

# Branches and Twigs

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## President's Corner, Marilyn Shankar

Hello,

I hope you are having a great summer – doing what makes you happy and relaxed. Although Redlands AAUW doesn't have branch meetings in July and August, many members and committees are hard at work preparing for 2023-2024 to be another amazing year. Thanks to all of you dedicated and hardworking ladies that have been actively working this summer to make this next year a success.

We will not be having the Footlighters event or the Lunafest film festival this year. Efforts are in the works to replace these with other events that will bring in revenue from the community for our ongoing projects. Stay tuned.

Heather and I want you to know what we are striving for this year. Our first goal is to build our leadership team. We ask that all chairs of committees, and those with a significant role within them, have a co-chair or assistant that can be learning the responsibilities of the position she is shadowing. Secondly it is important that all our projects and events consider Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging in the planning.

Lastly, we wish to emphasize that board meetings are open to all. The September Board meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> will be our last totally virtual meeting. Starting in October the meetings will be held in person at Redlands United Church of Christ on Bellevue Ave. Redlands branch members will also have access on Microsoft teams for these future meetings.

Hope to see you all at our September Branch meeting where the NCCWSL attendees will speak about their time in Maryland.

~Marilyn

## September Branch Meeting

**When:** Tuesday,  
September 12, 2023  
Social 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner 6:00 p.m.  
Program 6:45 p.m.

**Where:** Casa Loma Room  
University of Redlands

**Menu:** Baby Spinach Salad  
with Bacon on the side,  
Grilled Lemon Rosemary  
Chicken, Fresh Herbed  
Vegetables, Roasted New  
Potatoes, Rolls & Butter, Oreo  
Blondies, Coffee & Tea

**Cost:** Members and  
guests--\$30

**Reservations:** Please call  
909-362-4955 or email  
[AAUWrsvp@AAUWRedlands.org](mailto:AAUWrsvp@AAUWRedlands.org)  
by Saturday, September  
2, 2023. After September 2,  
reservations will be on a  
space-available basis. **After  
registering, you will receive  
a confirmation via email.**  
**Reminder:** A reservation  
made is a reservation paid.

**Transportation:** Call  
Susan Miller 951-233-1287 or  
Patricia Stubbs 909-289-9183

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

## Branch Meetings 2023-2024

Saturday, October 7, 2023  
Saturday, November 4, 2023  
Tuesday, December 5, 2023  
Tuesday, January 9, 2024  
Saturday, February 3, 2024  
Tuesday, March 5, 2024  
Saturday, April 13, 2024  
Tuesday, May 7, 2024  
Saturday, June 1, 2024


## September Branch Meeting: Dr. Tony Mueller U of R's Community Service Learning



Welcome to the first Program of our 2023-24 year! I am excited to share that Dr. Tony Mueller, founding Director of Community Service Learning at the University of Redlands, will start the year off for us. Many of you are aware of what a wonderful man Dr.

Mueller is and know him as "My friend, Tony!" If you haven't met him yet, you'll *leave* this meeting knowing your "New friend, Tony!" With the opening of the new academic year coinciding with our meeting, I was hoping Tony wasn't already "booked." His immediate reply to my request was "I am happy to do so, Eileen – and thank you for asking me. I've got it on my calendar. If there is a stipend, please return it to the organization as I know they do great work and are invaluable to the Redlands community." Please make every effort to attend this meeting to hear Dr. Mueller (My friend, Tony) and hear about the program he founded here at the University of Redlands over 38 years ago. It is very much in alignment with what the AAUW Redlands branch accomplishes. A more detailed resume of his accomplishments is on page 3.

~Warmly, Eileen Sanborn, Programs VP

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Saturday, September 2nd RESERVATION DEADLINE for September 12 Dinner Meeting</b> <i>After September 2nd dinner reservations will be made on a space-available basis.</i>						
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3	4 	5	6 1pm Bridge	7 7pm DEI	8	9 9am STEM
10	11 6:30pm AAUW Board Mtg.	12 5:30pm <u>Branch Meeting</u>	13 6pm CHAT	14	15	16
17 9am-1pm VIBE Festival	18 1pm Bridge	19	20 <u>TBD Hiking</u> 12pm I Am, Therefore I Think	21 7pm Racial Justice	22	23 TBD Hiking
24	25	26 7pm Public Policy	27 1pm Bunko	28 1pm, 4pm & 7pm Reading & the Rainbow	29	30 10am SEIBC
<b>AAUW Redlands Board Meeting</b> 9/11 6:30pm Zoom ~Heather Abushanab ~Marilyn Shankar  <b>Bridge Groups</b> 3rd Monday @ 1pm, 1st Wednesday @ 1pm, ~Contact coordinator Dorothy Nordquist  <b>Bunko</b> 9/27 1pm ~Patty Ahearn  <b>California Cuisine and Conversation 2</b> ~Patty Ahearn  <b>CHAT</b> 9/13 6pm AKSPL Assembly Room ~Katherine Gifford 909-798-7565, ext. 4138 <a href="mailto:literacy@akspl.org">literacy@akspl.org</a>  <b>Diversity, Equity &amp; Inclusion / Racial Justice</b> 9/7 DEI 7pm Zoom 9/21 Racial Justice 7pm Zoom ~Ellen Gruenbaum ~Erica Wilson ~Donita Remington  <b>Hiking Our Hills &amp; Mountains</b> USUALLY 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday and 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday Contact Erica and Kathy to be added to distribution list. ~Kathy Toister ~Erica Wilson  <b>I Am, Therefore I Think</b> 9/20 "My Educational Journey" Facilitator Kimberly Anderson. Meets 12pm at Trinity Episcopal Church				<b>I Am, Therefore I Think ~continued</b> Lounge (Rooms 6-8) 419 South 4 <sup>th</sup> Street, Redlands. ~Barbara Simmons ~Margee Fuller  <b>Public Policy</b> 9/26 7pm ~Cassie MacDuff  <b>Reading and the Rainbow</b> 9/28 <i>The Light We Carry</i> by Michele Obama Information on facilitator, host and co-host will be emailed. 1pm: Live Session, 4pm: Self facilitated Zoom session 7pm: Live Session ~Valarie Boone ~Patricia Stubbs ~Ellen Timothy  <b>STEM Initiatives</b> <b>PASS STEM Conference:</b> January 11, 2024 <b>Redlands STEM Conference:</b> February 28, 2024 <b>Redlands STEM conferences planning meeting</b> 9/9 9am at Kathryn Brown's home ~Kathryn Brown ~Pam Ford  <b>Tech Trek Committee</b> ~Denise Westcott ~Theresa Lantz  <b>Southeast Interbranch Council</b> 9/30 10am ~Barbara Armstrong  <b>VIBE Festival (see page 4)</b> 9/17 9am-1pm ~Kathryn Brown ~Amy Bisek		

## September Branch Meeting: Dr. Tony Mueller

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Tony Mueller has worked at the University of Redlands since 1985 and is the founding Director of Community Service Learning. He assisted the University of Redlands in receiving the Carnegie Foundations first-ever national classification in building community partnerships with non-profit agencies while providing academic service-learning experiences for students. The University of Redlands was one of five schools in the nation to receive the Honor Roll with distinction from the Cooperation of National and Community Service in Washington D.C. each year it was given for disaster relief and general community service. The University, and its students, have also received the White House's President's Award for Outstanding Service to Children.

Tony's doctorate is in educational justice where he researched the motivational factors of why college students perform service. He has received the Cultural Diversity Appreciation Award from the City of Redlands, the University of Redlands Presidential Award for Outstanding Administrator, the University Centennial Service Award, and he has been the recipient of the California Campus Compacts Richard E. Cone Award for Excellence and Leadership in Cultivating Community Partnerships in Higher Education.



### Membership Meeting Saturday, October 7, 8:45 a.m. Who Will You Invite as Guests?

Now is the time to consider which friends and colleagues you will invite to our October Membership Meeting at the University of Redlands. The RSVP deadline is September 26. Details about how to invite guests will be in next month's newsletter. Last year, we almost filled the Casa Loma room to capacity. Get your RSVPs in early so your guests won't miss out.

At this October Membership Meeting we'll showcase what AAUW is all about. Your guests will be awed by our community activism, the many interest groups they can participate in, and the great personal connections they can make if they join.

And if it's time to rejuvenate your own participation, this is a great meeting at which to sign up for some committees. YOU will make a real and substantial difference to women and girls in the Inland Empire only if you get involved. Do it. You'll be amazed at how powerful you can be.

*~Amy Bisek, Membership Vice President*

YOU HAVE  
THE POWER TO  
CHANGE SOMEONE'S  
LIFE THROUGH AN  
*Invitation.*

### 2023-2024 Redlands Branch Yearbook Updates Needed – Deadline September 12, 2023

- Member additions and changes since September 2022 are attached to the email edition of the September 2023 newsletter. If your information is NOT on the attached list, please review your member listing in the 2022-2023 little pink member yearbook.
- If your contact or educational information has changed, please provide your updated information to Marion Golson.
- If your membership expired August 31, 2023 or earlier, and you have not renewed, please renew by September 12, 2023, in order for your information to be included in the 2023-2024 yearbook.



## November 4<sup>th</sup> Branch Meeting HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE 2023-24

I know how surprising it must be to think about the AAUW Holiday Boutique while it's still so warm outside. Of course, professional women know that early planning is part of the job. Christmas comes early, so here we go....

Patricia Stubbs will manage the Holiday Boutique. So many people will be involved in creating beautiful home decor items for you. There will be herb baskets, framed artwork, custom-designed note cards, kitchen window boxes, wine and cheese baskets, jewelry, quilted items, and so much more. The NYMS scholarship group will have a sign-up sheet at the October 7 meeting. Please let us know what you want to make for the event, and also sign up to help with the show.

This year a beautiful Friendship Quilt, made by your friends from the new Sew What! interest group will be on display and ready for the bidding process. Also available will be another lovely quilt made and donated by one of our members. More details on both of these lovely sentimental items will come during the November 4 boutique.

Please contribute your spare jewelry and handbags. This is a table of particular interest for everyone. It drew a lot of attention last year. So many had fun at this table!

All proceeds from the Holiday Boutique go to the NYMS Scholarship Fund. The one thing we all have in common is a great sense of gratitude for our education. This is our chance to help other women get theirs. If you have any questions, contact Patricia Stubbs.

Christmas shop with us!

Thank you.



## Volunteers Needed to Represent AAUW Redlands



On Sunday, September 17, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. in Sylvan Park (601 N. University St, Redlands) our AAUW Redlands branch will participate as a vendor at the VIBE Health & Wellness Festival, an interactive educational experience for all ages showcasing trends and product innovations across a range of wellness domains. Participants can immerse themselves in a customizable day of health and wellness while enjoying the best the Inland Empire region has to offer in food, art, music, and wellness resources. It is co-sponsored by the

University of Redlands School of Education and the Alliance for Community Transformation and Wellness (ACTW), which was established in 2014 in response to the stigma associated with caring for our mental health and with the goal of engaging the Inland Empire in conversations about, and action toward, mental health and wellness. Its mission is to increase access to counseling, support services, and wellness education.

Volunteers are needed to represent AAUW Redlands at the event--to participate, please contact Kathryn Brown.

### Branch Officers:

**Co-Presidents:** Heather Abushanab & Marilyn Shankar, **Co-Communications Vice Presidents:** Priya Vedula & Keita Wangari, **Co-Hospitality Vice Presidents:** Joyce Katkov & Keller Iuppenlatz, **Program Vice President:** Eileen Sanborn, **Membership Vice President:** Amy Bisek (952-261-9908), **Secretary:** Marion Golson, **Treasurer:** Sue Ferguson, **At-Large Board Members:** Susan Bentley, Donita Remington, Kathy Warren

### B&T Submission:

The deadline for the **October newsletter** is **September 5th**. Send your articles to the editor via email to [news@AAUWRedlands.org](mailto:news@AAUWRedlands.org)





### **Volunteers needed for Membership Meeting - October 7.**

From event planning to hosting potential new members, a variety of roles are awaiting your assistance. Please contact Amy Bisek if you'd like to help.

### **STEM Conference Committee** (see page 7)

All those interested in learning more about what we do in advance of the conferences and how you might join this fun and interesting committee, please contact either co-chair: Pam Ford or Kathryn Brown.

### **Annual Member Yearbook Support**

If you have free time available in the next couple of months, please volunteer to help update, proof, print, and mail our annual member yearbook. We anticipate this project will be done by October, leaving you free to enjoy your fall. We are already updating our contact info and activities list, so a chunk of tasks is well on the way toward being done. This is a straightforward, quick project. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Amy Bisek.

### **Public Policy Committee** (see page 8)

There are lots of volunteer opportunities, so please consider joining the Redlands Public Policy Committee. Contact Cassie MacDuff for more information.

### **HAPPY September Birthdays**

Del Barrett	Sarah Hewitt
Linda Browning	Cassie MacDuff
Char Burgess	Sherri Kinsey
Beverly Cox	Linda Rowland
Karen Darnell	Barbara Switzer
Cheri Dawes	Sue Wallace
Katherine Gifford	Kathy Warren



### **Member News - Condolences**

In sympathy and friendship, we send our condolences to Kim Cousins on the loss of her father.

### **Need a ride to the Branch Meeting or an Interest Group?**

If you need a ride, we'll do our best to get you where you want to go.

AAUW is asking group leaders to be aware of who in their group might need a ride and who of your regular attendees would be able to help. If you need a ride to a branch meeting, please call Susan Miller or Tricia Stubbs. Susan and Tricia will try to pair the person who needs a ride with a member who lives near you.



### **Welcome New Members!!**

#### **Rachel Bentley**

Rachel grew up in Lake Elsinore, CA, leaving at age 18 to attend university and then graduate school at UCLA in Los Angeles. She lived in Los Angeles for a while and ended up settling in Loma Linda, CA, in 2007. Rachel has been working as a social worker for 20 years and currently is the Chief of Social Work at VA Loma Linda. She also serves as the Chair Elect on the VA National Social Work Graduate Education Committee and is the Social Work Co-Lead for VA VISN 22, which includes New Mexico, Arizona, Greater Los Angeles, Long Beach, San Diego, and Loma Linda VAs. Rachel teaches Military Social Work at Azusa Pacific University to students working on obtaining their Master in Social Work. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, attending musicals and ballets, movies, reading, and cat rescue. She is passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion and education.

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## College/University Partnership



### Student Leaders will Share at Sept. 12 Branch Meeting

Two students from the University of Redlands earned our scholarship to attend AAUW's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders at the University of Maryland in late May-early June. They are Katie Abesadze and Josephine Mayer. These two young women will be present at the branch meeting to tell us a bit about their experience. Be sure to greet them and be ready to hear about the things they learned.

We will also be happy to collect your donations for the coming year at this branch meeting. We are hoping to double our impact and send four students to NCCWSL in 2024. You can help to make that happen! Envelopes will be on our tables.

Thank you to the University of Redlands staff who assisted in recruiting and screening the applications for 2023. These include Monique Stennis, Maria Williams, Luke Gorham, and Nguyen Le. Marion Golson and Pam Ford were the AAUW members of the application committee.

*~Pam Ford & Susan Bangasser, Co-chairs  
College/University Partnership Committee*



## Update on Katie Zou



Katie Zou, who represented our branch in the statewide Gov Trek Program, is also beginning her senior year at RHS.

Katie has been working with Redlands Councilwoman Denise Davis (an AAUW-Redlands member) on her Redlands Youth Council, and taking part in speech and debate and academic decathlon.

Katie also is active in a number of campus clubs including the Asian Student Union and the Compact Club. She is also busy figuring out which colleges to apply to.

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## Welcome New Members!!

### Judy Cannon, Crafton Hills College C/U Partner Representative

Judy has lived in Redlands since 1986. Her husband, Bob, and she raised their three children in Redlands. Judy taught English classes at both San Bernardino Valley College and Crafton Hills College and has been the Coordinator of the College Honors Institute at Crafton since 2016. You may remember Judy as she was our branch meeting speaker in Nov 2022. She loves working with these amazing students! Other things Judy enjoys are traveling and reading.

### Jane Hooper

Jane is a retired corporate and education librarian with a Master's Degree in Library Science & Information Systems from the University of Missouri. She recently moved to Southern California and is seeking inquisitive, open-minded, friendly women with which to communicate. She lives in Beaumont. Jane is a long-time and active book club facilitator and member, quilter, and she formed and chaired the Education Committee at her previous active living community in Lacey, WA. In addition, Jane was the Tourism Coordinator for Historic Downtown Liberty MO. She has owned a Mystery Bookstore and English tearoom in Liberty MO called "Sherlock's Home."

### Debbie LeDoux

Debbie is happy to be re-joining AAUW and is looking forward to learning more about several of the new groups that have formed in the past few years. Kay Dobbartin is her sponsor, and she is grateful to her for her warm welcome back to AAUW.

Debbie retired in 2019 from Esri after 31 years as the Regional Office Administrator for California, Nevada, and Hawaii. She completed her Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies at the University of Redlands, and she is a member of the Whitehead Leadership Society.

Debbie served on the Boys and Girls Club Redlands Chapter (now part of the Inland Empire) Board of Directors for five years and was a member of American Business Woman's Association of Redlands for several years. She served on several committees for both organizations, including the Chocolate Fantasy, Technology and Marketing Committees for the Boys and Girls Club. She also served as ABWA Historian, Recording and Social Secretary.

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## Update on Adrian Baek

Adrian Baek, who won the Speech Trek contest, in June competed in the National Speech and Debate Tournament. He came in seventh nationwide.



In July, Adrian was excited to get a face-to-face meeting with our congressman, Rep. Pete Aguilar, D-Redlands. They discussed environmental policies, the work of a member of Congress, and youth voter turnout. Adrian plans to apply for an internship in Rep. Aguilar's district office this fall.

Adrian is starting his senior year at Redlands High School.

I'm so glad Adrian and Katie are keeping in touch and letting us know how they're doing. We can be proud of these fine Redlands young people.

~Cassie MacDuff, chair, Public Policy Committee



## DATES SET FOR 2024 STEM CONFERENCES

We have set Wednesday, February 28, 2024 for our annual Redlands STEM Conference for 8th Grade girls at the University of Redlands and Thursday, January 11, 2024 at Mt San Jacinto College (in San Jacinto) for the PASS Conference (Beaumont & Banning) area 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls. Our second organizational meeting for both conferences will take place at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning, September 9, at the home of committee co-chair Kathryn Brown. All those interested in learning more about what we do in advance of the conferences and how you might join this fun and interesting committee are welcome to attend. The conferences entail many different tasks, and all kinds of skill sets are needed. You need not be available to help in person on January 11 or February 28 to join the committee; we have plenty that needs to be accomplished before conference day! If you are interested but cannot attend, or if you have questions, please contact either co-chair: Pam Ford or Kathryn Brown.



## Quotes From 2023 Tech Trek Residential Camp Trekkers

**Redlands Branch sent 11 girls to residential camp this year. What a wonderful way to celebrate Tech Trek's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

"I enjoyed learning new things, like how to solder. It was super interesting. I also loved learning about circuits and interacting with professional STEM women. I loved learning about their experiences and success stories and HOPING AND HOPING to one day be able to share my story." Signed a future STEM professional.

"Tech Trek showed me that girls can work as hard as boys and do the same things boys can do."

"Thank you for giving me such an incredible opportunity to not only expand my knowledge of STEM but to actually be able to experience things. You allowed me to become more open minded and gave me a better understanding of STEM."

"Thank you for selecting me as a Tech Trek camper. To be honest, I did not really want to go to camp, but it turned out to be really cool and I loved it. Thank you for giving me this experience."

*Her mom also sent us a thank you text::*

*"Tech Trek has helped her already. Starting 8th grade she branched out at school & signed up to help incoming 6th graders and other things at school. Before Tech Trek, she would never have participated in something like that."*

"I learned so many things in Forensics, Physics, and Engineering and did fun activities like spattering blood and soldering a circuit board. From the bottom of my heart, thank you."

"Our field trip to Viasat was one of my favorite parts of the week. I met an inspiring woman in the profession I am considering. She works with tech planes, coding, and gets to travel the world. This camp inspired my interest in C-STEM, robotics and coding."

"I met so many friends, met so many amazing women, and ate delicious food. It was a life-changing experience. Thank you all for everything you did to get me here."

"I met some amazing women who have inspired me to follow my dreams. Aerospace, which was my core class is my dream. I want to thank our teacher Miss Ali for taking time out of her life to teach young women like us and AAUW for sending me here"

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## Looking for a New AAUW Redlands Volunteer Opportunity?

This is going to be an exciting year for the AAUW Redlands Public Policy Committee with the 2024 election coming up sooner than you might think.

Our committee plans to hold at least one candidate forum, possibly two, before the March 2024 primary. You can help get the word out, help reach out to the candidates, meet and greet them at the event, collect audience questions and help screen them to pass along to the moderator panel, and other volunteer roles.

If you enjoy meeting elected folks once they're in office, the Public Policy Committee also does that annually, talking to our representatives about legislation that AAUW California is supporting to benefit women and girls in the Golden State. Since Covid, this has been done by Zoom although our legislators may be willing to meet us in their district offices. No need to fly to Sacramento.

Our committee also may once again help recruit high school junior and senior girls from our area for the online Gov Trek Program, run by AAUW CA, to encourage girls to consider careers in public service. If so, AAUW-R volunteers will also help mentor and guide the girls in the online breakout rooms.

As you can see, there are lots of volunteer opportunities, so please consider joining the AAUW Redlands Public Policy Committee.

For more information, contact chair Cassie MacDuff And thanks!

## Tech Trekkers' *Thank You Notes*

"I really enjoyed getting to dissect a pig in my Core class. I had such an amazing time and made several new friends. I will never forget this week."

"The scavenger hunt was a lot of fun. But like a lot of fun things we did it also taught me how important teamwork is. I made several friends and will never forget this week"

"Tech Trek was one of the best experiences of my life. I learned so much and had fun too. In our Aerospace class we got to taste tube food that astronauts eat. We tasted 4 flavors: spaghetti with meatballs, applesauce, pizza, and chocolate pudding. ALL WERE GROSS!"

## Welcome to Our Book Club!



- Sept 28: *The Light We Carry* by Michelle Obama
  - Oct 26: *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus
  - Nov 16 (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday): *The Secret Life of Sunflowers* by Dana Marton & Marta Molar
- Happy reading!

## AAUW High School Scholarship Recipients Announced

Recipients of our annual Redlands Branch AAUW High School Scholarships were announced at the award ceremonies at three Redlands high schools. The \$1,000 awards were based on academics and school activities, including athletics as well as community volunteer and/or paid work. Applicants also wrote an essay describing their commitment to AAUW goals regarding the empowerment of women. The diverse group of winners of this year's scholarships were all interested in STEM careers. All three are headed for a CSU or UC campus.



**Michelle Clark, Redlands High School:** Michelle plans to major in Environmental Science and Applied Physics. In addition to being active in theater, band, debate, and cross country, Michelle was the only girl on the TARC (Team America Rocketry Challenge) and was elected Captain of the team. Over the years she has personally contributed small sums of money to 107 micro loans for women via the KIVA program.

**Aileen Janee Corpus, Redlands East Valley High School:** Aileen will major in Aerospace Engineering. She has taken summer courses in coding and robotics as well as regular courses in AP Physics C, AP Calculus, and Principles of Engineering. She is used to being one of only two or three girls in these advanced STEM

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## AAUW High School Scholarship Recipients

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classes and hopes to inspire other young girls to follow her lead. Aileen has been the STEM editor of the local Redlands School District ETHIC News and was the CEO of ETHIC News for REV her senior year.

**Itzel Del Rio, Citrus Valley High School:** Itzel will be majoring in Biochemistry at Cal Poly, Pomona, where she has committed to competing on their Cross Country team. She plans for a career as either a pharmacologist or a medical lab scientist. She is very excited to receive the award from AAUW because it was her 8<sup>th</sup> grade Redlands STEM Conference experience that gave her the confidence to pursue her dreams of helping people via medicine.

Thanks to our High School Scholarship Committee members for reviewing the online applications and making the almost unanimous choices as well as to the Redlands Community Scholarship Foundation for making the selection process so clearcut.

~Peggi Cook, High School Scholarship Committee Chair

## Remember the Ladies!



"Remember the Ladies" was Abigail Adams' famous request to her husband John in her letter of March 31, 1776. John Adams was at the 1776 session of the Continental Congress where representatives were already contemplating what form of government and new laws would be needed after the Revolution. As we near the 4th of July, it's instructive to reflect on the fact that as women we've been fighting for constitutional recognition and equal rights under the law ever since the time of Abigail and John Adams' correspondence. Not until **1920** did women finally get to vote, a feat brought about by women and men who participated in what we now call the first wave of feminism in this country. But we still don't have the **ERA** and we're still fighting sexism despite several additional waves of feminist activism!

**Feminism today** is by far more intersectional and inclusive than the first, second and even third waves of feminism, which were often criticized for ignoring the problems faced by women of color or lower economic status. CBS recently interviewed a number of current feminist leaders who pointed out that the movement now, the so-called fourth wave of feminism, actively seeks to include the voices and concerns of women of color and gender diverse people and is focused on how gender, race, class and sexuality are interconnected and need to be addressed as part of fighting sexism.

The less good news is that feminist is still a "loaded" term for some even though a recent Pew study found 6 in 10 women say feminist describes them well and 62% say feminism is empowering. But 45% think the term is polarizing, presumably not wanting it applied to themselves. Where are you, as an AAUW member, in those numbers?

Not everyone who joins AAUW thinks of themselves as a feminist or of AAUW as a feminist organization, but our mission and our goals are clearly feminist. **AAUW is helping our members focus on diversity and inclusion as we seek to advance equity for women and girls.** We're also applying a racial lens to our programs and activities, asking ourselves continually how inclusive are we? "**How inclusive are we**" is a great question for us to ponder individually as well as we each navigate the complexities of living in a world where, despite some progress, sexism is still pervasive and affects all women, in many different ways.

Cherie Sorokin, director on AAUW National Board

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## Redlands Bowl Ushers

Ushers at the Redlands Bowl Tuesday, July 18th for "THE SPINNERS". A big **thank you** to Susan Bentley, Elaine Brubacher, Mackenzie Dawes, Kay Dobbertin, Twillea Evans-Carthen, Margee Fuller, Marion Golson, Theresa Lantz, Tracy Massimiano, Jessica Mayuga-Allen, Susan Miller, Marie Mitchell, Jan Negron, Maria Rossi, Laura Lea Shelton, Barbara Simmons, Joan Smith Tricia Stubbs, Jane Weldon and to the Jessica's, Jane's and Jan's husbands.



## The Redlands Bowl



The Redlands Bowl in Smiley Park can actually trace its heritage back to the King of Spain in 1769. Ownership of the land passed through Mexico to the U.S. Territory of California in 1848 and was then awarded to Jose Del Carmen Lugo and eventually to Albert Smiley, one of Redlands "Patron Saints". The city of Redlands came into ownership in 1898.

The Redlands Bowl Summer Music Festival was begun in 1924 by Grace Stewart Mullen, founder of the Redlands Community Music Association. She believed the music should be enjoyed by all and dreamed of Redlands having a performing arts venue comparable to the Hollywood Bowl, with the only exception: there would be no admission charge. It has remained an admission free venue hosting world class concerts for 100 years.

<https://www.cityofredlands.org/>