

# Branches and Twigs

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

## Co-Presidents' Corner: Amy Bisek and Kathryn Brown

Our goal of attaining equity for women is under threat more than ever before in our lifetimes. DEI programs are slashed. Higher education subsidies are rescinded. The glass ceiling is reinforced by iron-clad minds that reject social justice progress. It's hard to look at our granddaughters and feel confident they'll live in a more equitable world than their mothers. Yes, we're distressed, confused, and angry. We question: How can we make a positive, measurable, and immediate impact in this world?

In the US, Women's Equality Day is celebrated this week, on Tuesday, August 26, to commemorate the certification of the Nineteenth Amendment, which gave women the right to vote. That was just the beginning. Now, it's time to speed up progress toward gender equality and attain a more inclusive and equitable world for women and girls. At AAUW Redlands, we are amplifying our efforts to drive real change.

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## September Branch Meeting: Thelma Muro



Theme park designer and AAUW Redlands branch member Thelma Muro will speak on *"Worlds Within Worlds: The Magic of Immersive Theme Park Design"* for the September branch meeting program.

Muro's background includes working both as an architect for traditional architecture firms and as project manager for private/public redevelopment partnerships before she decided to form her own company, Thelma & Boom, Inc. As principal and founder, she is involved in all aspects of design, technical development and often lends her talents to major theme park development groups as project director, overseeing teams of hundreds of designers, engineers, and other specialty consultants during the years of design required to design a successful theme park.

Muro's credentials are impressive: she's led or been part of the design team of numerous immersive experiences and theme parks, including "Warner Bros World" in Abu Dhabi, UAE (based on Warner Bros comics and cartoons and the world's largest indoor theme park), "The Wizarding World of Harry Potter" at Universal Studios Hollywood, "Yokohama Oceanarium" in Yokohama, Japan (featuring an experiential, educational, immersive "Journey Through Time"), and the "Cirque du Soleil Theme and Water Park" in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico (a design inspired by the experiential, otherworldly visual style for which Cirque du Soleil is famous).

Muro will talk about the creative and logistical process of managing multiple teams of artists and experts who contribute diverse, inspired ideas and ultimately making an imagined world come alive.

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## September Branch Meeting

**When:** Tuesday,  
September 9, 2025  
Social 5:15 p.m.  
Dinner 6:00 p.m.  
Program 6:45 p.m.

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

**Menu:** Salad with Oranges,  
Olives & Red Onion\*,  
Balsamic Vinaigrette\*, Garlic  
Bread sticks\*\*, Cavatappi  
Noodles\*\*, Grilled Herb  
Chicken\*\*, Eggplant  
Meatballs\*&\*\*\*, Marinara\* and  
Pesto\*\* Sauces, Seasonal  
Vegetables\*&\*\*\*,  
Craveworthy Cookies\*\*,  
Brownies\*\*  
\*vegan, \*\*vegetarian,  
\*\*\*made without gluten

**Cost:**  
Members and guests: \$35

**Reservations:**  
Please RSVP online [HERE](https://www.AAUWRedlands.org)  
or call 909-362-4955 or email  
[AAUWrsvp@AAUWRedlands.org](mailto:AAUWrsvp@AAUWRedlands.org)  
by Monday, August 25,  
2025. After August 25,  
reservations will be on a  
space-available basis. **After  
registering, you will receive  
confirmation via email.**  
**Reminder:** A reservation  
made is a reservation paid.

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

**Branch Meetings  
2025-2026**

**Saturday, 10/4 8:15 a.m.**

**Membership Brunch**

**Saturday, 11/1 8:15 a.m.**

**Tuesday, 12/2 5:15 p.m.**

**1/6, 2/7, 3/7, 4/7, 5/5, 6/6**

DINNER RESERVATION for September 9 meeting: After August 25, reservations are made on a space-available basis by calling 909-362-4955 or emailing <a href="mailto:AAUWrsvp@AAUWRedlands.org">AAUWrsvp@AAUWRedlands.org</a>				AAUW Redlands September 2025		
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <b>LABOR DAY</b>	2 8:45am Fundraising	3 1pm Bridge	4	5	6 9am STEM Committee mtg.
7	8 1pm Sew What!	9 <b>5:15pm Branch Mtg.</b>	10	11	12	13
14	15 6:30pm Board Mtg	16 *8:45am Fundraising **5:30pm College/Univ Partnerships Mtg.	17 *9am CHAT **12pm I Am, Therefore I Think	18 10am Bridge	19	20
21 <i>Reservation deadline for Oct 4 branch meeting</i>	22 *1pm Bridge **1pm Sew What!	23 7pm Public Policy	24 1pm Bunco	25 1pm & 7pm Book Club	26	27 8:30am Hiking
28	29	30 8:45am Fundraising	<b>Save the Dates</b>		Fall Bridge Scramble Wed, Oct 22 October Branch Meeting Sat, Oct 4 Reservation Deadline Sun, Sept 21 YMCA Home Tour Sun, Dec 7	
<b>AAUW Redlands Board Meeting</b> 9/15 6:30 pm Redlands United Church of Christ, 168 Bellevue Ave, Redlands. ~Amy Bisek ~Kathryn Brown			<b>Hiking Our Hills &amp; Mountains</b> 9/27 8:30am Contact Donita to be added to email list ~Donita Remington ~Diana Shimota			
<b>Bridge Groups</b> 4th Monday 1pm, 1st Wednesday @ 1pm ~Contact Susan Satzger 3rd Thursday @ 10 am Beginners ~Contact Tricia Stubbs			<b>I Am, Therefore I Think</b> 9/17 for topic see page 6 Meets 12pm at Trinity Episcopal Church Lounge (Rooms 6-8) 419 South 4 <sup>th</sup> Street, Redlands. ~Barbara Simmons ~Margee Fuller			
<b>Book Club</b> 9/25 <i>Beautiful Ugly</i> by Alice Feeney No RSVP required. Information on the facilitator and co-host will be emailed. ~Valarie Boone ~Marianne Baldwin			<b>Public Policy</b> 9/23 7pm ~Cassie MacDuff			
<b>Bunco</b> 9/24 1pm ~Patty Ahearn ~Lori Powell			<b>STEM Initiatives</b> <b>Mt. San Jacinto STEM Conference:</b> January 8, 2026 <b>Redlands STEM Conference:</b> February 24, 2026  <b>Redlands STEM Conferences planning meeting</b> 9/6 9am at 216 E. South Ave, Redlands ~Pam Ford ~Karen Watkins			
<b>CHAT Meeting</b> 9/17 5:30 9am Contemporary Club ~Katherine Gifford 909-798-7565, ext 4138 <a href="mailto:literacy@akspl.org">literacy@akspl.org</a>			<b>Mt. San Jacinto STEM conference</b> ~Pam Ford ~Betsy Grimes			
<b>College/University Partnerships Committee Meeting</b> 9/16 5:30pm Pam Ford's home, 1049 W Fern Ave, Redlands ~Mandy Wilcox-Herzog ~Pam Ford			<b>Tech Trek Committee</b> ~Donita Remington			
<b>Fundraising Committee</b> 9/2, 9/16, 9/30 (every other Tuesday) 8:45am on Teams ~Lisa Wright			<b>Sew What!</b> 9/8 & 9/22 1pm ~Lisa McCarty			

## Co-Presidents' Corner: Amy Bisek and Kathryn Brown ~continued from page 1

**What is AAUW Redlands doing?** Driven by a revised 2025-26 strategic plan, together we will:

- 1 Expand our college and university partnerships and community fundraising efforts over the next four years to increase the annual number of National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) scholarships given to female students at our partner schools.
- 2 Fine-tune our Nancy Yowell Memorial Scholarship criteria and processes to expand our reach and ensure we select the most deserving and high-potential applicants returning to a post-secondary education.
- 3 Invest in our branch's leadership and future leaders through improved financial literacy and Microsoft 365 Teams training, Leadership Redlands support, better documentation of leader responsibilities for easier role transitions, and targeted growth opportunities for our Members at Large.
- 4 Support and educate our local communities about the risks of censorship of curricula and libraries in local public schools, advocate for diversity programs, support our professional educators, and advocate for protections of LGBTQ+ and women's rights.

You'll hear more about each of these efforts throughout the year.

### And what are our recent AAUW Redlands results?

- Unafraid of potential changes in this past year's NCCWSL format, we didn't shy away or hold back. No, we sent two deserving Crafton Hills College students to participate. At our September branch meeting you'll hear first-hand about their NCCWSL experiences this past summer. You won't want to miss their recap!
- In 2024-25 we raised over \$3700 to support higher education for women returning to college after an educational interruption. These are engaged, smart, persistent women intent on bettering their lives.
- We sent 647 middle school students to our STEM Conferences and Tech Trek camps, exposing them to imaginative and exciting careers with higher earning potential, opportunities for innovation, and a chance to make a significant impact on society.

And many, many other exciting and impactful results that you can find [HERE](#) in our AAUW Redlands 2024-25 Year-End Summary Report. Have a look and see what you've accomplished!

Together, AAUW Redlands continues our drive toward equity for women and girls through education, empowerment and advocacy. It's not just a slogan. It's resistance against stagnation and complacency. It's positive action. It's AAUW Redlands. If you'd like to become more involved, give either of us a call. Do it for your granddughters.

Amy Bisek  
Kathryn Brown

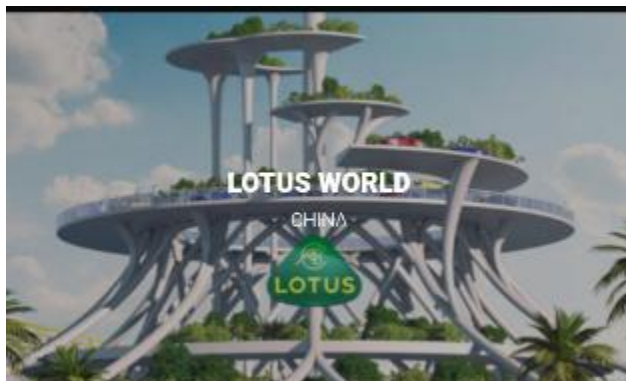
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She will also address how she experiences being a woman in the theme park industry, which Muro sums up as, "challenging, sometimes frustrating, but ultimately very rewarding!"

Muro says, "I'm honored to present in front of these amazing women who have remarkable life stories. We have so many pioneers in our AAUW branch. I'm thrilled to share a little of what I have done." ~Eileen Sanborn, coordinator



To see examples of Muro's work, visit [www.thelmaboom.com](http://www.thelmaboom.com).







AAUW invites hundreds of college women from around the country for three days of leadership training, inspiration and networking at our National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL).

## College/University Partnership Student Leaders will Speak at September 9<sup>th</sup> Branch Meeting

Every year our branch's College/University Partnerships Committee makes the arrangements to send students to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders at the University of Maryland. This year we are pleased to tell you that we sent Alison Klemm and Sierra Mason.

You may have met Sierra and Alison at a branch meeting last spring because they joined AAUW early in the year. They are both in the honors program at Crafton Hills College. They will share briefly about their experiences at NCCWSL 2025 at our September 9 branch meeting. This meeting will also have an opportunity for members to donate, if they so choose, to support students attending NCCWSL 2026!

Be sure to meet Alison and Sierra at the September meeting! You will be glad you did. And in the meantime, consider joining the C/U Committee. Contact Pam Ford, Mandy Wilcox-Herzog or Susan Bangasser for more information.



Sierra and Alison



## Membership Meeting, Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

I can't believe we are already planning our October Membership meeting! Who are you going to bring to the meeting? Help spread the word about how great our branch is to your friends and neighbors and invite them to our membership meeting. I hope you all have had a wonderful summer.

~Jan Negron, Membership Vice President

## Know Someone Who'd Like to Join AAUW?

**AAUW women make an impact on women and girls.  
Word of mouth is the best way to recruit new members!**

**Why Join?** AAUW offers multiple ways to stay engaged with our mission of advancing equity for women and girls, as well as to develop friendships with other who understand that the fight for equity is still critical! Excellent national webinars! Engaging monthly branch programs! A wide variety of interest group meetings! Energetic, intellectually curious friends! A mission that is more important than ever!

For membership information, contact Jan Negron



## Sew What! October Preview Event for November Holiday Boutique

Stop by and say hi to the *Sew What!* gals at the October Membership Meeting. While you're there, check out and purchase some adorable fall-themed items that we will have for sale. There may even be some previews of Christmas items too. We look forward to seeing you!



## HAPPY August & September Birthdays

This month we will celebrate not only our September birthdays but also August birthdays. We celebrate both months because we don't meet in August, and we don't want to leave anyone out.



### August Birthdays

Heather Abushanab  
Deborah Berg  
Cid Breyer  
Peggi Cook  
Roslyn Dunn  
Johanne Dyerly  
Debra Fields  
Marion Golson  
Kimberly Green  
Joyce Heitmeier  
Martha Lehman  
Valerie Lichtman  
Cathy Curtis Odegaard  
Jane Roberts  
Anne Sandel  
Susan Shodahl  
Sherry Walsh  
Susan Willis  
Debbie Wilson  
Sara Zarro

### September Birthdays

Brandi Bailes  
Del Barrett  
Linda Browning  
Char Burgess  
Peggy Crabtree  
Chari Dawes  
Joy Fan  
Katherine Gifford  
Stephanie Hastings  
Heather King  
Sherri Kinsey  
Cassie MacDuff  
Darcy McNaboe  
Marilee Rendulich  
Linda Rowland  
Valerie Taber  
Carolee Taylor  
Sue Ann Wallace  
Kathy Warren

## June Hike



## College/University Partnership Committee Meets Soon!

Remember last year when we got to attend a play about women in education at a discount rate at the University of Redlands? Remember last September when FOUR young women (from Crafton Hills, SB Valley, and UoR) reported on their experiences at the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders? Or maybe you were a STEM Guide alongside an honors student from Crafton Hills? Or you participated in the Martin Luther King walk at UoR. Or you had a wonderful conversation with a college student member of our branch while hiking with our hiking group.

All of the above benefits our branch as a whole and our individual members. All of the above is made possible by the College/University Partnership Committee. Come join us.

Our first meeting of the year is planned for Tuesday, September 16, from 5:30 – 7:00 at Pam Ford's house, 1049 W Fern Ave, Redlands. We will keep the meeting BRIEF. Everyone wants to get home to carry out their evening activities. There will be some munchies in case you are zipping in from work.

*C/U Committee Co-Chairs*

*~Mandy Wilcox-Herzog*

*~Pam Ford*

*AAUW-CA C/U Chair*

*~Susan Bangasser*

## BOARD MEETINGS 2025-2026

All board meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. All meetings are at 6:30 p.m. except the June potluck.

September meeting:	in person at Redlands United Church of Christ.
October meeting:	online on Teams.
November through June:	in-person at Redlands United Church of Christ and Teams online.

September 15, 2025	February 9, 2026
October 13, 2025	March 16, 2026
November 10, 2025	April 13, 2026
December 15, 2025	May 11, 2026
January 12, 2026	June 15, 2026



## I Am, Therefore I Think

Welcome everyone to the *I Am, Therefore I Think* group that meets the third Wednesday of the month, September through June except December. We meet at Trinity Episcopal Church at 419 South Fourth Street in Redlands in the Lounge that is just across the breezeway from the church office. We meet from 12:00 to 2:00 with each member bringing a brown bag lunch, and the program beginning at 12:30. Every year there are different topics chosen for presentation, some being icebreakers to get to know each other better and some very serious.

The first meeting of the AAUW year will be September 17<sup>th</sup>. The presentation is “*Who am I?*” We will share about our backgrounds and most formative events/people/experiences that led to who we are at the core. Barbara and Margee will be our facilitators.

~Barbara Simmons

~Margee Fuller

## AAUW Community Engagement



## YMCA Holiday Home Tour Volunteers Needed!

For the past 20 years, AAUW has proudly supported the YMCA's annual Holiday Home Tour by hosting one of the featured homes. This year's Holiday Home Tour will take place on Sunday, December 7, 2025, and we're looking for volunteers to serve as hostesses in the home assigned to AAUW. There are two available shifts 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 12:45 p.m. – 4:45. This event is a major fundraiser for the YMCA, with proceeds benefiting their Legal Aid Program. Legal Aid Program Director, Sara Pugh, and her team provide legal services to low-income clients, primarily women. Volunteering is a meaningful way to support this important cause—and it's a lot of fun too! A sign-up sheet will be available at the September and October meetings. If you prefer, you can also email or text your name, phone number, and preferred shift to Linda Browning or Ann Leonard. We hope you'll join us in giving your time and energy to this wonderful tradition! Thank you

~Ann Leonard

~Linda Browning

## Book Club

The new year for Book Club kicks off in September. Our members voted for books after receiving over 30 nominations at our book selection dinner earlier this year. Below is the list of winning books we will read this year.

September - *Beautiful Ugly* by Alice Feeney,

October - *The Quiet Damage* - QAnon and the Destruction of the American Family by Jesselyn Cook,

November - *The Lion Women of Tehran* by Marjan Kamali,

January - *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger,

February - *Dear America - Notes of an Undocumented Citizen* by Antonio Vargas,

March - *Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon,

April - *The Backyard Bird Chronicles* by Amy Tan,

May - Book Selection Meeting and Dinner,

June - *The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore,

July - *Who is Government? The Untold Story of Public Service* by Michael Lewis,

August - *Keeper of the Lost Art* by Laura Morelli.



Please reach out to Marianne Baldwin or Valarie Boone if you would like to receive the monthly Book Club email with our calendar and meeting locations. AAUW members are welcome to come every month or just one time – whatever works!

Book Club meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 1 pm and 7 pm. Due to the holidays, we meet on the third Thursday in November, and do not meet in December. We rotate hosting, co-hosting (bringing a dessert), and facilitating the discussion. Happy reading!

~Marianne Baldwin

~Valarie Boone







## STEP up for STEM

It is September very soon, and your STEM Initiatives Committee is already meeting to plan for the STEM activities in the year ahead.

STEM Initiatives include: the STEM Conference for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls at Mt San Jacinto College on Thursday, January 8; the STEM Conference for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls at the University of Redlands on Tuesday, February 24; and Tech Trek Camps for 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls in the summer.

These initiatives take planning, people, and passion. Come and join us. Our September meeting is on Saturday, September 6 at 9:00 a.m. at Kathryn Brown's home.

Keep checking the newsletter calendar for each month's meeting date, time and location. We can use your help!

Contact any of us for more information: Betsy Grimes (MSJC Conference),  
Donita Remington (Tech Trek),  
Karen Watkins (UoR Conference), and  
Pam Ford (MSJC and UoR Conferences)



This past May, one of our virtual Tech Trek 2024 scholarship awardees, Aarya Wani (Clement Middle School), contacted AAUW Redlands branch leadership to let us know that she would be returning to virtual TT Camp in 2025 to volunteer as a "build coach" for the 2025 Tech Trekkers. She also told us that she had joined the Civil Air Patrol Cadet program--which focuses on aerospace education, emergency services and drill-- and had been selected to attend the week-long "Encampment" (a challenging, military-type training experience for cadets) at Camp Roberts in San Luis Obispo. She asked if AAUW Redlands would be willing to cover the \$475 camp fee, and after due consideration, the board voted to grant her request.

The board recently received the following email from Aarya:



*Good morning,*

*I hope you're doing well! This is Aarya Wani, and I wanted to share an update on my experiences at Encampment and as a Build Coach for the virtual Tech Trek.*

*First of all, I want to thank AAUW Redlands for giving me the opportunity to attend Encampment. It was one of the most challenging and most valuable experiences of my life. One of my highlights was getting to fly in a C-47, which was so fun! I was constantly pushed out of my comfort zone, and faced a lot of mental and physical challenges, and came out stronger and more*

*confident. I really feel that I've grown as a leader and a team member.*

*Two weeks ago, I also had the chance to be a Build Coach for the virtual Tech Trek camp. I had so much fun working with the campers! Our team's sustainable development goal was "no poverty," and it was exciting to watch the campers grow and improve their projects every day. By the end of the week I was so proud to see their working inventions. It was also an amazing opportunity to work with the other coaches, who were able to give me great advice and mentorship. Honestly, by teaching them, I feel like I have a much better understanding of coding and circuitry.*

*To conclude, thank you so much to AAUW Redlands for supporting both of these amazing opportunities. I'm really grateful for everything you've helped make possible.*

*Respectfully,  
Aarya Wani*

### Civil Air Patrol Cadet program-- "Encampment"

The Civil Air Patrol Cadet program, known as "Encampment," is a crucial component of the organization's mission to prepare young people for future leadership roles. Encampments are structured to develop leadership skills, learn about aviation, space, and technology, and commit to a habit of regular exercise. Cadets engage in hands-on activities and tours, focusing on developing leadership skills, learning about STEM, and living the Core Values. The program emphasizes self-discipline, leadership, and teamwork, providing challenges that push cadets to grow and succeed.

Civil Air Patrol



## Fall Bridge Scramble!



**Save the Date**  
**Wed, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

The AAUW Bridge Scramble will return this fall on Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. This will be another fabulous event with several rounds of bridge, a luncheon, bake sale, and prizes. Registration for the event is already open. Use our online form to register: [Bridge Scramble Registration Click Here!](#) or download the form attached to the newsletter.

~Heather Abushanab



### **AAUW CA Wants You** **To Be in the Know!**

In September, a brand-new all-member publication will replace the **California Connection**. It will include important news for members from AAUW California as well as AAUW National, important dates to remember, book/podcast recommendations from the board, and more, including prizes! Be on the lookout in mid-September! If you are not already receiving *California Connection* and you'd like to receive this new replacement email publication, just click [HERE](#) to subscribe.

## Calling All Bakers

to make some goodies for the Bridge Scramble Bake Sale to be held on Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Methodist Church, 1 East Olive Ave., Redlands.

Please have your items packaged to sell and identify if they contain any nuts. The Bridge Scramble team will prince them for you. We are asking to please have them at the church by 9:00 am that day.

This bake sale will benefit our Mission Fund.

~Mary Lou Guerrero, Bridge Scramble Team



### **AAUW National's** **Fellowship & Grant** **Applications Open** **August 1**

AAUW National is excited to announce that applications are now open for AAUW-sponsored fellowships and grants. Each year, AAUW provides millions in funding to support women pursuing academic, research, and professional opportunities that advance equity for women and girls. From graduate education to community-based projects, our awards empower changemakers at every level. In July 2025, AAUW awarded \$5.3 million in fellowships and grants to 228 women and community-based projects. Spread the word, applications close September 30! **Encourage eligible students, scholars, and community leaders to apply today.** [Click HERE](#)



### **AAUW National's Action Network** **Two-Minute Activist**

Join AAUW in the fight for gender equity! Sign up to get regular alerts on how and when to engage. We provide all the tools you need to call or send messages to your members of Congress, contact your state legislators about pressing issues, and more.

#### **Sign Up to Receive Action Alerts**

Members of AAUW's Action Network receive urgent e-mail notices when their advocacy is needed most. With our online [Two-Minute Activist](#) tool, it takes just minutes and an internet connection to make your voice heard on issues impacting women and girls!

- [Tell your Twitter followers about Two-Minute Activist](#)
- [Share Two-Minute Activist on Facebook](#)







## Interested in helping your AAUW branch monitor the Redlands Unified School District Board?

From AAUW California Public Policy leadership:

Below is a link to a video training so you know what to expect.

The School Board Project is entering its next phase, focusing on monitoring school boards for compliance with California laws. The AAUW California Public Policy Committee is collaborating with the Public School Defenders Hub to ensure our members have the tools to be effective monitors and reporters.

The toolkit for this phase includes links to the video training on how to monitor your school board, and the slides supporting it:

- A video presentation on April 24, 2025, co-sponsored by AAUW California Public Policy Committee and the Public School Defenders Hub ([HERE](#)).
- The slide deck for the presentation ([HERE](#)) provides valuable information on all current relevant laws, roles and responsibilities of board members, and guidelines for filing complaints for non-compliance.
- Link to Public School Defenders Hub website for more information and resources ([HERE](#)).

If you have any questions about this project, please reach out to AAUW Redlands Public Policy Chair Cassie MacDuff or email [publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org](mailto:publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org).



## Holiday Boutique, Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> to Support NYM Scholarships

Exciting News! For the Nancy Yowell Memorial Scholarship, a Boutique Sale is held at the November branch meeting. As you read this, members are making assorted handcrafted items for you. Others are considering what to donate for the sale.

There will be holiday items, gift baskets, jewelry, ornaments, baked goods, and beautiful sewn items from the *Sew What!* group. *Sew What!* has previously made items from tote bags to Teddy bears. Members make pillows, pot holders, aprons, kitchen towels, microwave cozies, cookie cutters and so much more. We have had fun with the secondhand jewelry sale. If you are considering donating something worth more, we'll have a silent auction for it. We're considering selling items that are new and in the box which members have stuck away in a cupboard wondering who to regift with it. Check with Tricia Stubbs if you are considering that.

All the proceeds go to scholarships for women returning to college after an interruption in their education. That's the Nancy Yowell Memorial Scholarship.

The sale starts at 8:15 am. Purchases can be paid for with cash, checks, zelle (no fee), or credit card (fee). We sell out fast. See you there.

~Tricia Stubbs

### 2025-26 Branch Officers:

**Co-Presidents:** Amy Bisek (952-261-9908) & Kathryn Brown (510-220-1876),  
**President-Elect:** Susan Bangasser (909-289-5353), **Communication Vice President:** Marianne Baldwin (909-239-8241), **Hospitality Vice President:** Susan Miller (951-233-1287), **Program Vice President:** Ellen Gruenbaum 765-586-8993), **Membership Vice President:** Jan Negrón (909-809-8819), **Secretary:** Nan Neighbours (951-440-7881), **Treasurer:** Ginny Evans-Perry (909-213-2891), **At-Large Board Members:** Kim Cousins (909-963-6890), Thelma Muro (714-225-7086), Margaret Wilcox (530-391-0860)

### B&T Submission:

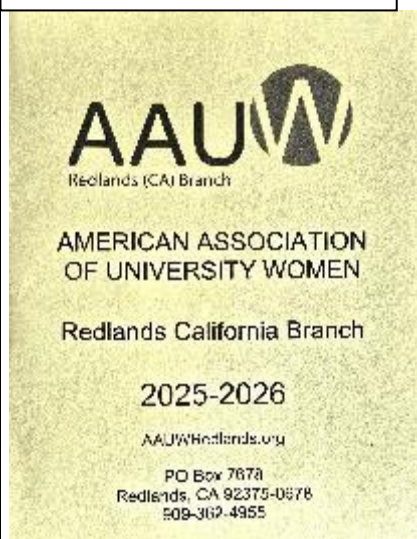
The deadline for the October newsletter is 10th. Send your articles to the editor via email to [news@aauwredlands.org](mailto:news@aauwredlands.org)

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Yearbooks will be available at the September 10th branch meeting. Remaining yearbooks will be mailed to member's home address.



Aleta West has been a member of AAUW Redlands for 67 years. She moved to Idaho two years ago to be near her son. The family gathered in Redlands in July to attend Aleta's grandson's wedding. Her many Redlands' friends enjoyed visiting with her.

