

Branches and Twigs

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President's Corner, Patricia Stubbs

At the time of this writing, the elections haven't happened. By the time you get your Branches and Twigs, the elections will be over. We will be moving on and continuing to push toward better voting rights for everyone, rights for women for their own reproductive rights and pay equality. It's never over. The fight continues. We push to make sure our daughter's and

granddaughter's lives are improved. Onward and upward.

I hope you were all able to attend our Branch Meeting November 1st. Our Nancy Yowell Memorial Scholarship annual boutique sale was a whopping success. We raised a good amount of money \$\$\$\$ and had fun in the process. Our speaker, Judy Cannon, was fantastic and shared information about Crafton Hills College's Honors Program.

Redlands AAUW continues to participate in community programs. In October, Cassie MacDuff, Donita Remington, Erica Wilson, Ellen Gruenbaum, and I attended the San Bernardino League of Women Voters' Citizens of Achievement 2022 Awards. Amazing and impressive people doing great things in our communities. On November 1st, our branch had a table at the Smiley Library for Dias De Los Muertos sponsored by DEI. Thank you Erica Wilson for being our representative and promoting AAUW. AAUW Redlands member, Twillea Evans-Carthen, was the emcee for The League of Women's Voters. Go Twillea!!

SPAM alert! Recently many emails sent from branch members ended up in my spam folder. Please check your spam regularly. You can mark "not spam" and add the email address, for example, news@aauw-redlands-ca.org to your contacts list.

The STEM Initiatives committees are busy planning Tech Trek and both the Pass STEM Conference (Thursday, January 12th) and the Redlands STEM Conference (Wednesday, March 1st). Sign up to volunteer. It's a wonderful program and fun to attend. When I first got involved with the STEM Conference,

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December Branch Meeting

When Tuesday,
December 6, 2022
Social 5:30 p.m.
Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Program 6:45 p.m.

Where

University of Redlands
CASA LOMA Room

Menu

Salad: autumn vegetable salad
with red wine vinaigrette
Main Entrée: lemon rosemary
chicken
Sides: roasted root vegetables
(vegetarian), toasted orzo with
spinach and cranberries
(vegan), dinner rolls
Dessert: carrot cake, coffee/tea

Cost

Members and guests: \$30

Reservations

Please call 909-362-4955 or
email rsvpmeeting@aauw-redlands-ca.org by Saturday,
November 26, 2022. After
November 26, reservations will
be on a space-available basis.
*Reminder: a reservation
made is a reservation paid.*

**Members and guests are
always welcome at all branch
meetings. There is no cost to
attend the program. Chairs
will be available.**



December Branch Meeting "Rhymes with Orange"

Rhymes with Orange is an acapella group consisting of six members: Soprano Sue Scheirer, Mezzo Heather Abushanab, Alto Jennifer Norton-Brainerd, Tenor Loring Fiske-Philips, Baritone Peter Tupou and Bass Dan Abushanab. We love singing together at all times of the year, but we especially enjoy the holiday season. Our holiday repertoire contains a mix of familiar Christmas carols and songs with interesting arrangements. We especially love learning songs from other traditions.

In past years we have had appearances at the YMCA Holiday Boutique and Pantry, the Burrage Mansion, and the Redlands Forum. We are pleased to sing for AAUW this December and hope it will bring you joy for this holiday season. You can learn more about our group and listen to a few of our recorded songs at [RWO Singers](#)

| DINNER RESERVATION DEADLINE for DECEMBER 6 meeting is Saturday, November 26 | | | | December 2022 | | |
|--|---|----------------------------|---|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | | | | 1 | 2 10 am STEM PASS Mtg | 3 |
| 4 <u>YMCA Home Tour</u> 6 pm California Cuisine 1 | 5 | 6 5:30pm Branch Mtg | 7 1pm Bridge | 8 1:30pm Tech Trek Mtg | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 6:30 DEI NO BOARD MEETING | 13 | 14 TBD Hiking 1pm Bunko <u>NO I Am. MEETING</u> 5:30 pm CHAT | 15 | 16 | 17 9 am STEM Redlands Mtg |
| 18 5:30 pm California Cuisine 2 | 19 1pm Bridge 6:30 Racial Justice | 20 | 21 | 22 NO Reading MEETING | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 7pm Public Policy | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| Save the Dates Bridge Groups 3rd Monday @ 1pm, 1st Wednesday @ 1pm, ~Contact coordinator Dorothy Nordquist Bunko 12/14 1pm ~Patty Ahearn California Cuisine and Conversation I 12/4 6pm host & address will be sent by email. ~Kathy Toister California Cuisine and Conversation 2 12/18 5:30pm ~Patty Ahearn CHAT Meeting 12/14 5:30pm holiday dinner AKSPL Assembly room ~Katherine Gifford 909-798-7565, ext. 4138 literacy@akspl.org Diversity, Equity & Inclusion / Racial Justice 12/12 DEI 6:30pm Zoom 12/19 Racial Justice 6:30pm Zoom ~Ellen Gruenbaum ~Erica Wilson ~Donita Remington Hiking Our Hills & Mountains USUALLY 3rd Wednesday and 4th Saturday. Contact Erica and Kathy to be added to distribution list. ~Kathy Toister ~Erica Wilson | | | | Tues. Jan. 17 Adult Literacy Tutor Orientation First Week of March, Mon. & Wed. Great Decisions Thurs. Jan. 12 Pass STEM Conference Wed. Mar. 1 Redlands STEM Conference | | |
| | | | | Public Policy 12/27 7pm ~Cassie MacDuff AAUW Redlands STEM Initiatives Redlands STEM Committee Meetings: Redlands STEM Conference: 12/17 9am at Kathryn Brown's home <i>Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at University of Redlands</i> ~Kathryn Brown ~Pam Ford Pass STEM Conference: 12/2 10am at Pam Ford's home <i>Thursday, January 12, 2023 at Mt. San Jacinto College</i> ~Pam Ford ~Theresa Lantz Tech Trek Planning Meeting: 12/8 1:30pm Denise Westcott's home ~Denise Westcott ~Theresa Lantz YMCA Home Tour 12/5 9-1 & 12:45-4:45 ~Ann Leonard ~Linda Browning | | |

President's Corner, Patricia Stubbs *continued from page 1*

it was as a host and then a guide. For the last several conferences, I was the STEM Conference liaison with University of Redlands. Best experiences ever.

In my B-AAUW time (Before AAUW), I never volunteered, raised my hand to join and help, let alone lead. Since being a part of AAUW, I have joined, volunteered, helped where I could, learned SO much, and my life is enriched for it. I encourage you to join in. Look at the programs, committees, projects, and activities and join in. Interested in being an officer for 2023-24? (article on page 5) You'll never regret it.

We had a meeting with several other area AAUW Branches who are having serious trouble staying a viable Branch. If you lose too many members, you can no longer function. The biggest antidote is to make sure our members are involved in whatever interests them. It's so important that all our programs, committees, etc. keep vital and encourage new members to participate. The branch is stronger when more members are involved. Volunteer to be on a committee and consider being a co-chair. If you are hesitant to take on a job because you aren't sure of your time or ability, I encourage you to just jump in. There are women all around you to help and teach you whatever you need. You will never be left out on your own. I promise.

I would encourage you to think about our Public Policy Committee. This year we will be working on developing Gov Trek (article on page 5). Join the committee, and help us establish something new. If you are interested in joining a dinner group, call or email me. We may be starting a third group if we have enough interest.

Jump in. Join in. Stay well.

Tricia Stubbs, President
Redlands Branch AAUW

The only reason that they say 'women and children first' is to test the strength of the lifeboats--Jean Kerr



Hospitality Birthday Club



A special Happy Birthday to our December ladies:

Loree Argabright
Priva Vedula Engel
Jenna Guzman-Lowery
Deborah Lewin
Nerni Miller

Marie Mitchell
Dorothy Nordquist
Eileen Sanborn
Erin Sanborn
Louise Schumann
Sarah VanTassel

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

~Eileen Sanborn, Hospitality VP
eileensanborn206@verizon.net

Branch Officers: **President:** Patricia Stubbs, **Presidents-elect:** Heather Abushanab & Marilyn Shankar, **Communications Vice President:** Priya Vedula Engel, **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 **January newsletter** will be **December 5th**. Send your articles to the editor via email to news@aauw-redlands-ca.org

New Members

Marianne Baldwin has lived in Redlands since 1984, except for her time at UC Riverside and their abroad program where she attended the Universidad Computense de Madrid. She has been married for 22 years, and they have a 14-year-old daughter at RHS and a 12-year-old son at Cope MS. Marianne is the director of marketing at Beaver Medical Corporation where she has been able to be active in the community. She serves as a Girl Scout Troop leader and volunteers at Yucaipa Animal Placement Society, YAPS. Marianne enjoys photography, tennis and gardening.

Lisa Wright is the CEO of Inland SoCal United Way and lives in Redlands. She enjoys gardening and always learning. Her parents are retired college professors instilling in her a love of higher education.

New Membership Orientation – Welcome New Members!

Nine new Redlands branch AAUW members joined eleven legacy members for a New Member Orientation on Thursday evening, November 3. Held at Kathryn Brown's cabana, everyone settled in with refreshments and a variety of quick bread treats to get to know one another.

We first introduced ourselves, how our interest in AAUW began, and our legacy members talked about their involvement in AAUW over the years. Together we then reviewed all the AAUW programs, community action projects, committees, and interest groups available for member participation. Whew! There are a lot of fabulous options!

If you'd like to step up your participation in one of our groups, take a look at the 2022-23 AAUW *Programs, Community Action Projects, Committees, and Interest Groups* document attached to your newsletter email. Just reach out to a group's chair, and they'll review their purpose, meeting schedule, and participation opportunities. It's easy to get involved.

If you're not quite ready for that but have questions about any of the groups, feel free to contact our Membership VP, Amy Bisek, at amy.bisek@gmail.com or 952-261-9908. She can help guide you through the many options available. No commitments, no worries.

YMCA 2021 Holiday Home Tour



If you would like to join the fun and volunteer on Sunday, December 4, 2022, to be a hostess in the home AAUW has been assigned, please let us know. We have two shifts available, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 12:45 - 4:45 p.m. Please email/text us your name, phone number, and which shift you would like to work.

~Ann Leonard & Linda Browning

YMCA Holiday Pantry Bakeshop



Another way AAUW can help raise money for the YMCA's Legal Aid Program is to bake homemade treats for their YMCA Pantry. Many of our AAUW members have done this in the past. We are hoping many more of you will join us in baking homemade treats. In 2021, the Pantry made over \$10,000! All baked goods are donated, and all money raised goes directly to fund the Clinic. The more homemade treats they have, the more money they raise! The Y is looking for volunteers who can donate 4 dozen or more baked items or the equivalent. All homemade treats need to be dropped off at the YMCA on Thursday, December 1 or Friday, December 2. Bakers don't have to do any of the packaging, just bring the cookies, fudge, nuts, candy, or other homemade specialties to the Y in a disposable container and other volunteers will take it from there. If you are interested in baking, please email Crista Hatfield at ch@ymcahometour.org. You can learn more about the Pantry here <https://ymcahometour.org/pantry>

~Ann Leonard and Linda Browning, co-chairs

Redlands Adult Literacy Program



We will be having our next Adult Literacy orientation and training January 17. Visit our website <https://www.akspl.org/literacy/> for more information, and contact me if you would like to join us.

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



Nancy Yowell Memorial Scholarship

Thank you to all who donated items for the November 1st Boutique and to those who shopped. The NYM Scholarships are awarded to women with previous college experience, whose schooling was interrupted and who have now returned to school to complete their degree program. If you know a woman who is interested in applying, please contact me. ~Keita Wangari, NYMS chair

Want more women in political power? Learn about the new AAUW program Gov Trek!

Men still vastly outnumber women in the halls of power. Let's close that gender gap! AAUW branches can offer the new, free, statewide program developed by AAUW California for junior and senior high school girls to expose them to careers in public service and elected office. Starting in January and conducted through five virtual two-hour sessions, the activities will be engaging, interactive, and inspirational. See how your branch can participate!

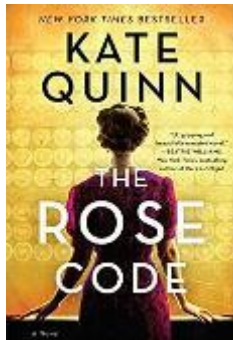
Gov Trek 2023 volunteers needed! Be a part of it! Learn how you can help us close the gender gap in politics. For more about what volunteers can do and to submit your name, visit <https://www.aauw-ca.org/gov-trek/>



Reading and the Rainbow

Our January book selection, *The Rose Code*, by Kate Quinn, is a bit longer, so you may want to get started reading now.

~Amy Bisek
~Kathryn Brown
~Valarie Boone



for
2023-
2024

The Nominating Committee will begin meeting soon to consider nominees for our officers for the 2023-2024 year. First, we need to nominate a **President-Elect** who will serve a one-year term and basically apprentice for the role of President in the 2024-25 year.

We will also need to nominate new **Communications, Hospitality, and Program Vice Presidents**. The Communications VP (along with her committee) is responsible for crafting, updating, and overseeing communications and marketing that effectively promote the mission and vision of the branch. The Hospitality VP and her committee provide a warm welcome to our new members and guests at branch meetings. She is also responsible for the Mentors Program, Membership Appreciation Presentation, Birthday Club, and Thinking of You cards. The Program VP and her committee develop programs for the coming year by selecting and contacting speakers, writing newsletter articles describing the program, and introducing the speakers at the branch meetings.

We also need **three At-Large Board members** and **three Nominating Committee members**. The At-Large Board members will serve one-year terms and will act as liaisons between the membership and the board. The Nominating Committee members will serve a two-year term and will be responsible for recruiting candidates for branch officers. The committee is chaired by the immediate Past President.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Erica Wilson.





Branch STEM Initiatives on Track for 2023 Pass STEM Conference

The STEM Committee is very excited to return on Thursday, January 12, to Mt. San Jacinto College for the first of our two 2023 STEM conferences. We're especially pleased this year to welcome back our popular Keynote Speaker, Amber Jazairi. With a Master's of Film Direction from the California Institute of the Arts and an award-winning background in public speaking, film production, acting, and writing, her presentation is always dynamic, heartfelt, and inspirational. Please contact Pam Ford if you'd like to help out at the conference.



Redlands STEM Conference

The Redlands STEM Conference for 8th Grade Girls, held on the University of Redlands campus, is set to take place on Wednesday, March 1. The committee is still recruiting conference workshop speakers – women whose jobs make use of their education and expertise in STEM subjects. If you or someone you know is interested in this opportunity to inspire young minds, please contact Kathryn Brown or Pam Ford. To volunteer for as a Guide or Host for the Redlands conference, please contact Linda Browning, Patty Ahearn or Sally Trost.

The Tech Trek 2022-2023 program has officially started

What is Tech Trek? *Through hands-on problem solving and encounters with women role models in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), AAUW Tech Trek helps girls see their futures while having non-stop fun.*



Tech Trek CA had its official kickoff meeting for all the branches mid-November. We are pleased to announce that both Whittier College and UC San Diego will be hosting on-campus residential Tech Trek camps next summer.

Our branch Tech Trek Committee met for a pre-planning session late October, and we are busy preparing marketing materials for the schools and for fundraising. We currently work with one school in each district that we serve: Redlands, Beaumont, Banning & Yucaipa/Calimesa. In January the TechTrek team will move forward with plans to review applications and interview 7th Grade girls for placement at the week-long AAUW CA sponsored 2023 residential summer camps. Our goal for this year is to be able to send 16 girls to camp from the four schools. How many girls accepted depends on the number of reservations AAUW Redlands is allocated and fundraising. The cost for the weeklong camp is about \$1,000 per camper. (We should soon have the exact cost for this year). Donations can be specified for Tech Trek or STEM Initiatives, which support both Conferences and Tech Trek. If you are a member of a club or organization you think might be interested in donating and would like additional information, please contact Denise Westcott or Theresa Lantz.

Diversity Equity Inclusion / Racial Justice



The DEI / Racial Justice group was involved in three events recently. First, we set up an AAUW table at the Homecoming Tent of the University of Redlands School of Education on October 22, where we met some of the people involved in their Leadership for Educational Justice Program. Then, on October 29, a group of us attended the LWV "Citizens of Achievement" awards event that Twillea Carthen organized. Among this year's honorees were several people of color, and the San Bernardino-Riverside alumnae chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, founded at Howard University. It was a great opportunity to network with women from San Bernardino! On November 1, we had a table in the cultural style of Dia de los Muertos, displaying the festive Mexican colors and joyful skulls celebrating the memory of our own members who had passed away in the last year (photos on next page).

Participating in community celebrations is something we hope will promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in our community!

~Ellen Guenbaum, DEI chair



Dia de los Muertos

"It's an important cultural holiday. And as I have learned more and more, I think it's more than just a Mexican-American holiday. I think it speaks to all people. All cultures should revere their ancestors."

*Don McCue
Smiley Library Director*

*Erica Wilson, Donita Remington
and Ellen Gruenbaum*



BACKPACKS/SUPPLIES FOR STUDENTS IN NEED

950 backpacks filled with supplies donated by the community were distributed August 7, 2022. In their Fall 2022 newsletter (attached), Micah House thanks their many community sponsors including our AAUW Redlands Branch.



Lobby Days are Here Again....

Ginny Hatfield, AAUW California Public Policy Committee Member

Save the Dates **March 21st** and **March 22nd** are the AAUW CA scheduled Lobby Days, so mark your calendars and be sure to sign up to participate when our Lobby Day registration arrives in your January mailbox.

Advocating for our top 3 priority bills is fundamental to achieving our legislative priorities by addressing economic security for all women, providing equal access to public education, and insuring social and racial justice for all members of society. We need all members on board and will be counting on you to reach out to our elected officials in the CA legislature.

Our Public Policy Committee will make it easy for you to do so. This year, instead of a full week, Lobby Day will consist of two days and will occur while the Legislature is in session, not on break. Hopefully, this will provide more opportunity to actually speak with a member in lieu of a staffer. Our plans are to make it hybrid – virtual and in-person. Those branches in and around Sacramento would have the option of in-person meetings at the Capitol with the remaining branches meeting virtually or in-person with staffers in the district. So there is a bit more flexibility this year as the committee feels it's beneficial to establish relationships with our elected leaders' local staff.

Our AAUW legislative Advocate will be scheduling meetings with the member offices willing to participate, and once you return your Lobby Day survey, the committee will begin to assemble branch participants and match them with Assembly and Senate districts in order to assign teams. We will provide you with material on the bills we are supporting and have scheduled a mandatory training webinar for March 20th, so you'll have the information at your fingertips. If you have participated in Lobby Day in the past, we would love to hear from you on what worked and what didn't, please send your comments to publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org.

Lobby Day is our chance to make a concerted impact on the priorities and values we, as AAUW members, hold dear. It brings out the "advocates" in all us for improving the economic and educational lives of women and girls. And goodness knows, we need that commitment now more than ever. So mark those calendars and join us on Lobby Day/s.

AAUW FUND

Since 1888, AAUW has been one of the largest funders of women's graduate education....investing in women who go on to be leaders in business, government, community activism, academia and the arts and sciences. AAUW is providing 6 million dollars to more than 329 fellows and grantees in 2022-2023. These exceptional recipients can pursue academia without the burden of massive debt. Some current funding opportunities are: American and International Fellowships, Career Development Grants, and research Publication Grants in Engineering, Medicine, and Science. A recipient of one of these grants/fellowship will be our speaker at our February branch meeting.

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to this important cause by logging on to: www.aauw.org/contribute by December 31. Donations will also be taken at our February Branch Meeting.

~Mary Lou Guerrero and Marilyn Shankar

Public Policy News

2021-22 Legislative Session Closes with Big Wins for AAUW California

Kathi Harper, Chair of the AAUW California Public Policy Committee

At the stroke of midnight on Sept. 30, 2022, the 2021-22 legislative session officially came to a close as it marked the Governor's deadline for signing or vetoing bills. The AAUW California Public Policy Committee is pleased to announce that we achieved a 70 percent success rate on the bills on our legislative agenda, and 25 of our 36 bills are now law, including seven of our eight top priority bills. The following is a brief synopsis, by each pillar of our Public Policy Priorities:

Economic Security for All Women: Eight of our bills were signed by the Governor, one was vetoed, and one died in the Legislature. The most significant bill under this pillar was AB (Assembly Bill) 92, which we co-sponsored. AB 92 was introduced in 2020, and became a 2-year bill, which is why it remained on this year's agenda. This bill originally sought a 1-year waiver of supplemental child-care fees for low-income families, with a request for a sliding scale to be applied thereafter. In his 2021 budget, Gov. Newsom included \$120 million for two years' worth of waivers. The bill was then amended to request an additional year of waivers through October 2024, with a sliding scale to then be implemented. Unfortunately, the amended bill was vetoed; however, we are still proud of the work we did to get those two years of waivers in the budget, so we still consider it a win!

Equal Access to Quality Public Education for All Students: Six of these bills were signed by the Governor, one was vetoed, one was approved by the Legislature (no signature required), and two died in the Legislature. Of particular note under this pillar are three of our top priority bills: AB 1968--which requires campuses to develop and post uniform guidelines for reporting sexual assault; AB 2881--which provides additional support for college students with dependent children; and AJR 23 (Assembly Joint Resolution)--a Title IX 50th Anniversary Proclamation.

Social and Racial Justice for All Members of Society: Eight of these bills were signed by the Governor, one was vetoed, one was incorporated by the Governor into an Executive Order, one was approved by the Legislature and two died in the Legislature. We saw success on all four of our top priority bills in this area: AB 1666--which provides protection for those from other states seeking abortions in California, as well as for those providing services here, from the enforcement of a related civil judgment from their home state; SB (Senate Bill) 523--which requires insurance coverage for over-the-counter contraceptive products; SB 1375--which allows certified nurse-practitioners to perform some early-term abortions; and SCA (Senate Constitutional Amendment) 10. SCA 10 was introduced in the Senate as a measure to place a constitutional amendment on the November ballot to enshrine in the California Constitution the right to an abortion and to contraception. When this measure passed in the Senate, it became Proposition 1.

To see the results of all the bills on our 2021-22 legislative agenda, check out our webpage for a full agenda summary, here: <https://www.aauw-ca.org/documents/2022/10/results-of-2021-22-legislative-session.pdf/>, or to view our Bill Tracker, here: <https://www.aauw-ca.org/documents/2022/10/bill-tracking.pdf/>

AAUW Presents Candidate Forums Before November Election

On October 12, AAUW Redlands' Public Policy Committee put on two candidate forums back-to-back in conjunction with the University of Redlands Political Science Department's Public Policy Program.

That's not the way we wanted to do it. But University of Redlands' Casa Loma Room has very limited availability this semester.

Our co-sponsor, Political Science Department Public Policy Chair Renee Van Vechten, was able to secure two nights, but one of them turned out to be the Jewish High Holy Day of Yom Kippur, which would have meant some candidates and some voters would not have been able to attend.

So if we wanted to hold them before the Nov. 8 election, they would have to be on the same night.

We started at 6 p.m. with the Redlands City Council Candidate Forum. About 80 people attended, hearing from all seven council candidates for the three open seats (even the mayor, who is unopposed, took part to face voters and answer questions).

About 80 people also attended the second forum for both open Congressional seats that, since redistricting, represent Redlands and surrounding communities.

Three of the four Congressional candidates attended. Incumbent Pete Aguilar could not attend because the House Select Committee investigating the January 6 riot, of which he is a member, had scheduled its last public hearing the next day, so he had to be in Washington.

The 23rd and 33rd Congressional Districts go beyond the borders of Redlands to portions of San Bernardino, Highland, Rialto, Fontana, Grand Terrace, Rancho Cucamonga, Loma Linda, Colton, and Yucaipa, as well as the mountain and High Desert communities of San Bernardino County.

The rules were the same for both forums: Moderators would ask questions they had prepared on topics relevant to the offices sought; none of the candidates would have access to the questions in advance.

The moderators were:

Renee Van Vechten, Chair of the Public Policy Program in the Political Science Department at U of R, and Fletcher Jones Endowed Chair in American Politics and Policy; Dorene Isenberg, Professor Emerita of Economics at U of R; Cassie MacDuff, former columnist for the Press Enterprise, and currently Chair of the AAUW-Redlands Public Policy Committee.

At each of the two forums, the moderators asked their prepared questions, and then written questions submitted by audience members were read by the moderators and answered by the candidates.

Doing two full candidate forums in one night was grueling, but a half-hour break was taken in between to give candidates an opportunity to mingle with voters (and the moderators a chance to catch their breath).

The purpose of these two events was to give voters perhaps an opportunity to see the candidates in person answering questions extemporaneously on a level playing field and to enable voters to decide whom to support based on more information than what they can glean from campaign mailers and the occasional news story.

~Cassie MacDuff, Public Policy Chair



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Kelsey Gormley

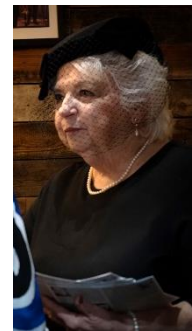
Moderators:
Renee Van Vechten,
Dorene Isenberg,
Cassie MacDuff



University of Redlands
President Krista Newkirk
welcomes guests.

2022 Footlighters Event: *The Mousetrap*

A beautiful autumn sunset welcomed AAUW Redlands members and friends as we gathered for our annual Footlighters Theater Mission- AAUW Fund benefit event on October 20. Pre-performance attendees enjoyed sipping wine while sampling a delicious array of fruit, cheeses, and chocolates, followed by homemade cookies and coffee during intermission. The Footlighters staging of *The Mousetrap*, the award-winning Agatha Christie mystery, was very well received and kept the audience guessing until the end.



November Branch Meeting



Speaker
Judy Cannon



Program Coordinator
Eileen Sanbourn



"College Honors Institute at
Crafton Hills College"

November Branch Meeting: NYMS Holiday Boutique



Hiking Our Hills and Mountains

The October Saturday Hike was a beautiful walk. We began at the new University of Redlands Train Station and then walked through the south side of the university campus, Sally Trost, U of R Alum, was our guide pointing out various buildings. We toured through LaFourcade Community Garden behind the Admin building. We continued east of the campus and picked up the Orange Blossom Trail and the Zanja Trail.

Kathy Toister

Everyone is welcome to join our monthly Saturday hikes.

Branch Meetings 2022-2023

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



Bo Golson, Karen Watkins, Lori Powell, Pam Ford, Sally Trost, Susan Shodahl, listening to a story by Kathryn Brown in front of the Administration building.



Abe Bidaki, Linda Bidaki, Donita Remington, Pam Ford, Krista Moreno, Karen Watkins, Susan Hodges, Julie Hernandez, Kathy Toister, Susan Shodahl, Pam Ong, Susan Bangasser, Sally Trost, Bo Golson, Lori Powell
Front row: Kathryn Brown (and Curry), Alison Rodriguez and Marion Golson

International Fellowship

Xiaozhou Ji



Award Year: 2022-23

Award: International Fellowship

Institution: Stanford University

Citizenship: China

Location: Stanford, California

Discipline: Chemistry

Degree and Specialization: Postdoctoral, Polymer chemistry

Xiaozhou Ji is a postdoctoral chemist with a research focus on organic semiconducting materials. Currently, she works in Professor Zhenan Bao's group in the department of chemical engineering at Stanford University. During the grant year, she will continue work on developing liquid-like semiconducting polymers and investigating their potential as high-performance soft electronics materials.

Sponsors:

1804 - Grace Victoria Young

4217 - Redlands (CA) Branch

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 Xiazhou Ji*