview of their studies or projects and highlight what AAUW's support has meant to them. This is your chance to see where your AAUW Fund dollars go! Additional information and Zoom link is forthcoming.

*In the 2022-2023 academic year, AAUW has awarded over **\$6 million** to 320 women and community projects to improve the lives of women and girls. There are 49 Fellows and Grant recipients studying in California.*

Redlands Branch has three AAUW endowment funds and our funds contributed to the following:

- * American Fellowship for Susan Washko,*
- * Career Development Grant for Chelsi Sparti*
- * International Fellowship for Marwa Etsawy*

Tech Trek has wrapped up another successful year. From the first in-person camp orientation on June 12th to the virtual camp Closing Campfire on July 29th, we successfully served 639 campers from 94 branches at eight camps (six residential, two virtual) across California, staffed by a community of 230+ volunteers, over half of whom were Tech Trek alumnae!

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Tech Trek Virtual Camp 2022

Our Virtual Tech Trek camp took place July 24-29. When the San Diego campus decided not to host this year because the Covid situation was still uncertain, it left us with only Whittier College, which houses fewer campers. Given the still uncertain situation, the Tech Trek Committee decided to offer only the Virtual camp again this year. There was not much interest in the Virtual Tech Trek from most of the middle schools, so we were only able to sponsor 2 young ladies from the San Geronio Middle School 7th grade this year, Rahmata Dia and Mackenzie Leonard.



The last Virtual Tech Trek camp was July 24th through 29th. The week before, two members of our committee met at Cold Stone Creamery with our two young ladies and their families to give them their box of supplies for their projects and a nice Goodie Bag from our branch. The girls and their families were happy we had made this a special event, and everyone enjoyed the great ice cream.

Both of the girls thoroughly enjoyed their week at Virtual Tech Trek camp and said that meeting so many inspirational women who had great careers in STEM was amazing! They send their thanks to the AAUW Redlands Branch who made this possible.

Both girls attended the afternoon and evening workshops. Rahmata commented, "The activities we did were so much fun, and I enjoyed learning about different parts of STEM. My favorite was the virtual tour of the Tokamak Fusion reactor in San Diego. Seeing the place where new energy is being created made me feel joy for a better and more sustainable future."



Rahmata's wearable invention was the Digital Arm Notebook. "I used a servo motor on the prototype I designed to make the "screen" open close, and the lights would flash, so you could see the keyboard better. I wish I had more time and materials to make everything function."

Mackenzie's project was an Eco-Skirt "because it brings awareness to how much water we waste." Her two favorite workshops were *Extracting Strawberry DNA* and *Raise Your Hands, Raise Your Voices*. "My favorite was *Raise Your Hands, Raise Your Voices* because it talked a lot about stereotypes and how they affect everyone (especially girls and women). I also liked this workshop because I got to talk to and meet a lot of girls who were a lot like me."

Two happy Tech Trek Campers. Next year we expect to have all our residential Tech Trek camps functioning, and the successful Virtual Tech Trek camps will also be offered as an option. The Tech Trek committee would love to have 4 girls from each of our 4 schools participate next year.

~Marilyn Shankar & Denise Westcott



When Women Vote, We Change the Conversation!

Since 1881, AAUW has been a leading voice promoting education and equity for women and girls. AAUW encourages women voters to get involved in the political process and gain a better understanding of the impact legislative action can have on our lives.

The recent U.S. Supreme Court *Dobbs* decision on abortion has stimulated action in many states across the nation, including California. Our legislature passed and Governor Newsom signed AB1666, which will enable a woman coming into California to receive an abortion to be protected from lawsuits originating in her home state. This bill was co-sponsored by AAUW CA! A further step protecting a woman's right to make personal medical decisions is a Constitutional Amendment, Proposition 1, which will be on the November 8 ballot. It would amend the California Constitution to prohibit the state from denying or interfering with an individual's reproductive freedom in her most intimate decisions, which includes the fundamental right to choose to have an abortion and the fundamental right to choose or refuse contraceptives. AAUW CA supports this Constitutional Amendment.

Congressional races are particularly important this November. Redistricting after the 2020 Census has changed the boundaries of many Congressional districts. In the current partisan climate, we need to be aware of what is at stake in both our national and state upcoming elections. Your current member of Congress may no longer represent you – be sure to become informed soon on the candidates for Congress in your district. As you sort through all this, please reflect on priority issues affecting us, our daughters, and granddaughters, and evaluate candidates' positions on these issues.

If you are a leader in your branch, make your October program a focus on the election. You may want to consider a Candidates Night. Before a partisan election, AAUW branches may host candidate forums to which **all** major-party candidates in that election are invited. AAUW branches with 501(c)(4) status must make a thorough and good faith effort to ensure the participation of at least two candidates for a specific office but may proceed with a forum if only one candidate accepts. AAUW branches with 501(c)(3) status may only proceed with a candidate forum event if at least two candidates have accepted the invitation.

Here are resources to get helpful, non-partisan information:

- AAUW CA website: aauw-ca.org Public Policy section will soon have more detail on priority issues and questions to ask of candidates.
- AAUW website: aauw.org/policy/advocacy/tool-kit ideas for branch activities, C/U partners, and specifics for 501 c 3 and 501 c 4 branches.
- CA Secretary of State website: www.sos.ca.gov voter info, ballot initiatives.
- State and County Voter guides – mailed to all registered voters in October.
- www.wedrawthelinesca.org – maps of newly re-drawn congressional districts

Register to vote if you haven't already! And if you have recently moved, you need to update your information with your County Registrar of Voters! Voting is a powerful tool to bring about change!



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2022 Branch Meetings

Saturday, 10/8 9:00 am **Membership Brunch**
Tuesday, 11/1 5:30 pm
Tuesday, 12/6 5:30 pm

2023 Branch Meetings

Saturday, 1/14/23 9:00 am Saturday, 2/4/23 9:00 am
Tuesday, 3/7 5:30 pm Tuesday, 4/4 5:30 pm
Saturday, 5/6/23 9:00 am Saturday, 6/3/23 9:00 am