

# Branches and Twigs

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*The Redlands Branch of AAUW is dedicated to advancing equity for women and girls through education, empowerment, and advocacy.*

## President's Corner: Heather Abushanab



I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season, and you are looking forward to what AAUW can do in 2024! Last month, our board adopted the following short statement for members to use when describing the AAUW Redlands Branch mission: We are *"dedicated to advancing equity for women and girls through education, empowerment, and advocacy."*

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## January Branch Meeting

### ***Molly Widdicombe, Program Manager Girls on the Run Riverside***



At Girls on the Run Riverside, teaching critical life skills is the cornerstone of their research-based programs. Meeting in small teams, trained volunteer coaches inspire girls in 3rd through 8th grades to strengthen confidence and other important social-emotional skills through dynamic, interactive lessons and physical activity. At the end of each ten-week season, teams complete a non-competitive 5K together, which provides a tangible sense of accomplishment and sets a confident mindset into motion.

Girls on the Run began serving girls in Riverside County in 2020 and expanded their reach to San Bernardino County in 2022. The council is guided by a strong board of directors under the leadership of the chair, Suzanne Beran. Suzanne has been a coach, a parent of a participant, is an avid runner and is passionate about bringing Girls on the Run to as many participants as possible. Suzanne's professional role is as Crisis Prevention & Intervention School Psychologist, MS, PPS, LEP for the Riverside School District. Girls on the Run Riverside employs one staff member, Molly Widdicombe. Molly was previously the annual giving director for the University of Redlands. When she chose to leave the field of higher education fundraising in 2022, she found that running helped clear her mind as well as brought her back to her healthy physical self. While on a trail running retreat, Molly discovered Girls on the Run and became determined to align her personal interests and her professional career. As Program Manager, Molly coaches a team each season and recruits and trains the other volunteer coaches. In 2023, Girls on the Run Riverside has served over 300 girls at fifteen different sites including Temecula, Riverside, Indio, Calimesa, and Highland.

Girls on the Run is eager to engage community partners as they fulfill their mission to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy, and confident.

*~Eileen Sanbourn, Program Vice-President*

## January Branch Meeting

**When:** Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Social 5:30 p.m.

Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Program 6:45 p.m.

**Where:** University of Redlands  
**CASA LOMA Room**

**Menu:** Salad with oranges, olives & onion with balsamic vinaigrette, garlic bread sticks, Cavatappi Noodles, grilled herb chicken, eggplant meatballs, marinara & alfredo sauces, seasonal vegetables, brownies & cookies

### **Cost**

Members and guests: \$30

### **Reservations:**

Please call 909-362-4955 or email [AAUWrsvp@AAUWRedlands.org](mailto:AAUWrsvp@AAUWRedlands.org) by Saturday, December 30, 2023. After December 30, 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 or Patricia Stubbs

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, February 3, 2024

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Saturday, April 13, 2024

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Saturday, June 1, 2024

DINNER RESERVATION DEADLINE for JANUARY 9 meeting is Saturday, December 30				January 2024		
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 *1pm Bridge	4 *9am PASS STEM Mtg. **7pm DEI	5	6 *9 am STEM Redlands Mtg.
7 *6 pm California Cuisine 1	8 *1pm Sew What! **6:30pm AAUW Board Mtg..	9 *8:30am Fundraising  5:30pm Branch Mtg.	10	11 *PASS STEM Conference **6pm Speech Trek contest	12	13
14	15 *1pm Bridge	16  R&R rescheduled from 1/25 *1pm, 4pm & 7pm Reading & the Rainbow	17 *9am CHAT **12pm I am, Therefore I Think ***7pm College/ Univ Partners	18 *1 pm Tech Trek **7pm Racial Justice	19	20
21 *5:30 pm California Cuisine 2	22 *1pm Sew What!	23 *8:30am Fundraising **6pm Adult Lit Tutor Tr ***7pm Public Policy	24 *1pm Bunko	25 R&R on 1/16 *7 pm Candidate Forum	26	27 *TBD Hiking
28	29	30 *6pm Adult Lit Tutor Tr	31	March & April Wed. Feb. 28 Thurs. Mar 21 April 2-3 Great Decisions Redlands STEM Conference Bridge Scramble Fundraiser Lobby Days		
AAUW Redlands Board Meeting 1/8 6:30 pm Redlands United Church of Christ, 168 Bellevue Ave, Redlands and remotely on teams. ~Heather Abushana ~Marilyn Shank			Save the Dates			
Adult Literacy Tutor Training 1/23 & 1/30 6-8:30pm AKSPL Assembly Room. Contact Diane Shimota for more information or to sign up. ~ 909 798-7565 x4110 dshimota@akspl.org			Diversity, Equity & Inclusion / Racial Justice 1/4 DEI 7pm Zoom 1/18 Racial Justice 7pm Zoom ~Ellen Gruenbaum ~Erica Wilson ~Donita Remington			
Bridge Groups 1st Wednesday @ 1pm & 3rd Monday @ 1pm, ~Contact coordinator Dorothy Nordquist			Fundraising Committee 1/9 & 1/23 (every other Tuesday) 8:30am on Teams ~Heather Abushana			
Bunko 1/24 1pm ~Patty Ahearn ~Lori Powell			Hiking Our Hills & Mountains 1/27 Contact Kathy to be added to distribution list. ~Kathy Toister			
California Cuisine and Conversation I 1/7 6pm ~Kathy Toister			I Am, Therefore I Think 1/17 "Are we Frogs in a Pot???" Facilitators: Ellen Timothy & Nan Neighbours Meets 12 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church Lounge (Rooms 6-8) 419 South 4 <sup>th</sup> Street, Redlands. ~Barbara Simmons ~Margee Fuller			
California Cuisine and Conversation 2 1/21 5:30pm ~Patty Ahearn			Public Policy 1/23 7pm ~Cassie MacDuff			
Candidate Forum 1/25 7pm UoR Casa Loma Room ~Cassie MacDuff			Reading and the Rainbow NOTE CHANGE OF DATE 1/16 Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver 1pm Host Evelyn O'Prey, 4pm Self facilitated Zoom session, 7pm Host Margee Fuller ~Valarie Boone ~Patricia Stubb ~Ellen Timoth			
CHAT 1/17 9am AKSPL Assembly Room ~Katherine Gifford 909-798-7565, ext. 4138 literacy@akspl.org			Sew What! 1/8 & 1/22 1pm ~Lisa McCarty			
College/University Partnership 1/17 7pm TBD location/zoom ~Susan Bangasser ~Pam Ford						
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## President's Corner, Heather Abushanab

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On January 15<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. MLK and his wife Coretta Scott King dedicated their lives to push our nation towards a more inclusive and just society. At the national level, AAUW's strategic plan commits our organization to focus more explicitly on promoting inclusion, diversity, and intersectionality (DEI) across all our activities. What does this mean at the local branch level? Our branch strives to make our activities and meetings accessible and welcoming to people with diverse views, backgrounds, ethnicities, ages, and abilities. Marilyn and I have tried to look at all the branch activities, projects, and meetings through the lens of DEI, because as Maya Angelou said, "In diversity, there is beauty and there is strength."

Unfortunately, sometimes we fall short, both as individuals and as an organization. Usually this happens because we are not fully aware of what someone else needs to either feel comfortable in our group or adequately access our resources. When we become aware of an issue, we need to take it seriously and find ways to open the AAUW doors wider. But this can't be the job of just AAUW Redlands Branch leadership. We need all our members to help by constructively asking for the changes that they need to fully participate in our organization. Do you see a way AAUW Redlands Branch could be improved? Let's work together to make this organization better in 2024 than it was in 2023, so that we can better fulfill our mission in the upcoming year!

Happy New Year!

Heather Abushanab, Co-President  
AAUW Redlands Branch

## Quilt Auction Bid Deadline Extended to December 31



The bid date for the quilt has been extended until December 31st! The current bid stands at \$600. Interested parties may email Ann Leonard.

The proceeds benefit the Nancy Yowell Scholarship.

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### Speech Trek Contest

1/11 6pm First United Methodist Church conference room,  
1 E. Olive Ave, Redlands

*~Patty Ahearn*

### STEM Initiatives

**PASS STEM Conference:** January 11, 2024

**Redlands STEM Conference:** February 28, 2024

### PASS STEM conferences planning meeting

1/4 9am at Pam Ford's home

*~Pam Ford*

*~Theresa Lantz*

### Redlands STEM conferences planning meeting

1/6 9am at Kathryn Brown's home

*~Kathryn Brown*

*~Pam Ford*

### Tech Trek Committee

1/18 1pm at Denise's home 1706 Brittney Rd, Beaumont (In Solera, gate entrance at 1550 Fairway Dr)

*~Denise Westcott*

*~Theresa Lantz*

## Award Spotlight: Congratulations to Twillea Evans-Carthen, Community and Campus Leader, on her Retirement

*~reprinted from news article from Precinct Reporter, 12/7/23*



For decades, Twillea Evans-Carthen has leaned in on the diplomatic side of dispute, pushing for peace as a problem solver, yet always with a touch of administrative prowess.

Being an ombuds takes go-between skills, but mostly she makes sure that complaints she has heard from faculty, students, or staff never fall on deaf ears.

By month's end, she retires from her work after nearly 35 years of encouraging peaceful resolution at the university. Evans-Carthen also teaches Human Resource-related courses part-time, something she's been doing since she came to the campus.

<https://www.precinctreporter.com/community-and-campus-leader-twillea-evans-carthen-retires/>



AAUW national membership dues are \$72, of which \$69 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).

## Attention to all prospective STEM Conferences volunteers!

Are you interested in lending a hand at the 2024 STEM conferences? Join us for a casual meet-up before the AAUW Branch meeting on Tuesday, January 9th. We will gather in the Casa Loma Room's foyer at 5:00 p.m. During this session, we'll address any queries you may have about the STEM Conference and delve into the different volunteer roles and their associated duties.



### Pass Area STEM Conference for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls

Coming soon! The Redlands Branch plans and carries out a STEM Conference for the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls from the public schools in Banning and Beaumont. The next conference will be held on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at the San Jacinto Campus of Mt. San Jacinto College. Girls will be bussed from their schools in time for a confidence-boosting talk by Amber Jazairi. Many of you remember hearing her message of empowerment to our young students at either the Pass Area Conferences or at the Redlands-Yucaipa Conferences in past years. She understands these girls and knows how to help them value themselves and their goals for the future.

At this conference, the girls will participate in three workshops over the course of the morning, have lunch in the college Café, and then travel home on the bus. AAUW volunteers are always needed to help guide the girls from building to building and supervise Café activities during lunch. Hosts are needed for the various workshops. Let Patty Ahearn, Sally Trost, and/or Linda Browning know if you would like to help on that day. You might be tired by the end of the day, but you will also be energized by the girls and their enthusiasm about their futures.

We are so grateful for the participation of our plenary speaker Amber, as well as all of the professional women in STEM careers who share their time and expertise with our students. We are also deeply appreciative of the planning and organizing work of those who contribute their talents to the organizing committee for this event.

*~Theresa Lantz and Pam Ford, Co-chairs  
Pass Area STEM Conference for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls*

### Redlands STEM Conference

The Redlands STEM Conference for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls, held on the University of Redlands campus, is set to take place on Wednesday, February 28. 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.

### Tech Trek 2023

AAUW Tech Trek Committee members recently met with the 2023 awardees who attended the week-long STEM camp at a college campus and presented them with certificates of attendance. Donita Remington asked the Clement girls to describe their experience at the week-long camp. They all broke out in huge smiles and said, almost in unison, "It was beyond my expectations!" The girls have all agreed to be ambassadors for future attendees to encourage and explain the camp.



*Pictured: Kathy Toister, Donita Remington, Denise Westscott and Betsy Grimes*



## 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:

Krysten Audibert	Zofia Owerkowicz
Sheron Bealer	Jessie Powell
Rachel Bentley	Lori Powell
Amy Bisek	Eloise Reyes
Kim Cousins	Jenny Ruvalcaba
Mercedes Gifford	Susan Satzger
Rosa Gomez	Shelli Stockton
Stephanie Harlan	Andrea Woodruff
Samantha McVeigh	Bev Woolverton
Carole Nagengast	Jenny Zorn



Judy Adams  
Linda Adams  
Debbie Brown  
Emily Brown  
Rachel Bubbs  
Deborah Dybowski  
Sue Ferguson

### July Birthdays:

Yvette Guidry  
Heidi Hutchinson  
Dolly Israelitt  
Becky Johnston  
Ann Leonard  
Jayleen Martinez  
Viktoria Norberg  
Pam Ong  
Barbara Pike  
Nancy Rogers  
Cathy Schilling  
Barbara Simmons  
Elizabeth Sopko  
Ellen Timothy  
Karen Wardell  
Julie Wilson  
Susan Wong

Nancy Yowell Memorial Scholarship  
application window is now open!

### We're Looking for Our Next NYMS Scholarship Recipients

We've had amazing fundraising success this year so let's spread the word to find qualified applicants for our Nancy Yowell Memorial Scholarship! How can you help, you ask? If you know a local woman who has returned to college after having her education interrupted, let her know about this opportunity. If you have a connection to any of the local colleges, spread the word there (along with some flyers!) If you're working, one of your co-workers or their daughter might qualify, so leave a few flyers in your company break room. Follow our AAUW Redlands branch page on Facebook, Instagram, or LinkedIn, and re-share our NYMS scholarship posts with your followers. Scholarships are \$1,000 for Associate degrees, \$2,000 for Bachelor's & post-grad degrees, and funds go directly to the student. The application is available on our website (<https://redlands-ca.aauw.net/>) under Projects > Local Scholarships. The application deadline is February 29, 2024. If you need flyers, contact me.

~Keita Wangari NYMS Chair

### Speech Trek

Speech Trek is an AAUW California speech contest open to all California high school students. The program begins at the branch level with a speech tournament for local students and culminates with 3 top statewide finalists performing their 5-to-6-minute speeches at the AAUW California annual meeting in April. The Redlands branch has participated for the last 7 years. In 2018, Caroline Irving, from our branch, won the state competition and received \$1500.



### Speech Trek Contest

Our Redlands AAUW Speech Trek for 2023-2024 will be on January 11, 2024, at 6:00pm. It will take place in the Conference Room at the First United Methodist Church. The address is 1 E. Olive Ave. in Redlands.

The topic this year is "How can we ensure a robust public-school curriculum that is accessible to all and teaches historically accurate information?"

The speech is to be 5 to 6 minutes long. First place will receive \$300 dollars, second place will receive \$200 dollars, and third place will receive \$100 dollars.

The winner will be entered into the state competition and have an opportunity to earn \$1500 dollars.

~Patty Ahearn, Speech Trek Chair

## Don't Miss Out GovTrek Registration Closes January 20, 2024



AAUW Redlands is again inviting high school junior and senior girls to take part in a free online program called Gov Trek, offered by AAUW California. Gov Trek is designed to encourage young women to consider careers in government, whether as elected leaders or in appointed positions. Gov Trek is conducted over Zoom, in seven, two-hour sessions where girls from all over California will hear from women legislators, campaign experts, and others in public service. The girls will then work in teams to simulate a political campaign, culminating in a competition with an award for the best team. The girls will all get opportunities for internships, shadowing, and other activities in the year following Gov Trek to give them hands-on experience in public sector careers. The program starts February 3 and runs through March 16, on consecutive Saturdays. If you have a daughter or granddaughter who is a high school junior or senior, please encourage her to sign up for Gov Trek. We want our region to be well-represented in the upcoming Gov Trek program. If you belong to a service club in the East San Bernardino Valley or San Gorgonio Pass area, please ask to speak briefly at its next meeting to spread the word about Gov Trek. All of us are needed to help recruit girls for this excellent opportunity. Flyers are attached to this newsletter. Please disseminate the flyers to your community. If you or your high school junior or senior girl would like to learn more about Gov Trek, an informational meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, January 8, online. Registration is required. Click [HERE](#) to register. Thank you so much for helping the next generation of girls to learn about careers in public service. For more information or help recruiting girls for Gov Trek, please contact Public Policy Committee chair Cassie MacDuff.

~Cassie MacDuff



## Welcome New members

Please join us in welcoming the following new members to our AAUW Redlands branch!

### Wendy Birchard

University of Redlands, Master's Degree; Cal State Fullerton, Bachelor's Degree

Wendy grew up in the Inland Empire, spending most of her life in Riverside. Currently, she lives in Redlands where she has lived since 2016. She recently received her Master's degree in Education-School Counseling. Wendy has just found out about AAUW and really likes what it stands for. She would like to contribute where she can in the efforts of uplifting women, while making new connections with like-minded women.

### Ginny Cruz

MSW and PhD from UCLA

### Mary Kay DeCrescenzo

SDSU Bachelor's Degree, LaVerne Master's Degree

### Heather MacDonald

Alderson-Broaddus University, Bachelor's Degree  
Heather was reared in Rhode Island. She uses her birth name. Her daughter's birthplace was Grand Canyon Village on the south rim. Heather moved quite often in the United States and loved the most living in Washington, D.C. Heather's spouse, Charles McGilbray, passed away three years ago in January.

## Follow Us on Social Media!



Are you on social media platforms? So are we! Help us get broader exposure for our mission, fundraisers, scholarship opportunities, STEM activities, and community action projects by following us, reacting to our posts, and resharing our posts with your followers. Here's where to find us:

- Facebook: @aauwredlands
- Instagram: @aauw\_redlands
- LinkedIn: @aauw\_redlands



If you have an upcoming event to promote or a post-event photo to share, please forward the info to [KeitaWangari@AAUWRedlands.org](mailto:KeitaWangari@AAUWRedlands.org) for consideration.

## Bridge Scramble is Back!

**Join us for Bridge, Luncheon, and Prizes to Raise Money for our Mission Fund!**

Our scramble will be held on Thursday, March 21, at the beautiful Dike's Chapel, located at the First United Methodist Church, 1 E Olive Avenue in Redlands, CA. Parking is conveniently located on the south side of Olive, directly across the street from the church.



Check-in will start at 9:30 a.m. with Bridge beginning at 10:00 a.m. Play will consist of 5-6 rounds of bridge with each round lasting approximately 25 minutes. Rotations will be assigned at check-in the day of the event. You will have the chance to meet new bridge opponents as well as greet familiar bridge friends. Morning snacks and beverages will be provided as you scramble. You will play with the partner of your choice for the entire scramble, while switching opponents with each round. For each round, you will receive a raffle ticket for an opportunity to win a prize at the end of the day. A luncheon will be served at about 1 p.m., and prizes will be drawn at that time. We expect the event to be over at approximately 2 p.m.

There will be cards, bridge tallies, and score pads along with other items available for sale. This will be a good opportunity to restock and freshen up your cards.

Space is limited for this event. Sign up early to ensure your spot at a table. The event is open to the public, so please invite your friends. Cost for the day is \$50 per player, but you must register with your own partner.

Mobility or dietary concerns? We can likely accommodate you. Please list your needs on the back of the registration form. Prefer not to scramble? We can create a fixed table rotation for 4 players who register together and include \$200.

Register at a branch meeting, or by mail, including a check made payable to AAUW Redlands with Bridge Scramble in the memo line. Registration forms are attached to the Branches and Twigs mailing. Registration deadline is Monday, March 11. If you need additional information, please contact Linda Rowland at [BridgeScramble@AAUWRedlands.org](mailto:BridgeScramble@AAUWRedlands.org)

AAUW Redlands Branch is a 501c3 organization and as such, the cost of this event is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.



## From AAUW California

### Lobby Days 2024 - Save the Date!

Amy Hom, Co-Chair AAUW California Public Policy Committee

#### ~highlights

- Mark your calendars! AAUW California will hold our 2024 Lobby Days event on April 2 and 3, 2024.
- We encourage all AAUW California members to participate in this act of advocacy that is essential for achievement of our legislative priorities.
- Starting in January, our committee will evaluate new bills introduced in the state legislature which are aligned with our Public Policy Priorities: Economic Security for All Women, Equal Access to Quality Public Education for All Students, Social and Racial Justice for All Members of Society, and Increased Representation of Women in Leadership Roles. In early March, our committee will meet to discuss our evaluations and select 30-35 bills for our 2024 Legislative Agenda that best represent our priorities. We will also choose the top 3 bills to advocate for during Lobby Days.
- Lobby Days is a wonderful opportunity to meet with your legislators and advocate for legislation to promote gender equity and improve the lives of women and girls. We hope that you will join us in this important activity to advance our values.

~full article attached



## Redlands Branch Archiving

The Redlands Branch of AAUW is organizing its archives and we could use some help. We are engaging in the following activities this year:

\*Developing the verbiage to use throughout our organization for consistency and common knowledge

\*Developing policy and procedure (P/P) for each of our groups to follow: officers, leadership chairs, social groups, with the goal of describing who we are and what we do

\*Included in this P/P will be record retention, destruction, how and where to store materials whether digital, tape, scrapbooks, etc.

\*Describe and catalog materials over the 75 year history of the organization, such as our annual yearbooks. The last one we know of is 1998-1999. If you have an earlier version, please let us know.

\*Please review your personal files, email and physical records, either in print or on disk. If you are or have been an officer and you have any records that may be of value to our history preservation, please let us know. We will help decide how best to preserve awards, minutes from meetings or treasurer annual summaries, for example.

\*If you have boxes of records please catalog what you have, even if it's by year, and send it to us. It will help us develop our P/P as we proceed. And if you know someone has similar materials please encourage them to donate or summarize what they have. Again, we will help define how best to proceed once we know what's in your possession.

Last, if you have a few hours a month to help us on this task we would appreciate your volunteering and joining our team. What better way to learn about our rich 75+ year history, get to know more members and enjoy a fun team?

~Archive team

Heather Abushanub, Kate Pretorius,  
Marion Golson, Ginny Evan-Perry,  
Debbie LeDoux, Sheron Bealer

## Calling all STEMInists!

The STEM Conferences and Tech Trek will be here before you know it, and we need your help. Each year, funds are raised in two ways:

Private donations – If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in supporting our students, please visit our website ([redlands-ca.aauw.net](http://redlands-ca.aauw.net)) and look for the Adopt a STEM Girl Today donation button. All donations are tax deductible.

Grants and Business Support – We also receive grant support from local foundations and businesses. If you know of an organization or employer who might be interested in supporting our STEM Initiatives, please reach out to one of us. Thank you!

~Meena Spangrud

~Kate Pretorius

Please support our



AAUW STEM  
REDLANDS BRANCH

## 2024 Pass Area STEM Conference Sponsors

### Sun Lakes Country Club Charitable Trust Board

The Charitable Trust provides numerous entities in the Pass area funding for their growth and activities and are supported by the residents of Sun Lakes and surrounding communities via fund raising activities and donations.



Kate Pretorius at Sun Lakes accepting donation check and showcasing Redlands' STEM Conferences and Tech Trek.

### Laura May Stewart Foundation, Banning

The Laura May Stewart Foundation exists to benefit the residents of Banning and Beaumont through grants given to local charitable organizations. The Trust was established by Laura May Stewart upon the sale of 2000+ acre ranch in Beaumont in 1978.

Kate Pretorius  
(4<sup>th</sup> from right)

at Laura May Stewart Foundation grant distribution





## STEM Conference Wednesday, February 28 Conference day schedule 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### Host Duties:

Acquire familiarity with campus building locations through pre-conference campus tours held a week before the STEM Conference.

On conference day, meet your assigned speaker in Casa Loma Room before the conference begins. Escort the speaker to their assigned building on campus as specified on the Speaker information sheet.

- >> Remain in workshop 1 and 2 with the Speaker.
- >> Provide assistance with materials and equipment.
- >> Offer support during classroom workshops as required

### Guide Duties:

Gain familiarity with campus building locations through a campus tour and walk-through held a week before the Conference.

Walk students to and from workshop classroom locations as specified in Guide Assignment sheet.

Assist with lunchroom supervision.

Aid in ushering students to seats in the Chapel for the Welcome/Introduction speech, and keynote speaker presentation.

~Linda Browning

~Patty Ahearn

~Sally Trost



## for 2024 – 2025 AAUW Redlands Offices

Announcing to the membership that at the end of this year, 2024, the following jobs will need to be filled by new Redlands Branch Officers: **President Elect, Membership Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer**, three **At-Large** members, and three members for the **Nominating Committee**.

We have a wonderful nomination committee; Tricia Stubbs, chair, Nerni Miller, Mary Lou Guerrero, Kathy Warren, Dorothy Nordquist, Martha Lehman, Ginny Evans-Perry.

The process is confidential, but please let the committee know if you have someone you feel could fill one of the jobs needed.



## January 25th, 7 p.m. Casa Loma Room on University of Redlands campus

The Public Policy Committee of the Redlands branch will send an email when more information is available.

## AAUW Community Engagement

### Adult Literacy Tutor Training

We will be having our next Adult Literacy Orientation and Training January 23 and January 30 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the library's Assembly Room. Contact me to sign up for more information.

~Diane Shimota, Adult Literacy Coordinator  
909-798-7565, ext. 4138, [literacy@akspl.org](mailto:literacy@akspl.org)



Adult Literacy / CHAT Holiday Party

## YMCA Holiday Home Tour: Many Thanks!

Thank you to the 45+ AAUW members who volunteered as docents for the 2023 YMCA Holiday Home Tour. Your enthusiasm at the Hopkins's home made the experience delightful! Working with all of you was truly a pleasure. Special recognition goes to Valarie Boone, Pam Ford, Marion Golson, Jan Negron, and Kippi



Wilson Lee—our fantastic full-day team—for their flexibility and support. Huge appreciation to Pam Ford and Jan Negron, our outstanding carpool team, navigating parking and traffic to ensure volunteers traveled safely. The Hopkins's home, with its spectacular panoramic views, was a hit with both our tour guests and AAUW volunteers. Your dedication during the busy holiday season to support YMCA Legal Aid is sincerely appreciated.  
Sincerely,  
Linda Browning and Ann Leonard

## December Branch Meeting *Rhymes With Orange*





December birthdays:  
Dorothy Nordquist and Marie Mitchell

#### B&T Submission:

The deadline for the **February newsletter** is **January 5th**.

Send your articles to the editor via email to [news@AAUWRedlands.org](mailto:news@AAUWRedlands.org)

#### Branch Officers:

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

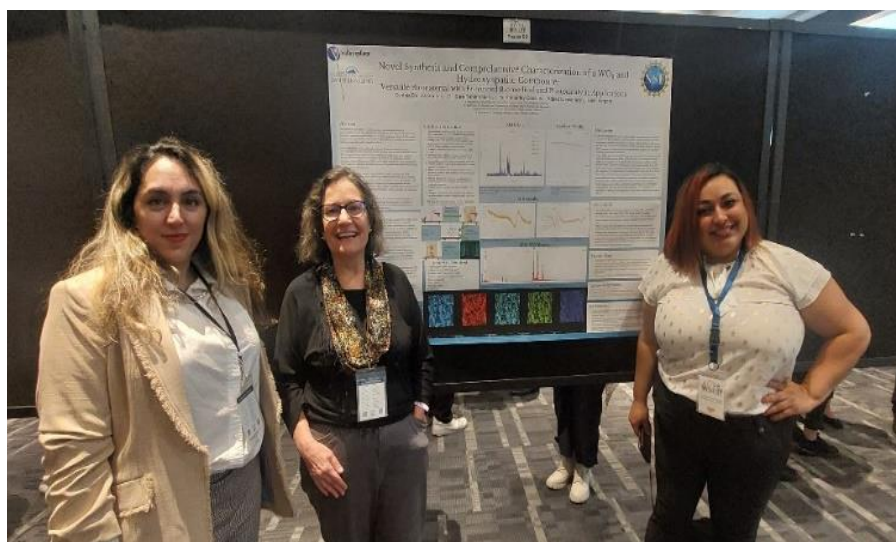
## California Cuisine and Conversation 2



### ***Award Spotlight:*** **Cynthia De Los Santos**

Our two time branch scholarship recipient Cynthia De Los Santos (right most in photo) recently presented her summer research programs at the Southern California Conference on Undergraduate Research. The SCCUR is an annual academic conference that provides undergraduate students in Southern California with the opportunity to present their research projects and findings. This conference allows students to showcase their work, gain valuable presentation experience, and engage with peers and faculty members from various institutions.

Shown are her research mentor Dr. Sara Rahimnejad (left most) and research program sponsor (and AAUW Redlands branch member) Kimberley Cousins (second from left).



In December Cynthia graduated San Bernardino Valley College. She will begin her studies at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, in January.

Cynthia has volunteered to be a speaker at both our January 11<sup>th</sup> Pass STEM Conference and the February 28<sup>th</sup> Redlands STEM Conference.

