

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



The new year is already upon us! AAUW Redlands branch had a very busy and exciting fall. The 2025 year promises to be just as busy and exciting. Now is a good time to get involved in one of our branch projects or to step up your branch involvement in whatever way makes sense for you. I'm happy to help you figure out how you can be of service to AAUW Redlands and our mission to advance equity for women and girls through education, empowerment and advocacy!

In December, the board completed our work on our strategic plan for 2024-2025. The strategic plan is a list of goals to make our branch stronger and more
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January Branch Meeting: Peggy Lanum "The Science of a Well-Lived Life."

Peggy Lanum is an organizational development consultant and executive coach dedicated to enhancing human well-being and helping organizations thrive. She is the founder of "Better Working Together," where she partners with diverse organizations to create healthier, more effective workplaces.

At 47, Peggy was told she was "too old to get an MBA and no one would hire her." Undeterred, she pursued a Master of Science degree in Organizational Psychology, graduated with honors, and launched a successful career helping others embrace change and challenge outdated limits.

Her client roster includes respected institutions such as Loma Linda University and OneLegacy, along with a variety of non-healthcare organizations. During graduate school, she contributed to a research project with Kaiser, further deepening her understanding of organizational dynamics and employee well-being.

An avid student of human behavior and flourishing, Peggy used the pandemic to author *Navigating Uncertainty: An A-Z Guide for Well-Being*, a user-friendly, evidence-based resource designed to help readers live more fulfilling lives.

Peggy's work resonates across all ages and stages, offering practical insights into how we can all thrive in an ever-changing world. When she isn't working, she spends her spare time trying to find ways to include one more fabulous AAUW event into her schedule!

She is delighted to share her insights as on *"The Science of a Well-Lived Life."*
~Amy Bisek, coordinator



January Branch Meeting

When: Tuesday, January 7, 2025
Social 5:15 p.m.
Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Program 6:45 p.m.

Where: University of Redlands
CASA LOMA Room

Menu Salad: Mesclun Salad with Sliced Oranges, Kalamata Olives, and Red Onion (Vegan), Balsamic Vinaigrette (Vegan), Garlic Breadsticks (Vegetarian)

Entrees: Cavatappi Noodles (Vegetarian) All Beef Meatballs, Eggplant Meatballs (Vegan/Made Without Gluten) Marinara Sauce (Vegan) Alfredo Sauce (Vegetarian)
Sides: Seasonal Vegetables (Vegetarian)

Dessert: Assorted Craveworthy Cookies (Vegetarian), Bakery Fresh Brownies (Vegetarian)

Beverages: Decaf coffee, Iced Tea, and Ice Water

Cost

Members and guests: \$35

Reservations:

Please call 909-362-4955 or email AAUWrsvp@AAUWRedlands.org by Saturday, December 18, 2024. After December 18, 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 2024-2025

Saturday, February 1, 2025*
*RSVP deadline 1/18/2025
Saturday, March 1, 2025
Tuesday, April 1, 2025
Tuesday, May 6, 2025
Saturday, June 7, 2025

DINNER RESERVATION DEADLINE for JANUARY 7 meeting: After December 18, reservations are made on a space-available basis						AAUW Redlands January 2025	
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1 1pm Bridge		2	3	4 9 am STEM Committee Meeting
5 6 pm California Cuisine 1	6 1pm Sew What!	7 5:15pm Branch Meeting	8	9 STEM Conference @ MSJC	10	11	
12	13 6:30pm AAUW Board Mtg.	14 8:45am Fundraising	15 *9am CHAT **12pm I am, Therefore I Think	16 *6pm Speech Trek **6pm DEI/ Racial Justice	17	18 Reservation Deadline for February 1 Meeting	
19 5:30 pm California Cuisine 2	20 *1pm Bridge **1pm Sew What!	21 6pm Adult Lit Tutor Training	22 1pm Bunko	23 1pm & 7pm Reading & the Rainbow	24	25 9am Hiking	
26	27	28 *8:45am Fundraising **7pm Public Policy	29	30	31	Save the Dates	

February Branch Meeting Saturday February 1, 2025
Reservation deadline Saturday January 18
STEM packet assembly Saturday, February 15, 2025
STEM Conference @ U of R Tuesday, March 4, 2025
Redlands Community Day of Service Saturday, March 15, 2025
Great Decisions: March & April—8 weeks Monday afternoons or
Wednesday evenings
FilmFest: Friday, April 25, 2025

AAUW Redlands Board Meeting
1/13 6:30 pm Redlands United Church of Christ,
and remotely on teams.
~Heather Abushanab

Adult Literacy Tutor Training
1/21 6pm AKSPL Assembly Room.
Contact Diane Shimota for more information or to
sign up. ~909 798-7565 x4110 dshimota@akspl.org

Bridge Groups
3rd Monday @ 1pm, 1st Wednesday @ 1pm
~Contact Susan Satzger

Bunko
1/22 1pm
~Patty Ahearn
~Lori Powell

California Cuisine and Conversation I
1/5 6pm
~Kathy Toister

California Cuisine and Conversation 2
1/19 5:30pm
~Patty Ahearn

CHAT
1/15 9am Contemporary Club
~Katherine Gifford 909-798-7565, ext. 4138 literacy@akspl.org

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion / Racial Justice
1/16 DEI / Racial 6pm Ellen Gruenbaum's home
~Ellen Gruenbaum
~Erica Wilson
~Donita Remington

Fundraising Committee
1/14 & 1/28 (every other Tuesday) 8:45am on Teams
~Heather Abushana

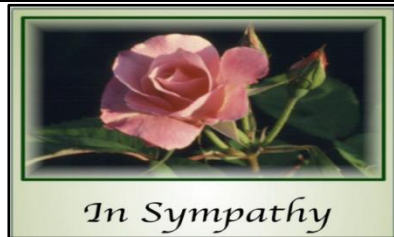
Hiking Our Hills & Mountains
1/25 9am Contact Alison or Donita to be added to distribution list.
~Alison Rodriguez
~Donita Remington

I Am, Therefore I Think
1/15 "Am I Anxious" Facilitator: Jenna Guzman Lowery
Meets 12 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church Lounge (Rooms 6-8) 419
South 4th Street, Redlands.
~Barbara Simmons
~Margee Fuller

Public Policy
1/28 7pm ~Cassie MacDuff

Reading and the Rainbow
1/23 *Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese
No RSVP required. Information on the facilitator and co-host will
be emailed.
~Valarie Boone
~Marianne Baldwin

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In sympathy and friendship, we send our condolences to **Veronica Phillips** on the loss of her husband. To the families and friends of **Gail**

Anderson and Kimberly Anderson, please accept our condolences on the loss of your loved ones.

Gail Anderson



A celebration of life for Gail Anderson will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2025, at 2:00 pm at Redlands First United Methodist Church, 1 E. Olive, Redlands. Gail was an active member of AAUW Redlands for 15 years. She served as membership chair, which was a perfect position for her. She loved people and welcomed many new members. In 2015, Gail was a named gift honoree. Gail served on the High School Scholarship Committee. She helped at both STEM Conferences. Gail and her beloved companion, Heather Spirit, greeted guests on the YMCA Home Tour. She made many lasting friendships here. Gail loved AAUW and all that it stands for. She will be missed but not forgotten.

Kimberly Anderson



Kimberly Anderson was a member of our branch for only a short time but dove into our activities with gusto. Kimberly said that in AAUW she had “found her people”. She participated in Reading and the Rainbow, “I am, Therefore I think” group, and the evening Great Decisions discussions. Along with her husband, Danny, she attended California Cuisine and the Hiking Group. Kimberly helped as a wine pourer at FilmFest and was slated to help pick the films for 2025, but took ill before that could happen. Kimberly's memorial service will be January 11 at 11 AM at the Redlands United Church of Christ, 168 Bellevue Avenue, Redlands. In lieu of flowers, Danny has requested you consider a donation in Kimberly's memory to the AAUW Redlands Branch Mission Fund. <https://www.emmersonbartlett.com/obituaries/kimberly-anderson> and <https://www.trinity.edu/news/trinity-remembers-kimberly-anderson>

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Sew What!
1/6 & 1/20 1pm

~Lisa McCarty

Speech Trek
1/16 6pm Redlands 1st United Methodist Church (Weeks Hall) 1 E. Olive, Redlands

~Patty Ahearn

STEM Initiatives
STEM Conference Univ of Redlands: March 4, 2025
STEM Committee planning meeting
1/4 9am at 216 E. South Ave, Redlands

~Kathryn Brown
~Pam Ford

STEM Conference @ Mt. San Jacinto College
1/9 ~Pam Ford
~Betsy Grimes

Tech Trek Committee
~Denise Westcott
~Donita Remington

AAUWRedlands.org Microsoft Accounts and Email Addresses

Have you noticed that some of our officers use email addresses with an @AAUWRedlands.org extension? Do you sometimes think you would like to get your AAUW email at a different address than all your other emails? Or do you wish you had a more official looking email address when you help with AAUW activities? AAUW Redlands branch has Microsoft 365 business basic licenses and the domain @AAUWRedlands.org for our use. We can issue as many email addresses as is useful. All board members are automatically issued these email accounts, but they are not restricted to board members. If you would like to have an @AAUWRedlands.org email address, please let Heather Abushanab know by emailing her .



National and Branch dues are FULLY tax deductible

- National dues (\$72) + Branch dues (\$31) for a **total of \$103**
- New members who joined with the Shape the Future discount, national dues (\$36) + Branch dues (\$31) for a **total of \$67**
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President's Corner: Heather Abushanab

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impactful, along with some smaller steps and reporting feedback to guide us to meet those goals. Creating the strategic plan is a process that ideally happens every year, preferably in the summer, with the rest of the year used to implement the strategic plan. Like many things, our strategic plan was low priority during our Covid years, or more accurately the plan was reduced to just ensuring the branch survived! We did survive, but it has taken us a bit of time to regain the regular governance routines that help our branch move forward. I'm very excited (and a little intimidated!) by the big plans the board has undertaken with this updated plan.

The most important goals in the strategic plan address the future of the branch by ensuring excellent leadership, good communication, good record keeping, and continued development of the skills of our branch leaders.

The strategic plan charges the nominating committee to fill our three member-at-large board positions with branch members who have leadership potential but may lack experience in how AAUW operates. This one-year board position is an ideal way to gain experience on the board, learn about the policies and practices of the branch, and gain a broader understanding of where to make an impact for our branch. Our current members-at-large, Twillea Evans-Carthen, Lisa McCarty and Ellen Timothy, are using their member-at-large year to support board members in the areas of programs, hospitality and communication. They are already making meaningful contributions to the branch and can see many areas of the branch where their skills are needed. The nominating committee is also looking for a president-elect or co-presidents-elect to work closely with next year's co-presidents. They will learn the role of president and share some of the work managing the branch and board. They will get to work with Amy Bisek and Kathryn Brown, two of the most dedicated and skilled AAUW leaders we have. We need a treasurer who can pay our bills and help us manage the branch budget. Quickbooks® or business experience is ideal, but anyone who manages their own finances at home can learn to do the job. Current treasurer, Sue Ferguson, will provide training and support. Our program VP, supported by her team, ensures the branch meetings run smoothly, handles communications with the UofR, and leads the committee that finds exciting and meaningful speakers. Eileen Sanborn can answer questions about this position. Hospitality is charged with making sure both our new and experienced members are satisfied with the branch. Joyce Katkov and Keller Iuppenlatz have made some meaningful changes to re-vamp this position and fresh ideas are always welcome. The communications VP oversees both internal and external branch communications, including the website and our newsletter. Keita Wangari has some key support in place for this position, so our new VP can step into her role easily. If you are approached by our nominating committee for a board position, please give their request some serious thought. Our branch is only strong because our members pitch in to make it so. You can learn more about the responsibilities of each board position by reading our policies and procedures manual found on the [Redlands branch website](#).

The strategic plan includes developing ongoing tutorials to improve the board's ability to use Teams®, read our financial reports, and save our important records in appropriate formats. About two years ago, the branch received a free, non-profit subscription to Microsoft 365®, which gives us access to all the Microsoft software, a domain for branch email addresses, cloud space to store our documents, and many tools to make collaboration among members easier. With this in place, an archives team was established to catalogue and store our past documents, while also establishing standards for retaining our records moving forward. Of course, learning to use these powerful tools has not been straight forward, nor necessarily easy, but all our board members are able to access the common documents that we use for board meetings and use the communications tool Teams® for chat functions and posting of information.

To learn about our additional goals and read the full text of the strategic plan, visit our [Member Resources](#) on the branch website.

Thank you for giving to AAUW Redlands Branch as part of Giving Tuesday! Your contributions of \$350 helps us pay for the space and technology we rely on for our branch meetings, makes it possible for us to cover meals for our guests at the October membership meeting, and allows us to offer transportation and an honorarium to our speakers. Your board works hard to keep our budget in line and our membership fees reasonable. Thank you for helping us!

Happy New Year

Heather Abushanab, President, AAUW Redlands Branch



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



July Birthdays

Judy Adams	Viktoria Norberg
Linda Adams	Pam Ong
Debbie Brown	Barbara Pike
Emily Brown	Nancy Rogers
Rachel Bubb	Cathy Schilling
Sue Ferguson	Barbara Simmons
Yvette Guidry	Elizabeth Sopko
Heidi Hutchinson	Ellen Timothy
Dolly Israelitt	Sam Vasquez
Ann Leonard	Karen Wardell
Jayleen Martinez	Julie Wilson
Thelma Muro	Tracy Wise
	Susan Wong



We're excited for our January branch meeting speaker! Peggy Lanum is the owner of Better Working Together, a business consulting and executive coaching practice that provides organizations with research and training to facilitate teamwork, creativity, and leadership. Peggy will speak to "Living Well - The Science Behind a Well-Lived Life."

To support this event, we're pulling together items for inclusion in a Wellness opportunity basket that we'll raffle off at the January branch meeting. A gift certificate you've received, but you'll not use? Spa items? A health-related cookbook? If you have unused wellness-related items to contribute to this basket, please contact Amy Bisek.

Speech Trek Contest



Our Redlands AAUW Speech Trek for 2024-2025 will be on January 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. It will take place in the Weeks Hall at the First United Methodist Church. The address is 1 E. Olive Ave. in Redlands. A flyer is attached to the newsletter.

The topic this year is "Explore one aspect of the effect that climate change is having on women in the USA and around the world."

All members are welcome to attend and hear the student speakers.

~Patty Ahearn, Speech Trek Chair

Calling All Past Named Gift Honorees



Every year the AAUW Redlands branch honors members who have done outstanding work in supporting the programs and goals of AAUW Redlands and have been a member for at least five years. Past AAUW Redlands Named Gift Honorees are listed in our yearbook on pages 20-23.

Past winners of this award can offer suggestions about who might be eligible. This can be done at an in-person meeting on Wednesday, January 8th, at 10:00 a.m. at Marilyn Shankar's home at 734 Serpentine Dr. in Redlands. Or you can text your suggestions or email your choices to Marilyn Shankar.

~Mary Lou Guerrero, AAUW Fund Co-Chair

Attention to all prospective STEM Conferences volunteers!

Are you interested in lending a hand at the 2025 STEM conference on March 4th? Join us for a casual meet-up before the AAUW Branch meeting on Tuesday, January 7th. We will gather in the Casa Loma Room, near the piano, 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.

~Linda Browning and Patty Ahearn



Need Guides and Hosts for Redlands STEM Conference on Tuesday, March 4 @ University of Redlands

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 info sheet.
- Remain in workshop 1 and 2 with Speaker. Provide assistance with materials and equipment. Offer support during classroom workshops as required.
- Help your speaker to quickly get to STEM Fair and assist, if needed.

Guide Duties:

- Gain familiarity with campus building locations through a campus tour and walk-through held a week before the Conference.
- Aid in ushering students to seats in the Chapel for the Welcome/Introduction speech, and keynote speaker presentation.
- Walk students to and from workshop classroom locations as specified in Guide Assignment sheet.
- Assist with lunchroom supervision.
- Usher students to STEM Fair locations and back onto busses.

~Linda Browning
~Patty Ahearn

AAUW Redlands Offices for 2025 – 2026



New officers will be needed for the AAUW Redlands Branch starting in July 2025. The following positions will need to be filled: **President Elect, Treasurer, Communications Vice President, Hospitality Vice President, Program Vice President, three Board Members At Large and three persons for the Nominating Committee.**

Being an active participant in our dynamic organization is very rewarding. If you are interested in any of these positions or know of someone who you think may be suited for one of them, please contact any of the following Nominating Committee members: Ginny Evans-Perry, Dorothy Nordquist, Martha Lehman, Margee Fuller, Barbara Simmons, Sally Trost or Marilyn Shankar.

AAUW Community Engagement

2024 YMCA Holiday Home Tour:

Thank you to the 40 + AAUW volunteers that served as docents at the annual YMCA Holiday Home Tour. Your enthusiasm at the Ahmed home made the event truly delightful! It was such a pleasure working with all of you. Special thanks to Pam Ford, Jan Negron, Ellen Cope, Kipi Wilson Lee, Susan Wong, and Marion Golson – our incredible full-day team for



their flexibility and support. A heartfelt shoutout to Pam and Jan, our amazing carpool team, for expertly managing parking and traffic to ensure safe travels for our volunteers. The Ahmed home, with its rich Redlands historical charm and international decor themes, was a favorite among both tour guests and volunteers. Your dedication during the bustling holiday season to support YMCA Legal Aid is deeply appreciated!

Sincerely,

Linda Browning and Ann Leonard



Welcome New members

Rebecca Haynes

Cal Poly Pomona, BS
Cal State Northridge, MS

Rebecca is known by most people as Becky. Becky is married, lives in Yucaipa and has two beautiful children. Becky grew up in Redlands and is a third-generation resident.

Becky attended Cal Poly Pomona and Cal State Northridge, and worked as a Resident Dietician for Kaiser for 22 years. Her passion is health and wellness. She spent most of her time doing fitness races. Becky is joining AAUW because she is passionate about empowering all women.

Emma Herzog

CSUSB, MA

Emma lives in Highland and works at Victor Valley College as a Child Development Professor. Emma loves to spend time with her family, her friends and her dog Luna. She also enjoys spending time at the gym and in nature.

Emma is interested in AAUW to become more involved in the community and to meet other intelligent women.

Mae McLaren

Yucaipa High School and
Crafton Hills College student

Mae lives in Yucaipa and is a senior at Yucaipa High School. She is in the Engineering Academy and has served on the Engineering leadership team for all four years. Mae is also active in the Yucaipa Theatre Program and has acted or done Tech for the Thunderbird Theatre shows since her freshman year. Mae is on the Improv Team and is the Thespian president this year. In her free time, she loves to go snowboarding and drive around in her old jeep. She also loves to travel and wants to visit all 50 states. Mae plans to major in engineering in college and knows that she will need the support of strong, professional women as she navigates this field.

Meridyth McLaren

Purdue University, MS

Meridyth is a professor in Child Development at Crafton Hills College. She lives in Yucaipa and has goats and chickens, plus two dogs and a cat. Meridyth loves to travel and has been to all 50 states.

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AAUW Community Engagement



CHAT* Holiday Potluck

Our first offsite CHAT potluck was held December 9th at the Burrage Mansion and it was amazing!



Delicious food, fun-loving attendees, and the beautiful mansion decorations made it a special evening for all who could attend.



Thank you!

~CHAT* (*Conversation Helps Adults Transition*)

~Katherine Gifford literacy@akspl.org



Welcome

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New members

Andrea Morics

St. Olaf College, MN, BA

Bonnie Piller

Andrews University, BS
Western Michigan University,
MA, Ed.D

Bonnie moved to the Redlands area in 2000 to work as a professor at California State University San Bernardino. However, her family has lived in the area since the 1930s. After living and traveling in many parts of the world, Bonnie found it easier to join her extended family in calling this beautiful southern California spot home.

While in graduate school, Bonnie occasionally participated in AAUW projects. Memories of the good work that she saw at that time have stayed with her. She is looking forward to making AAUW a part of her life now.

Samantha (Sam) Vasquez

University of Redlands, BS
University of Maine, MS

Samantha's full name is Samantha Vasquez (she/her/ella) but she also goes by Sam. She is from the sunny Coachella Valley and has lived in the area most of her life. Sam earned her Bachelor's from the University of Redlands in 2022 and her Master's from the University of Maine in 2024. She has studied K-12 education, higher education, Spanish and studio art.

Sam's background includes Residence Life, Volunteerism, Conduct, and DEI. She is currently the Diversity Initiatives Specialist at the University of Redlands, working with the Office for Inclusion & Community as well as the Hispanic Serving Institution Grant.

Sam is the oldest daughter and granddaughter. Sam states that family is very important to her (especially the little ones in her family). She has gotten to where she is because of mentors who shared opportunities, and she would love to do the same for others. She believes AAUW can be a great community for this.

***CHAT** stands for: **Conversation Helps Adults Transition.** We connect AAUW volunteers with adult learners to help the learners practice their conversational English, meeting at a time convenient to both the English learner and the AAUW volunteer.

Contact literacy@akspl.org for information.

2025 Leadership Redlands



Congratulations to members Rachel Bubbs (pictured left) and Stephanie Centeno (pictured right) who both applied and were accepted into [Leadership Redlands](#) for 2025. Leadership Redlands is organized by the Redlands Chamber of Commerce to “develop the next generation of active leaders for our community”. The board has awarded Rachel and Stephanie scholarships to help defray the cost of the program. In exchange, they will report back to the board quarterly on what they are learning through the program, and they will look for ways they can use their new leadership skills to benefit AAUW in the next few years. This is the first time an AAUW member has been sponsored for this program. AAUW is excited by this educational opportunity and pleased to support Rachel and Stephanie this year. If this program sounds interesting to you, please ask Rachel or Stephanie about their experiences as the year progresses and consider apply yourself for 2026!



Save the Date

2025 Community Day of Service Saturday March 15, 2025

Volunteers will tackle projects that will beautify the city of Redlands.



Nancy Yowell Memorial Scholarship Application Window is Now Open

The new 2024-2025 NYMS application is available for download from our website. <https://redlands-ca.aauw.net/projects/scholarships-2/> This scholarship is really a hidden gem of an opportunity for local college women, of any age, who are returning to school after an interruption and could use the financial support. Applicants should reside in the Redlands branch area and be currently enrolled in an Associate's, Bachelor's, or post-graduate degree program. The application can be filled in online, saved, and submitted by email along with the short essay, recommendation letters, and transcripts. **Help us spread the word so we can reach more local women who might qualify!** If you're able to take some flyers to the financial aid office of a local college or would like a flyer to post at your place of employment, please print the flyer enclosed with this newsletter or contact me. Also, please follow our AAUW-Redlands branch page on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn and when you see us posting about the scholarship, please re-share with your followers. And, of course, we can always use help evaluating applications in the Spring.

~Keita Wangari, NYMS Chair

Branch Officers:

President: Heather Abushanab, **Co-Vice Presidents-Elect:** Amy Bisek & Kathryn Brown, **Communication Vice President:** Keita Wangari, **Co-Hospitality Vice Presidents:** Joyce Katkov & Keller Iuppenlatz, **Program Vice President:** Eileen Sanborn, **Membership Vice President:** Jan Negron, **Secretary:** Nan Neighbours, **Treasurer:** Sue Ferguson, **At-Large Board Members:** Twillea Evans-Carthen, Lisa McCarty, Ellen Timothy

B&T Submission: The deadline for the February newsletter is January 10.
Send your articles to the editor via email to news@AAUWRedlands.org

December birthdays:
Julie Mueller, Dorothy Nordquist
and Eileen Sanborn

December Branch Meeting



“Holiday Music”
Geoff Merrill (piano),
Heather Thielen (flute),
Andrea Morics (cello),
Jim Wilson (viola), and
Ellen Gruenbaum (cello).



December 3, 2024 Branch Meeting Recap

What an enjoyable Holiday dinner we experienced at the Tuesday night Holiday branch meeting! The food was delicious! The music by the five members (including member Ellen Gruenbaum) of the Chamber Ensemble of the Redlands Symphony Orchestra provided a wonderful breadth and depth of skills, as they entertained us with beautifully interpreted music including some holiday favorites. Sheron Bealer won the raffle drawing for the quilt by Nelda Stuck, the money from which supported the Nancy Yowell Memorial Scholarships. Thanks is given to all who helped organize this event.

~Nan Neighbours, Secretary



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<https://www.aauw-ca.org/documents/2024/11/public-policy-news-december-2024.pdf>

Hiking Our Hills and Mountains

16 members of the “Hiking Our Hills” hiking group hiked the Saha’tapa Loop Trail at Gateway Ranch Saturday, November 23rd. Gateway Ranch is part of the Two Canyons Conservancy on Live Oak Canyon in Redlands. We had ideal weather and enjoyed the hike, the scenery and spending time with each other!

