

# Branches and Twigs

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*AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.*

## President's Corner, Patricia Stubbs



Ah, December, a month of holidays and celebrations, both religious and secular. Celebrate, celebrate! It's a cold, dark month pushing to the end of 2022. I am hoping your celebrations light up the dark spots. The singing group, *Rhymes With Orange*, performed at our dinner and were spectacular. Our own Heather Abushanab was out with a sore throat so wasn't able to perform. Maybe we can get her to sing for us another time. Dinner and company were wonderful with 80 members and guests in attendance. If you were unable to attend, we hope to see you next time.

Kay Dobbartin donated prizes, and we had a small fundraiser with a raffle. Thank you Kay. Fund raising has been on our minds as *Footlighters* didn't raise what it usually did. If you have any good fundraiser ideas, especially if the money is raised from other than our members, email me.

Our Branch has adopted the AAUW CA program, Gov Trek, for junior and senior high school girls to expose them to careers in public service and elected office (*article on page 6*). We have made strides, and with every election women in politics numbers improve; however, we are still underrepresented. Thank you, Cassie MacDuff and Public Policy for heading up this effort. More news will follow. (*continued on page 3*)

## January Branch Meeting

### *University of Redlands President Krista Newkirk*



Krista L. Newkirk is the 12th president of the University of Redlands.

During her first year, she oversaw the launch of the University's School of Business & Society, a first-of-its-kind school that prepares students with critical business concepts and skills to be effective in the new era of business within a societal context.

To advance affordability and accessibility at the University, Newkirk implemented the Redlands Promise campaign, which guarantees an in-state tuition cost of \$22,000 or less for admitted College of Arts and Sciences students with a 3.5 GPA or higher.

She also successfully completed the University's comprehensive \$200 million *Forever Yours* fundraising campaign, raising a record-breaking \$207.2 million, thanks to many generous gifts from Bulldogs and friends. The campaign aims to preserve and enhance every significant aspect of the Redlands experience for many generations of future Bulldogs.

Her future plans for the University include enhancing the student experience, led in part by a new student-focused strategic plan. She also aims to build upon the University's recent designation as a Hispanic Serving Institution.

Newkirk came to Redlands from South Carolina, where she was president of Converse University. Under her leadership, Converse developed an innovative strategic plan, launched its first doctoral degree program, expanded its master's degree offerings, and reorganized the institution to open a coeducational residential college alongside its traditional women's college.

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## January Branch Meeting

### When

Saturday  
January 14, 2023  
Social 9:00 am  
Brunch 9:30 am  
Program 10:15 am

### Where

University of Redlands  
**CASA LOMA Room**

### Menu

Breakfast Buffet:  
Scrambled eggs, bacon,  
breakfast potatoes, fruit,  
muffins

### Cost

Members and guests: \$25

### Reservations

Please call 909-362-4955  
or email  
[rsvpmeeting@aauw-redlands-ca.org](mailto:rsvpmeeting@aauw-redlands-ca.org) by  
Wednesday, January 4.  
After January 4,  
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.**

## Branch Meetings 2022-2023

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

BRUNCH RESERVATION DEADLINE for JANUARY 14 meeting is Wednesday, January 4				January 2023		
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 1pm Bridge	5 1:30 pm Tech Trek Mtg	6	7 9 am STEM Redlands Mtg
8 6 pm California Cuisine 1	9	10	11 9am CHAT	12 PASS STEM Conference 7pm DEI	13	14 9am Branch Mtg
15 5:30 pm California Cuisine 2	16 1pm Bridge 6:30pm AAUW Board Mtg.	17 4pm College/Univ Partnership 6pm Adult Literacy Tutor Orientation	18 TBD Hiking 12pm I Am, Therefore I Think	19 7pm Racial Justice	20	21
22	23	24 7pm Public Policy	25 1pm Bunko	26 1pm, 4pm & 7pm Reading & the Rainbow	27	28 10am SEIBC TBD Hiking
29	30	31	Save the Dates			
			First Week of March, Mon. & Wed. Great Decisions Wed. Mar. 1 Redlands STEM Conference			
<b>Adult Literacy Tutor Orientation (see page 6)</b> 1/17 Assembly Room, AK Smiley Public Library ~Diane Shimota 909-798-7565 ext 4138 <a href="mailto:literacy@akspl.org">literacy@akspl.org</a>			<b>Hiking Our Hills &amp; Mountains,,(continued from column 1)</b> ~Kathy Toister ~Erica Wilson			
<b>AAUW Redlands Board Meeting</b> 1/16 6:30 pm Zoom ~Patricia Stubbs			<b>I Am, Therefore I Think</b> 1/18 "Roe, Roe, Roe your Vote..." facilitator: Lisa McCarty Meets 12 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church Lounge (Rooms 6-8) 419 South 4 <sup>th</sup> Street, Redlands. ~Barbara Simmons ~Margee Fuller			
<b>Bridge Groups</b> 3rd Monday @ 1pm, 1st Wednesday @ 1pm, ~Contact coordinator Dorothy Nordquist			<b>Public Policy</b> 1/24 7pm ~Cassie MacDuff <a href="#">c</a>			
<b>Bunko</b> 1/25 1pm ~Patty Ahearn			<b>Reading and the Rainbow</b> 1/26 <i>The Rose Code</i> by Kate Quinn 1pm Live Session (need co-host), 4pm Self facilitated Zoom session, 7pm Live Session (need facilitator) ~Amy Bisek ~Kathryn Brown ~Valarie Boone			
<b>California Cuisine and Conversation I</b> 1/8 6pm host & address will be sent by email. ~Kathy Toister			<b>Southeast Interbranch Council (see page 6.)</b> 1/28 10am ~Patty Ahearn			
<b>California Cuisine and Conversation 2</b> 1/15 5:30pm ~Patty Ahearn			<b>AAUW Redlands STEM Initiatives</b> <b>Redlands STEM Committee Meetings:</b> <b>Redlands STEM Conference:</b> 1/7 9am committee meeting at Kathryn Brown's home <b>Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at University of Redlands</b> ~Kathryn Brown ~Pam Ford			
<b>CHAT Meeting</b> 1/11 9am Assembly Room, AK Smiley PL ~Katherine Gifford 909-798-7565 ext 4138 <a href="mailto:literacy@akspl.org">literacy@akspl.org</a>			<b>Pass STEM Conference:</b> Thursday, January 12, 2023 at Mt. San Jacinto College ~Pam Ford ~Theresa Lantz			
<b>College/University Partnership</b> <b>1-17 Zoom</b> ~Susan Bangasser ~Pam Ford			<b>Tech Trek Planning Meeting:</b> 1/5 1:30pm Denise Westcott's 1706 Brittney Rd, Beaumont ~Denise Westcott ~Theresa Lantz			
<b>Diversity, Equity &amp; Inclusion / Racial Justice</b> 1/12 DEI 7pm Zoom 1/19 Racial Justice 7pm Zoom ~Ellen Gruenbaum ~Erica Wilson ~Donita Remington						
<b>Hiking Our Hills &amp; Mountains (continues on column 2)</b> USUALLY 3rd Wednesday and 4th Saturday. Contact Erica and Kathy to be added to distribution list.						

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

Starting January 4, all our branch activities are in full swing: California Cuisine 1 and 2, Bridge, College/University Partnership, DEI, Hiking, Bunco, I am Therefore I think, Public Policy, Reading the Rainbow (*The Rose Code*, wonderful book), and Chat. The Pass STEM conference is January 12 at Mt. San Jacinto College, and volunteers are needed. Planning for the Redlands STEM conference and Tech Trek are ongoing.

Be sure to check out your *Branches and Twigs* as it's packed with information and answers most of your questions. Check your spam folder if you aren't getting it in your email. Be familiar with your small but mighty pink yearbook. It answers so many questions.

Remember if you would like a ride to one of our events, contact Susan Miller or contact the leader of the group you want to attend. We'll get you there!!

I listed our next Board meeting incorrectly on the Branch agenda. The January Board Meeting is January 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30, Zoom. The January Branch meeting is Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 9 am.

Happy Holidays and best wishes for a fabulous New Year, 2023.

~Tricia Stubbs, President

Redlands Branch AAUW

*In the future, there will be no female leaders. There will just be leaders.*

*Sheryl Sandberg, (Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead)*



## President Newkirk *continued from page 1*

Before Converse, Newkirk served as chief of staff and legal counsel at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte, where she assisted the chancellor, managed large-scale projects, and provided legal advice to leadership. Newkirk worked for several years as an attorney in private practice and a Fortune 300 company before moving to higher education.

An avid trail runner and animal lover, Newkirk spent her formative years on a cattle ranch in Missouri and received her law degree from the College of William & Mary in Virginia. She and her husband, W. Lewis (Lew) Glenn III, have two sons and two dogs.

~Sally Trost

## Hospitality Birthday Club

**Happy Birthday to All!** This month we will celebrate not only our January birthdays but also those in July. We celebrate both January and July this month because we don't meet in July, and we don't want to leave anyone out.

### January Birthdays:

Sheron Bealer	Jessie Powell
Kim Cousins	Lori Powell
Mercedes Gifford	Laura Ruml
Rosa Gomez	Susan Satzger
Stephanie Harlan	Shelli Stockton
Samantha McVeigh	Andrea Woodruff
Carole Nagengast	Bev Woolverton
	Jenny Zorn



### July Birthdays:

Judy Adams	Viktoria Norberg
Linda Adams	Pam Ong
Debbie Brown	Patsy Oppenheim
Sue Ferguson	Barbara Pike
Yvette Guidry	Cathy Schilling
Heidi Hutchinson	Barbara Simmons
Becky Johnston	Anne Viricel
Ann Leonard	Susan Wong

**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 **February newsletter** will be **January 5th**. Send your articles to the editor via email to [news@aaauw-redlands-ca.org](mailto:news@aaauw-redlands-ca.org)





### January 12 @ Pass STEM Conference

Help is needed for members to be hosts or guides for the STEM Conference at Mt. San Jacinto College on Thursday, January 12, 2023.

**Hosts**>> You do not introduce the speakers or need to contact the speakers before the event.

**Guides**>> There will be only a small amount of walking. Mt. San Jacinto is a small campus and buildings are close to one another.

You will check in at 10:00 am and may leave by 1:30pm. Lunch provided. Carpooling is available. Please contact Patty Ahearn to volunteer. Patty will send a map from Redlands to MSJC & a campus map.



### 2022 AAUW Art Contest Winner

Our own Denise Westcott was one of the six winning entries in the 2022 AAUW art

contest. Her *"My Iris Garden"* was featured in the collection of six notecards AAUW members received last spring.



### The 2023 AAUW Art Contest

Hello AAUW Redlands "artist" members!

The 2023 Art Contest information has not been posted on the AAUW National website, but submissions are usually four weeks beginning in early January.

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/initiatives/art-contest/>

In the art world women are underrepresented and undervalued. Only a third of artists represented by commercial galleries are women, and women working in arts professions are paid on average 74 cents to every dollar paid to men. This is what motivates AAUW to host an annual art contest—to give women artists the attention they deserve.



AAUW national membership dues are \$67, of which \$64 is tax deductible as a charitable contribution. The remaining \$3 is not tax deductible because it supports the AAUW Action Fund's section 501(c)(4).



## YMCA Holiday Home Tour: Many Thanks!

Many thanks to the AAUW members that volunteered to serve as docents at the 2022 YMCA Holiday Home Tour. What a pleasure it was to work with all of you!!!! As usual your enthusiasm and holiday spirit was evident to all that toured the Driessnack home. The Driessnack home with the festive decorations and beautiful views was a definite hit with the tour guests. 40+ AAUW members made up the volunteer



team. We particularly want to thank our full-day volunteers, Jan Negron, Nerni Miller, Marion Golson, Kipi Wilson Lee, and Valarie Boone. Your flexibility and help throughout the day was much appreciated. Many thanks also to Jan Negron and Pam Ford for carpooling our docents to and from their cars to the Driessnack home. We appreciate your willingness to volunteer your time during the busy holiday season to support YMCA Legal Aid.

Sincerely,

Linda Browning and Ann Leonard





**Nancy Yowell Memorial Scholarship  
application window is now open!**

The AAUW - Redlands Branch is accepting applications from women with previous college experience, whose schooling was interrupted and who have now returned to school to complete their degree program. The applicant must reside within the Redlands AAUW Branch region. The area served by the Redlands Branch includes Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Cherry Valley, Grand Terrace, Highland, Loma Linda, Mentone, Redlands, and Yucaipa. The selected recipient(s) should have clearly defined educational goals and should be currently enrolled in an associate's, bachelor's or post-graduate degree program. The scholarship awards will be in the amount of \$1,000 for students enrolled in an associate's degree program and in the amount of \$2,000 for students enrolled in a bachelor's or post-graduate program.

**<https://redlands-ca.aauw.net/projects/scholarships-2/>**

Applications may be mailed or emailed to:  
AAUW - Redlands Branch, Nancy Yowell Memorial  
Scholarship, PO Box 7678, Redlands, CA 92375-0678  
Or may be emailed to Keita Wangari

For further information please contact Keita Wangari.

## Adult Literacy

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](mailto:literacy@akspl.org)



## Want more women in political power?

AAUW Redlands is offering 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.

Gov Trek 2023 volunteers needed! Be a part of it! Help us close the gender gap in politics.

~Cassie MacDuff, Public Policy chair



## Southeast IBC

Date: January 28, 2023, at 10 am via Zoom

You are invited to a webinar meeting January 28th for the AAUW Southeast Interbranch Council of California. The Southeast Interbranch Council, SEIBC, is comprised of the 9 branches in the Inland Empire. We meet on Zoom three times a year to listen to a presentation from a national, state, or local AAUW speaker. The meeting agenda also includes reports on what the 9 branches are doing.

The January 28<sup>th</sup> speaker is Mary Isaac, AAUW Director of Teck Trek for the state of California. She will present up-to-date information and materials for 2023. A question and answer session will follow.

Please mark this meeting on your calendar.

Contact the Chair of the Southeast IBC, Patty Ahearn for the link or questions.

## Speech Trek



*Katelyn Marcellini, Adrian Baek, Edric Wood*

Adrian Baek, a Junior at Redlands High School, took first place in the November 7th, AAUW Redlands Speech Contest. The event was held at the Contemporary Club in Redlands. A. K. Smiley Library and Toastmasters International were co-sponsors.

Adrian won the first place prize of \$300, Edric Wood won the second place prize of \$200, and Katelyn Marcellini won the third place prize of \$100.

Adrian's video will be submitted on YouTube to AAUW CA State Selection Committee. If Adrian is one of the top three selected by the committee, he will be invited to present his speech at the AAUW CA State Conference in the Spring. The winner of the AAUW CA speech trek contest will receive \$1,500.

Adrian will be invited to present his winning speech at one of our branch meetings.

~Patty Ahearn, Speech Trek Chair



## TECH TREK CELEBRATES ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2023

We are excited that our Tech Trek in-person camps at Whittier College and UCSD will be available for 7th grade girls this year after 3 years of only Virtual Tech Trek camps due to the Covid pandemic. This month we will get nominations from the science and math teachers in 4 school districts. The nominees will then begin the application process, which includes writing their essay and interviews with our committee. The girls and their parents can also choose to attend the Virtual Tech Trek camp. The cost for each girl is \$500 for the virtual camp and \$1,000 for a week at the in-person camp.

Let's make this 25th anniversary year special and send as many girls as possible to Tech Trek 2023 STEM Camp. Donate at our January 14th Branch meeting where we plan on showing a short video of the Trekkers enjoying their learning experience at the 2019 Tech Trek at the UC San Diego campus where we had 7 out of 10 girls attend. At our January 14th Branch meeting we will have a donation table and more information on each dining table. If you can't make it to the January 14th meeting and you would like to support Tech Trek, please make checks payable to AAUW Redlands with "Tech Trek" on the memo line.

~Denise Westcott, Branch coordinator for Tech Trek 2023

Mail to:

AAUW STEM INITIATIVES  
PO Box 11883  
San Bernardino, CA 92423

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## Conversation Helps Adults Transition

The CHAT Program matches AAUW volunteers with second language adult learners who want to practice their conversational English.

~Katherine Gifford & Trudy Waldron 909-798-7565, ext. 4138,

### November CHAT Tour of Lincoln Shrine

Maria Carrillo provided a wonderful tour for the seventeen members.

### December CHAT Holiday Potluck







## December Branch Meeting

### *Rhymes With Orange*





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## Elections Finally Over – How'd We Do in '22?

Kathi Harper, Public Policy Chair, AAUW California

The election is finally over! In addition to an end to the non-stop requests for donations, AAUW members can be pretty happy with the results. Here are a few highlights:

- 1 woman each was added to the U.S. House and the U.S. Senate, bringing the numbers to 124 (H) and 25 (S)
- Of the total of 149, 54 are women of color
- We lost the most powerful woman in government (Nancy Pelosi) but still have a woman on the Minority leadership team, Minority Whip Katherine Clark
- Governors of 12 states are now women
- 23% of all mayors across the nation are women, including our brand new and **first** female mayor of Los Angeles, Karen Bass
- 20 women won new seats in the California Legislature and 30 female incumbents were re-elected, bringing the total to 50 – but still just 42%
- All executive positions in California except Governor are filled by women, including Secretary of State, Lieutenant Governor, Treasurer, and Controller, as well as the Senate Pro Tem
- Proposition 1 prevailed and women's right to control their own reproductive choices is now enshrined in our constitution.

And here are some fun facts:

- Only 3.2% of all members of Congress to date have been women
- California has sent more women to Congress than any other state – a total of 47 to date
- Vermont is the only state that has never sent a woman to either the House or the Senate

The State Public Policy committee thanks each and every AAUW California member who voted, who assisted in our Voter Education (VE) campaign by spreading our messages on social media, who took the pledge to vote for Prop 1 (we had 437 sign up!), and who worked within their branches to do their own VE events.

For a more detailed analysis of the election results, visit <https://www.aauw-ca.org/got-voter-fatigue/>

## December BUNKO

R-L-C winner  
Jan Negron

