

AAUW Empowers Women

AAUW has been empowering women as individuals and as a community since 1881. For more than 135 years, we have worked together as a national grassroots organization to improve the lives of millions of women and their families.

AAUW has a long and distinguished history of advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe. AAUW's **Fellowships and Grants** is one of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women. In the 2016-17 academic year, the endowment provided more than \$3.7 million in funding for more than 230 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations. Fellowship and grant recipients perform research in a wide range of disciplines and work to improve their schools and communities. Their intellect, dedication, imagination, and effort promise to forge new paths in scholarship, improve the quality of life for all, as well as tackle the educational and social barriers facing women.

The AAUW **Legal Advocacy Fund** (LAF) works to challenge sex discrimination in the workplace and higher education. Unfair pay, pregnancy discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, and violations of Title IX harm many women and men. LAF addresses these barriers by informing people of their rights and by assisting people who are using the legal system to seek justice and change.

Through its **Public Policy Program**, AAUW Redlands Branch pursues activities which advance equity for women and girls, making clear our opposition to all forms of discrimination and showing our support for Constitutional protection of civil rights for all individuals. We sponsor and encourage participation in the *AAUW Two-Minute Activist* program as well as in local media and civic affairs.

Our **College/University Partnership** focus is to build a better future for women and girls by educating college students about leadership, electoral programs, the pay gap and other opportunities for young women.

Redlands Branch

By joining you will have an opportunity to support AAUW's mission and goals while at the same time make new friends, hear interesting speakers, develop leadership skills, become involved in community action projects and help influence the political process.

Organized in 1947, AAUW Redlands branch is an active group that sponsors a host of events to engage our members. The monthly branch meetings feature programs of interest to the local community as well as reinforcing AAUW's public policy objectives. The branch fosters members' common interests in smaller group settings through a variety of interest groups.

Our Community Action Projects engage AAUW Redlands branch members in service to our Community. The Redlands branch sponsors two STEM conferences for 920 eighth grade girls from Redlands, Yucaipa, Banning and Beaumont and sponsors four girls to Tech Trek, a weeklong STEM summer camp. The branch awards college Scholarships to local re-entry women and conference scholarships for college students to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. Additional community action projects include Redlands Adult Literacy Program and YMCA Holiday Home Tour.

Branch Meeting Programs 2016-2017

Meetings are held in the Casa Loma Room at the University of Redlands. Please check newsletter or <http://aauw-redlands-ca.org> for updated information.

September 10, 2016, Saturday

Social 9:00 am, Brunch 9:30 am, Program 10:15 am
Membership Brunch, Interest Group Gala

October 4, 2016, Tuesday

Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:00 pm, Program 6:45 pm
Renee Van Vechten, Ph.D., Associate Professor,
Department of Political Science, University of
Redlands, *Topic: Election information*

November 5, 2016, Saturday

Social 9:00 am, Brunch 9:30 am, Program 10:15 am
Kathleen Feeley, Ph.D., Associate Professor, U. S.
History & Women's Studies, University of Redlands,
Topic: Gossip in American History

December 6, 2016, Tuesday

Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:00 pm, Program 6:45 pm
Debra Crawford, The Eden Projects, *Topic: Plant
Trees. Save Lives*

January 7, 2017, Saturday

Social 9:00 am, Brunch 9:30 am, Program 10:15 am
Jennifer Nelson, Ph.D., Professor & Director, Women's
and Gender Studies Program, University of Redlands,
*Topic: A History of the Feminist Women's Health
Movement*

February 4, 2017 Saturday

Social 9:00 am, Brunch 9:30 am, Program 10:15 am
AAUW Fellow or Grant Recipient speaker,
"AAUW Fund Projects"

March 7, 2017, Tuesday

Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:00 pm, Program 6:45 pm
Denise Hoyt, Mayor of Yucaipa
Topic: Women in Leadership

April 1, 2017, Saturday

Social 9:00 am, Brunch 9:30 am, Program 10:15 am
Nancy Yowell Memorial Scholarships presentation to
re-entry women returning to college.
AAUW Redlands Branch Named Gift Honoree and
Celebration of Service Presentations

May 2, 2017, Tuesday

Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:00 pm, Program 6:45 pm
Legal Advocacy Speaker

June 3, 2017, Saturday

Social 9:00 am, Brunch 9:30 am, Program 10:15 am
Carole Nagengast, Ph.D., University of New Mexico,
Topic: Amnesty International and Human Rights
2017-2018 Redlands Branch Officer Installation

Interest Groups:

Bridge:

There are 3 AAUW bridge groups and 4 community groups (that welcome AAUW members). There are both afternoon and evening sections. The two Saturday groups involve couples and/or pairs.

California Cuisine and Conversation:

Prepare your favorite recipe or try a new one and join us for a casual get-together. The food is always great and the conversation interesting. Members may include their significant other/guest in this activity.
Meets monthly 6 pm on first Sunday at members' homes.

Interest Groups continued

Great Decisions:

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The briefing book is published by the Foreign Policy Association and highlights eight of the most thought-provoking foreign policy challenges facing Americans today. The groups meet in March and April for eight weeks for stimulating discussions. Meets 1 pm Monday & 7 pm Wednesday.

I Am, Therefore I Think:

"I Am..." discusses topics of current interest. Meets 12 pm third Wednesday.

International Affairs:

Each month, a new country is discussed by a guest speaker. This is a brunch meeting. Meets 9:15 am, fourth Tuesday at the Mitten Building

Reading and Rainbow:

Join us for a discussion of a selection of fiction and non-fiction books as well as a foreign film. Usually meets 1 pm & 7 pm fourth Thursday, ten months of the year. Reservations are not required.

Recorder Music Group:

The recorder group is an ensemble of recorder players who play all sizes of recorders and frequently perform at local events. Meets 9 am Mondays

San Gorgonio Pass Area:

The San Gorgonio Interest Group sponsors a STEM Conference for eighth grade girls from Banning and Beaumont at Mt. San Jacinto College. We also send seventh grade girls to Tech Trek.

Hiking our Hills and Mountains

We are a group that explores the scores of trails in our local hills and San Bernardino Mountains. The hikes range from 2-4 miles. Anyone, including friends and spouses, are welcome to join the hike.

Community Action Projects:

Adult Literacy & "CHAT":

The Redlands Adult Literacy Program, sponsored by the Friends of A. K. Smiley Public Library and A. K. Smiley Public Library, provides tutoring in reading and writing English to adults, 16 years and older. Volunteers from AAUW are invited to volunteer with the Redlands Adult Literacy Program or in an affiliated program called CHAT (*Conversation Helps Adults Transition*). The CHAT program matches AAUW volunteers with second-

Community Action Projects continued:

Adult Literacy & "CHAT" (continue)

language adult learners who want to practice their conversational English. CHAT volunteers and second-language adult learners can meet on a mutually agreed upon schedule.

Family Service Project:

Redlands Branch members support Family Service's annual *Backpack Giveaway* program which supplies students, K-12 grade, with required basic necessities needed for school.

Local Scholarship:

Our branch provides scholarships to local women who previously attended college and who are now completing an associate or bachelor degree. We also award conference scholarships for college students to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders

Redlands Bowl Ushers:

Members provide ushers for a Redlands Bowl performance.

STEM Conference, Redlands:

The branch sponsors an annual conference for 600 eighth grade girls from Redlands and Yucaipa schools. Conference date: Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

STEM Conference, San Gorgonio Pass:

The branch sponsors an annual conference for 320 eighth grade girls from Banning and Beaumont schools. Conference held in January 2017.

Speech Trek:

Speech Trek is an AAUW California Project that begins on the branch level with a speech tournament for high school local students and culminates with three top statewide finalists performing their five-minute speeches at the AAUW California convention/annual meeting in April. 2016-2017 Contest Topic: IS IT TIME TO PASS THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT?

Tech Trek:

Tech Trek is a STEM camp for 7th grade girls. The San Gorgonio Pass Interest Group sends girls each year to camp at UC San Diego. There the girls attend STEM classes, STEM related field trips, and experience college life by living in the dorms for a week.

YMCA Holiday Home Tour:

For the last twelve years AAUW has assisted with the annual YMCA Holiday Home Tour by hosting a home. Home Tour date: Sunday, December 4, 2016

American Association of University Women

Redlands Branch

2016-2017



The American Association of University Women is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Since our founding in 1881, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day — educational, social, economic, and political.

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Membership

Membership is open to anyone holding an associate's, bachelor's, or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university. Students enrolled in a regionally accredited two or four year institution may become student affiliates.

Our membership year is July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 and new members may join at any time. Contact our Membership VP, Karen Skoog, for more information or a membership form. (membership@aauw-redlands-ca.org).

The University of Redlands, Crafton Hills College, CSU San Bernardino and UC Riverside are college/university partner members of AAUW. Full-time undergraduate students attending these institutions are eligible for a free e-student affiliate membership.