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The President's Corner – Theresa Lantz



April showers bring May flowers. Speaking of flowers, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who sent get well cards and beautiful bouquets of flowers for my speedy recovery. I felt your well wishes, and they were much appreciated. I am wishing you bouquets of flowers for Mother's Day, to acknowledge all your accomplishments as women: wives, mothers, sisters, caregivers, workers, both at home and in the workplace. A wonderful opportunity to celebrate will be at our Rustic Tea, May 14th, 4-6 pm at Martha Green's. Cost is \$25. This event is a celebration of all we have accomplished this year.

Hope to see you there. Our 2015/16 year is rapidly coming to an end. It has been quite an adventure. Soon we will be acknowledging our past board and installing our new officers with flowers. Spring is a time of new growth. Help our organization continue to grow by renewing your membership and inviting others to join us. YOU are the best recruiters! We have much to celebrate this lovely month of May.

May Branch Meeting:

“Understanding Gender Diversity”



Traci Lowenthal, Psy.D. began her training at the AIDS Service Center in Pasadena in 2003, while completing her Doctorate in Clinical-Community Psychology at the University of La Verne. Dr. Lowenthal's clinical experience includes the following groups: persons identifying as LGBTQIA, those living with HIV/AIDS, Caregivers of Cancer patients, college students, older adults and survivors of sexual trauma.

Upon licensure, Dr. Lowenthal opened her private practice in her home town of Redlands and maintains a second location in Claremont, California.

The practice specializes in working with persons identifying as LGBTQIA. She is committed and passionate about providing quality mental health care to this richly diverse group. Dr. Lowenthal is a long time advocate of equality for the LGTBQIA community and brings tireless commitment to her work as a clinician and educator. In 2014, Dr. Lowenthal developed Creative Insights Counseling as a way to work with interns and provide supervision to those looking to work in a private practice setting. Together with her staff, Dr. Lowenthal now provides training and outreach in many different settings. Her writing has also been featured in many publications.

Dr. Lowenthal is adjunct faculty at the University of La Verne, the University of Redlands and Crafton Hills Junior College.

~Patricia Stubbs

May 2016 Branch Meeting

When

Tuesday, May 3

Social 5:30 p.m.

Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Program 6:45 p.m.

Where

University of Redlands
CASA LOMA Room

Menu

Chef's Choice

Dinner Buffet

Chef's choice main entrée; vegetarian entrée; Chef's choice starch; mixed green salad with Ranch and Italian dressing; fresh seasonal vegetables; dinner rolls and creamy butter; lemon raspberry torte; coffee/tea

Cost

Members and guests: \$19

Reservations

The reservation deadline for the May 3rd meeting is Wednesday, April 27th, 2016. Please call 909-362-4955 or email rsvpmeeting@aauw-redlands-ca.org. 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 at 6:45 p.m. Chairs will be available.

Branch Meetings 2015-2016

Saturday, 6/4 brunch

2016-2017

Saturday, 9/10 brunch

Wednesday, APRIL 27 RESERATION DEADLINE for MAY 3 Dinner meeting					May 2016		
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 6pm California Cuisine	2 *7pm Bridge	3 5:30pm Branch Meeting	4 1pm Bridge	5	6	7 *7 pm Bridge	
8 	9 6:30pm Board Mtg	10	11 *1pm Bridge	12	13	14 <u>4pm-6pm Rustic Tea</u> *6:30pm Dup. Bridge	
15	16 <u>1 pm Bridge</u> *7pm Bridge	17	18	19	20	21	
22	23	24 9am International Affairs	25 12pm I Am, Therefore I Think	26 6pm Reading & Rainbow	27	28 2pm 2016-2017 program planning	
29	30	31					

<p>Bridge: contact coordinator for information *1st Monday 7pm, <i>Nancy Earney</i> 1st Wednesday 1pm, <i>Evelyn O'Prey</i> *1st Saturday 7pm, <i>Louise Schumann</i> *2nd Wednesday 1pm, <i>Nancy Earney</i> *2nd Saturday Duplicate 6:30pm, <i>Louise Schumann</i> 3rd Monday 1pm, <i>Sally Vaughn</i> *3rd Monday 7pm. <i>Cindy Perkins</i> * <u>These Bridge Groups are Community Groups that welcome AAUW Members</u></p> <p>California Cuisine and Conversation 5/1 Host & address will be sent by email ~<i>Kim Roman</i></p> <p>I Am, Therefore I Think 5/25 "Gender Equality in Media" Part II Facilitators: Cheryl Jordan & Viktoria Norberg 12 -2 pm (12-12:30 informal brown bag lunch). Trinity Episcopal Church Lounge (Rm 6-8). 419 South 4th St, Redlands. ~ <i>Ellen Schollenberger & Sharlene Lund</i></p>	<p>International Affairs <i>Japan</i> Speaker: Tom Jujawara 5/24 9-11 am. Mitten Building 345 N 5th St, Redlands. Brunch \$16 ~<i>Reservation by noon 5/19 to Barbara Pike</i></p> <p>Program Planning Meeting for 2016-2017 5/21 2 p.m. 120 Franklin Ave, Redlands ~<i>Toni Momberger</i></p> <p>Reading and the Rainbow 5/26 <i>book selection party</i> 6pm host Kathryn Brown. Because we will be having food, reservations will be necessary so please email me by 5-25 to confirm your attendance. ~<i>Pat Kruger</i></p> <p>Recorder Music Group Mondays 9 am * <u>This is a Community Group that welcomes AAUW Members</u> ~<i>Mary Jane Auerbacher</i></p> <p>Walking our Hills and Mountains Wednesdays & Saturdays, Dates TBA. ~<i>Erica Wilson</i></p>
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Branch Officers:

President: Theresa Lantz, **President-elect:** Heather Abushanab, **Program Vice President:** Toni Momberger, **Membership Vice President:** Heather Abushanab, **Secretary:** Sue Wallace, **Hospitality Vice President:** Judith Brandt, **Treasurer:** Melissa Walker, **Communications:** Rebecca Johnston

B&T Submission:

The deadline for June newsletter is **May 5th** your articles to the editor via email to news@aauw-redlands-ca.org or by mail to Kay D.

From the Membership VP Time to Renew!

It is time to renew your membership for the 2016-2017 year! Membership renewal includes the following dues: \$49 national, \$20 for the state and \$25 for the branch for a total of \$94. Please renew before June 30th so that we can prepare the yearbook over the summer. It is simple to renew on-line by following these easy steps:

- Go online to <http://www.aauw.org/>
- Click "Login" at the top of the page.
Existing Users enter your member id and password. Member ID is in Yearbook.
If it's your first time logging in to the national site, *First Time User?*, creating an account will require a few extra steps, including confirming via email before proceeding.
- Click on Member Services Database (MSD) toward the bottom of the page.
- Click on "Enter the MSD" (green rectangle)
- Click on "Enter Member Services Database"
- Click on "Renew My Membership" at left
- You will be asked to pay dues by credit card.

Prefer to renew by check? Make your check payable to **AAUW** and mail to **PO Box 7678, Redlands, CA 92375-0678.**

Please update any changes/corrections to your contact information for the yearbook by emailing corrected information to membership@aauw-redlands-ca.org

Give a Grad a Gift!

If you have a daughter, friend, neighbor or acquaintance who is graduating from college this June, consider giving her a membership in AAUW as a graduation present. More information on bottom of page 7.

~Heather Abushanab, Membership VP

Welcome to our newest members!

Cheri Dawes was invited to join AAUW by Kay Dobbertin. She is on the Friends of Smiley Library board and interested in Great Decision and I AM, Therefore I think.

Sara Cole and Mariam Saleh are recent college graduates and have received their memberships through the AAUW [Give a Grad a Gift](#) Program. Sara graduated with a degree in business from University of Redlands and is an AVP at Wells Fargo Bank. Sara brought 10 coworkers with her as guides at the STEM conference. Mariam graduated from UC Riverside last June and is applying to law school. She has attended International Affairs and several branch meetings as well as hosting a speaker at the STEM conference.

Parveen Majeed is a college student who is also supporting her family. Parveen wants to be a part of an organization that supports and advances equity for women and girls. I think she has come to the right place! Parveen joined AAUW national for free as an e-student affiliate because she attends an AAUW College/ University Partner School. Once registered as an e-student member, she was able to join both AAUW CA and AAUW Redlands Branch with a dues waiver.

Sara Cole

Cheri Dawes

Parveen Majeed

Mariam Saleh

Lois Preston

Program Committee Calling All Members

It is time to think about monthly programs for the 2016-2017 year.

Anyone who would like to become a member of the Program Planning Committee is invited. What few meetings there are wrap up before summer.

The first committee meeting will be on Saturday, May 21st, 2 p.m. at 120 Franklin Ave., Redlands

. If you would like to join, or have ideas for programs, email tonimom@earthlink.net.

~Toni Momberger, Program Vice President

Orangewood HS Service Project New Picture Books

If you would like to donate new picture books to Orange High School's *Wee Care* program, please bring them to the May branch meeting. New books appropriate for infants and toddlers, preferably hard cover picture books or board books are given to new teen moms who are finishing their high school educations. Monetary donations are also welcome and we will shop for you! If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Diane Bennett Sue Angell. Thanks for your support!



Hospitality

If you would like a card sent to a Branch Member, please notify Pat Belk.

~Pat Belk, Hospitality committee

Redlands Adult Literacy Fundraiser May 1st

Lives are changed when adults have the opportunity to reach their reading and writing goals. Thank you to the many AAUW members who are among the 80 tutor-learner pairs in the Adult Literacy program as well as CHAT partners.

Please join us for a fun-filled afternoon on Sunday, May 1st. The fun begins at 2:30 p.m. with a dessert reception and adult literacy



open house. Visit with adult literacy supporters tutors, learners, and lovers of reading and crosswords. The reception will be followed at 3:30 p.m. with a performance of "2 Across," a poignant and witty 90-minute, one act play written by Jerry Mayer. The reception and performance will be held at Redlands East Valley High School, 31000 Colton Avenue, Redlands. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at A.K. Smiley Public Library or by contacting literacy@akspl.org. Help us help others solve the puzzle of reading and writing by supporting adult literacy. Thank you for your support!

*~Trudy Waldron and Katherine Gifford, Co-Chairs
Adult Literacy/CHAT*

Rustic Tea

Saturday, May 14, 2016 4 pm to 6 pm
Martha Green's – The Eating Room

Please join us for a Rustic Tea to celebrate our successful year of AAUW Redlands Branch Committees, Interest Groups, Scholarship Fundraising, Community Service, and our first Class of 2015-2016 Mentors/Mentees. Family, friends, new and prospective members are also cordially invited to attend. (Not recommended for small children). Casual attire. RSVP required.

Enjoy a Pot of Brewed Tea, Finger Sandwiches, Scones, Devonshire Cream and Jam, and Sweets from the Gourmet Bakery Dough'lectibles.

COST: \$25 (includes tax and tip).

RSVP: Contact Laura @ 909-792-5400

The Eating Room 107 E. Citrus, Redlands

Hosted by the Hospitality Committee:
Judith Brandt, Hospitality Vice President,
Heather Abushanab, Pat Belk, Kay Dobbertin, Margee Fuller, Suzanne Heil, Barbara Krause, Judy Racine

READING AND THE RAINBOW

On Thursday, May 26 at 6 PM we will combine both groups for our annual book selection dinner. The meeting will be held at the home of Kathryn Brown, in the cabana of her homeowners' association. Directions will be sent to members prior to the meeting. Please note that this location is a change from your schedule.



We will have food catered and Karen Wardell, Kathy Toister and Margee Fuller are in charge. Wine will be provided but please bring your own beverage if you would like something other than wine or water. And you can bring a bottle of wine if you wish. There will be a charge, to be determined. Last year, it was \$10.

Please bring one book of fiction to recommend to the group. The criteria are that you must have read the book and that it present opportunities for good discussion. I personally would like us to read more books by women this year but that will be up to us when it comes time to vote.

We also try to read one classic and one work of non-fiction so you can recommend books in these categories as well. After we go around the group once, there may be an opportunity to recommend another book in any category so keep that in mind.

Because we will be having food, reservations will be necessary so please email me by 5-25 to confirm your attendance. I will be sending a listing of the books we have read over the years for your information. Please call or email me if you have any questions.

~Pat Kruger Co-Chair



**I Am, Therefore I
Think** March 23
Helen Webb
“ERA Then and Now”



Hospitality – BIRTHDAY CLUB

Happy April Birthday to Pat Belk, Connie Binkley, Sue Gorman, Adriane Gram, Barbara Krause, Diana Teeter, Trudy Waldron

Happy Birthday to all our May Ladies!!



Sue Angell
Susan Bangasser
Sue Beatty
Antoinette Brenion
Kathryn Brown
Judy Dodds
Gabrielle Duff
Margee Fuller

Ann Harding
Pat Kruger
Theresa Lantz
Evelyn O'Prey
Dawn Romo
Andrea Saavedra
Deborah Stanley

**WE HOPE YOU WILL
ALL JOIN US FOR
THE MAY BRANCH
MEETING!!!!**

If you have not seen your name this year, we don't know when your birthday is. Please send me a note and we'll add you to our list.

~Pat Belk
Hospitality Special Occasions Chair

Scholarship Committee

As the newest member of the Scholarship Committee, I am humbled by all that is accomplished by these wonderful ladies: Pat Belk, Jan Jacobson, Patty Ahearn, Ann Harding, Susan Shodahl, and Carol Fujiwari. Thank you for your help with the Luna Fest and your unending dedication to helping other women. An additional **Thank You** goes out to all of you who have contributed and participated in the many fundraisers held throughout the year. Below are the 2016 Nancy Yowell Memorial Scholarship recipients.



Jessica Mae Link initially attempted college in 2002 right out of high school. Due to life situations she had to postpone her education. At the age of 30 years she began her college journey at Honolulu Community College. She discovered that many of her classes would not be transferable to a California university, therefore made the move with her then 4-year-old son to her hometown of Yucaipa. She and her son live with her parents. She enrolled at Mt. San Jacinto Community College where she maintains a 4.0 GPA. Jessica is working towards her A.S. in computer science and

plans to transfer to UCR to complete a B.S. in Computer Engineering.

Tashana Lewis lives by Jessie Jackson's quote, "If my mind can conceive it and my heart can believe it, I know I can achieve it". Her determination to get into nursing school is evident. She was placed on a wait list for 2 years. Once admitted, Tashana worked several jobs to support herself and her mother for six years while completing the nursing degree in 2011. Her goal was to complete a DNP (Doctorate in Nursing Practice). After a short break, married with two children, she was accepted into the program at Loma Linda University. She plans to specialize in psychiatry and provide treatment to veterans and their families.

Rukhsana Pervin had always dreamed of going to college. Financial circumstances and hardships kept her from working towards her dream. In 1987 she married and the following years brought her four children. After 34 years she started her educational journey. She now has two children studying at different universities and two teens at home. She enrolled at Mt. San Jacinto Community College in August 2014. She has completed 38 units with plans to graduate with an AS degree in Child Development and Education by June 2017. Rukhsana has set her sights on becoming a Director of Pre School after gaining the necessary experience.

Stephanie Vasquez experienced several impactful moments which lead her to a career in nursing. She is a single mother of three, a full time student, and a combat Veteran from the U.S. Army. Stephanie graduated from Mt. San Jacinto College in May 2015. Her determination to become a nurse was initially crushed when Mt. San Jacinto College did not have a spot for her. That did not stop her. She has been accepted into the Nursing program at Loma Linda University. As co-founder of Athena's Initiative she has assisted female veterans struggling with homelessness, locating supportive services, and assisting those with children. Stephanie plans to put her nursing degree to use as she continues to work with veterans.

Michelle R. Williams realized on her 40th birthday that she needed to focus on her education. She has not sat idle. Michelle has had a career as a CAD drafter, has been an entrepreneur with her husband, and has raised her two sons. She attended California Baptist University and Mt. San Jacinto College. Now she is attending the University of Redlands with an emphasis on GIS. It was her professor who saw her potential and advised her to enroll in the GIS Master Program. Michelle plans to put her degree to work by providing training worldwide as she travels with her family.

*~Rosa Gomez, Co-Chair
Local Scholarship Committee*

College/University Partnership Program

For the second year, the AAUW Redlands College/University program supported the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Student Conference. The 8th annual WGSS Conference was held at the University of Redlands March 18th. We had a table with AAUW materials we used to explain our organization to students as well as other organizations represented during the day. Our goal was to share with participants what AAUW has to offer them now and in the future and to bring new members, both student and U of R faculty, into AAUW



Are you aware of the programs available to young women in our organization? 2016 *ElectHer* (electing women to student body president leads to congress) was held January 29th for U of R and Crafton Hills College students. The C/U Program is expanding and would like to offer *Start\$mart* (financial literacy which is a focal point of equal pay).

At the conference we met sophomore college women needing community service opportunities that may play out for our *STEM* and *ElectHer* Conferences. At lunch between sessions, we had the opportunity to discuss AAUW -- its goals and activities--with several faculty members. They were interested and expressed a desire to facilitate more awareness of our organization among both U of R faculty and students. In one of the eight

workshops, the AAUW's research on the pay gap was cited in "Equal Pay: Good for Families, Good for the Economy", a research paper presented by student Jordan Priest. Afterwards, faculty in attendance expressed an interest in having an AAUW representative do a presentation and lead a discussion on the gender pay gap as part of next year's Spring curriculum.

As we learned in *ElectHer* this year and at AAUW state and national conferences, networking is so very important, and so is being able to share "*what is AAUW*" or how to explain your program in 60 seconds. This verbal presentation, called an "elevator speech", quickly states why the person you are speaking to would benefit from being a member of AAUW. All of us need to be ready to promote our programs to keep moving forward. If you would like to know more about the "elevator speech", I am happy to discuss this at any interest group or meeting.

Thanks to Kay Dobbertin, Kathryn Brown and Kate Pretorius for attending this interesting event and promoting the program.

~Sheron Bealer, CoChair
College/University Partnership Program

Give a Grad a Gift!

The National membership is free, but needs to be given by an active member of AAUW. Both AAUW California and AAUW Redlands Branch waive membership fees for Give a Grad a Gift recipients, so if your Grad is local, you can give them a year with our branch too! If your Grad is in another location, you might help them connect with the AAUW branch in their area. It is up to the branch to waive local membership dues, but many branches do this for the Give a Grad a Gift recipients. Read more about it from the AAUW website: <http://www.aauw.org/resource/give-a-grad-a-gift/>. Not sure how to proceed? Ask the Membership VP at membership@aauw-redlands-ca.org

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2016 STEM Conference

