



# REDDING REFLECTIONS

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## AAUW Branch Meeting

**Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 5:30 PM**

**Shasta County Library Community Room**



Please join us for an informative and full April Branch meeting. We will have a short business meeting which will include the election of next year's officers. We will also be honoring our Branch and Community Women of Achievement.

Our special speaker for the evening, Debra Lucero, is a dynamic, enthusiastic and positive director of Shasta County Arts Council in Redding, facilitating its mission of invigorating the arts through education, support, and practice. She was recently elected to the board of California for the Arts, a nonprofit organization whose goal is to increase public awareness of the importance of the arts and to ensure that the arts are an ongoing part of the public dialogue. This proves to be an exciting and inspiring event! You don't want to miss it!

**Menu:** Chicken, cheese and veggie casserole, tossed green salad and choice of two dressings. (Indicate if you need vegetarian spring rolls instead of casserole.) Catered by Lulu's Eating Establishment. Dinner includes wine, coffee, tea, lemonade, chocolate, cookies and nuts.

**For information on becoming a member and joining us at  
program meetings, email: [aauwredding@sbcglobal.net](mailto:aauwredding@sbcglobal.net)**

## Presidents' Message

As many of you are probably aware our President-Elect, Judy, resigned in January due to unforeseen circumstances. Since that time Betty and the nominating committee from last year have been working on getting a replacement. It has not been easy and Betty deserves special kudos for all the work she has put in. I am very pleased to announce that a candidate has finally agreed to serve. Pat, former President, former Home Tour Chair, recipient of branch Woman of Achievement award, and Educational Foundation honoree has consented to step into the President-Elect position for the remainder of the year. On April 27th, we will vote for Pat and the slate of officers that this year's nominating committee has put together. That would include Pat as President for next year. Unfortunately, at the time of this writing we do not have a candidate for President-Elect for next year. Please contact Linda or Marietta if you are interested in serving as President-Elect.

The AAUW year is nearly done. When you read this we will have either just completed the STEM conference on March 18th or it will be held in a day or two. Soon, we will be presenting the Women of Achievement awards, the Scholarship Committee will meet to choose the recipients, the Tech Trek Committee will continue their work and the Bylaws Committee will put the finishing touches on the bylaws. We will be electing a new board and we will be celebrating our 75th anniversary. All of this will be done in the next three months, so we have a busy schedule.

We are a very dynamic, active branch. While many branches are consolidating with nearby branches due to shrinking membership, we have added a dozen new members since the directory was published. For 46 years we have presented a very successful Home Tour. From the proceeds, we continue to submit contributions to EF that consistently exceed the amount of most branches in California. Pretty amazing considering that in 2013 Shasta county ranked 44th in per capita income when compared with other counties in California. Years ago we obtained special permission from AAUW to offer local scholarships. Over the years we estimate that we have contributed over \$350,000 in scholarships to local women going on to 4-year institutions. While many branches send young women to Tech Trek, we are one of the few that offer a STEM conference to over 300 participants. All this in addition to all the wonderful interest groups we actively promote.

No wonder that about this time of year many of us feel exhausted. All of us deserve a pat on the back for volunteering, for joining, for making monetary contributions. We treasure every member for the contribution that individuals can make. For some sending in their dues is all they can manage, others volunteer for perhaps one or two events, still others are actively involved in virtually everything that goes on in the branch. Each person is a treasured asset.

For those of you who still have reserves, the program planning meeting is scheduled for May 18 at the Bluffs at 5:30 pm. The Home Tour committee will be meeting in May or June. The new member wine and hors d'oeuvres event will also be coming up. Keep an eye out for specifics in the newsletter. And, finally, send in your reservations for the 75th anniversary celebration, a good way to pat yourself on the back.

Debbie and Sharon



### Past Presidents

Date: April 18, 2017  
Location: Tortilla Flats Restaurant  
2800 Park Marina Dr. 244-3343  
Time: 11:30 am  
RSVP: Darlene and Bea

### NEW MEMBER

Patty  
CSU-Chico and CSU Fullerton

### AAUW Scheduled Branch Meeting Programs

May 11, 2017 – 5:30 PM – Shasta County Library  
Tech Trek Girls  
Scholarships  
Installation of Officers  
Guest Artist

June 21, 2017 – 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
Dinner at Behrens-Eaton House – 6:00 PM

## STEM CONFERENCE

Plans for our AAUW Women in STEM 2017 Conference March 18<sup>th</sup> at Simpson University, are coming along great! The committee met on March 6 to finalize preparations. At this point, registration had closed with 338 registrants ( 295 girls and 44 adults) signed up to attend. Dr. Lea Tate (who grew up and lives in Redding) is our keynote speaker, and we offered 31 career sessions, led by 35+ STEM career women, for the girls to choose from. At least 50 AAUW members and 10 friends of AAUW will be volunteers at the event. WE COULD STILL USE A FEW MORE VOLUNTEERS, IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED! IT'S A VERY COOL EVENT! Please contact Pat if you can help:

AAUW is about empowering women. This is one day locally in which we experience the fruition of this goal en masse. Please try to stop by to check it out, even if you can't volunteer. The conference will be on campus from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The central hub is at the James M. Grant Student Life Center (aka the gym complex) on your right as you drive into the main entrance of campus.

Pris and Hillary s, who are heading the committee, want to thank all of the generous AAUW members who made donations to the conference, scholarships for the girls, and contributed to and made the 18+ gift baskets.

### Program Planning Meeting

We have had some wonderful, interesting and entertaining programs this year, thanks to the input of everyone who attended last year's meeting and brought with them their good ideas to share. Do you have ideas for possible future speakers that you would like to invite to one of our meetings? Please come and let us know about your ideas. We will meet at Dale's Community Room, Thursday May 18, 5:30 PM. Please bring finger food to share. Water, soft drinks and wine will be provided. Please include the contact information with your suggestions. If you have suggestions but are unable to attend, you may e-mail them to Adrienne . Please come! All members are welcome!

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

GREAT NEWS!!

Pat has stepped up to fill the vacancy as President-elect.

This means that we have a President for next year. Come to the April Branch meeting ready to vote. I want to thank Pat for stepping up to fill this position. Now, who is going to follow in her footsteps and agree to be President-elect for next year? This is your organization.

Betty and the Nominating Committee from last year



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### CELEBRATING OUR LEGACY

**Join us for a memorable evening of food, fun and a fabulous guest speaker.**

**A time to reflect on our Branch's vitality and accomplishments during the last 75 years. An occasion to be with friends in an historical setting that is part of our history.**

**WHAT: AAUW Redding Branch, Inc. 75th anniversary celebration**

**WHEN: Wednesday, June 21, 2017; 6:00pm**

**WHERE: Beherns-Eaton House Museum**

**COST: \$25.00 per person (sales beginning at May meeting)**

**GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Gayle Hutchinson, President of CSU Chico. Dr. Hutchinson became President of the University in July 2016. She is the first woman president in the University's 129-year history.**

## **2017 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

The 2017 Nominating Committee members are: Noella, Bea, Betty, with Linda and Marietta as Co-Chairs. The Committee met twice, conversed by email and approached over 30 members. Pat has agreed to be President Elect for the rest of this year and President for next year, 2017-18. There is no President Elect for next year (2017-18) and therefore no President for 2018-2019. If after reading the names of the other officers nominated below you feel compelled to serve in a leadership role with this outstanding group, please contact a Nominating Committee member as soon as possible. *(In order to become a candidate for President - Elect, a member must have served at least one year on the board.)*

The following slate of nominees will be voted on during the April 27<sup>th</sup> general meeting. Nominations for any elected position may be made from the floor at the time of elections with prior consent of the nominee.

### **Program Vice President – Penny**

Penny and her husband knew they weren't going to resettle in the LA area after two years teaching with the Peace Corps in rural Liberia, West Africa. Teaching in Shasta County was the right fit and gave them many wonderful friends, students and experiences. Penny knew very little about AAUW until Adrienne Cowling invited her to an International Travel Group dinner meeting. She noticed that many of the respected women she worked and traveled with are AAUW members. She was convinced to join after looking into AAUW's strong history of supporting girls' and women's rights. Penny looks forward to serving as AAUW Program Vice President in the year ahead.

### **Membership Vice President – Cathe**

Cathe has been a member of AAUW since 1992. She has been Newsletter editor, Secretary, Treasurer and now Membership VP. She is active in the Drama and Book groups and has been Home Tour Hostess and Head

Hostess. She also has been on the STEM committee for many years and has been a presenter at the STEM conferences.

### **Educational Fellowship Vice President - Maureen**

Maureen graduated from Chico State University in 1986 and worked at Foothill College coordinating developmental language programs, international programs and the Transfer Center. She also served as President for the statewide Classified Senates. She retired and relocated to Redding in 2015. She is currently involved in other community college grant funded projects in the areas of professional development and institutional success and works part-time at the Shasta College Transfer Center. Her real estate agent, member Lara Osborne, told her about AAUW and encouraged her to participate in the 2016 Home Tour. Having been involved in higher education for 20 years, she thinks it is the most important way to support the women in our community, while enjoying the comradery of the organization. She looks forward to learning more about AAUW, and supporting our efforts.

### **Membership Treasurer- Cheryl**

Cheryl has been a member of AAUW since 2010. She has enjoyed meeting members and guests through the roles of the "meeting greeter," Membership Vice President, and Membership Treasurer. She is active in the afternoon Drama group and enjoys the challenge of the Scrabble group. Cheryl has supported the Home Tour as a hostess and head hostess for several years.

### **Treasurer – Barbara and Craig**

Barbara joined AAUW almost 30 years ago to meet women who also supported its mission. The lasting friendships are the best part. She has co-chaired Round Robin, served as Membership Vice President, Public Policy chair, Home Tour co-chair, President and two

prior terms as Treasurer. Committee involvement has included budget, audit, bylaws, nominating, program, scholarship, home tour, Woman of Achievement, and EF. She looks forward to a second year as co-treasurer with Craig.

Craig has been a member of the Redding Branch of AAUW for three years, a home tour host, and a participant in AAUW activities with Barbara for more than 25 years. He was Co-Treasurer of Redding AAUW last year and has served as the Treasurer of the Shasta County Peace Officers' Memorial Coalition for 20 years. AAUW Redding has compiled a notable record of achievements in the community and Craig is proud to be a member of the organization.

### **Recording Secretary - Gail**

Gail joined AAUW the day after graduating in 1977 at the urging of a friend. She has been a national life member while belonging to the Moraga, Sacramento and Redding branches. Gail has held many offices, including President, and has worked on events, chaired committees and developed a wonderful extensive "family" of friends through AAUW. Two best friends were members in Moraga and Sacramento and are still integral parts of her life. Gail strongly believes in promoting women and girls by encouraging their self-esteem and educational achievements. She is looking forward to being Recording Secretary, a position she has never held before.

### **Corresponding Secretary- Noella**

Noella has been a member of the Redding Branch of AAUW for three years. Throughout that time, Noella has been attending the regular monthly meetings. For the past two years, Noella has taken on the responsibility of making the name tags for new members. She prepares the name tags for each monthly meeting, handles the check-in at the door and prepares the final attendance report accounting for Martha Hamon. Noella has worked on the

annual AAUW Home Tour the past two years. She has helped Pat Williams serve refreshments at the art venue.

### **Tech Trek 2017 Update**

The Tech Trek campers have been selected! We are pleased to announce that Trinity and Annika from Shasta Lake School are the Tech Trek scholarship recipients and Evanie is the alternate.

On February 23, Pat Williams, Marietta and I interviewed five candidates from Shasta Lake School for the July 23-29, UC, Davis TT camp. The girls were well-prepared, and the interviews were a positive learning experience for the candidates.

I am looking forward to introducing the girls to you at the May AAUW meeting.  
Jacque, Tech Trek Coordinator

### **International Interests Section (IIS)**

Thanks to the delightful and engaging presentation on riverboat traveling in Europe by Judy and Dave and Tara and Warren, our February meeting was the most well attended (34 attendees!) yet! Gironda's back room was packed with happy travel enthusiasts who enjoyed sharing their most memorable travel experience.

Our final meeting of the year will be at Gironda's Italian Restaurant on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 (NOTE THE DATE CORRECTION!) at 5:30 PM when Penny will treat us to a vicarious trip to exotic India and Butan. This program may also include others who have traveled there. Don't miss this exciting evening! Make your reservation to Adrienne by Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.



## WINE TASTING AT BURNSINI

**The Burnsini Winery is hosting an event on Saturday March 25**

**2-5 PM**

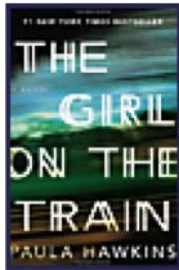
**There will be music and appetizers.**

**Sounds like a fun gathering. Hope we get a good turnout.**

**Reservations must be made by March 20 to Marietta**

## BOOK SECTIONS

### THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN



Both Tuesday April 18 at 2 pm and Wednesday

April 19 at 7 pm

Hostess and Leader: Kris

“The Girl on the Train” by Paula Hawkins: Rachel takes the same commuter train every morning and night. Every day she rattles down the track, flashes past a stretch of cozy suburban homes, and stops at the signal that allows her to daily watch the same couple breakfasting on their deck. She’s even started to feel like she knows them. Jess and Jason, she calls them. Their life—as she sees it—is perfect. Not unlike the life she recently lost. UNTIL TODAY. And then she sees something shocking. It’s only a minute until the train moves on, but it’s enough. Now everything’s changed. Unable to keep

it to herself, Rachel goes to the police. But is she really as unreliable as they say? Soon she is deeply entangled not only in the investigation but in the lives of everyone involved. Has she done more harm than good?

Further questions: Gail

Please call or email for direction. Some GPS systems are not accurate and will take you to the wrong house.

Thank you,

Kris



### Drama, Drama, Drama!

April will find us reading Neil Simon's play: Jakes Women. You have two opportunities to join one of our groups and we welcome you to one of these meetings. Always fun and everyone gets a chance to read a part of the play aloud.

### Evening Drama:

Wednesday, April 5, 6 p.m

Sue

Sue providing the dessert and hot beverages, Tammy--cashews, Linda--salty snack mix, Pat C.--red wine and Mary--white.

### Daytime Drama:

Wednesday, April 12, at 11:00 a.m., Angelo's Pizza Parlor, California Street

RSVP to Cheryl. The small conference room is the perfect setting for reading the play and a lively discussion. If you choose to order lunch, Angelo's has lots of fresh items a good salad buffet. Rumor has it that Cheryl provides Chocolates!

Thanks to the drama groups we were able to donate 4 gift baskets for girls to win at the Women in STEM conference. Questions about the drama groups, call Tammy



## MOVIE CLUB NEWS

**AAUW Film Section: Here is the list of Films for our meeting of**

**Monday March 20th**

**"13th" (Netflix, Streaming only)** The title of Ava DuVernay's extraordinary and galvanizing documentary refers to the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, which reads "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States." The progression from that second qualifying clause to the horrors of mass criminalization and the sprawling American prison industry is laid out by DuVernay with bracing lucidity.

**"Weiner" (DVD)** Anthony Weiner was a young congressman on the cusp of higher office when a sexting scandal forced a humiliating resignation. Just two years later, he ran for mayor of New York City, betting that his ideas would trump his indiscretions. He was wrong. With unprecedented access to Weiner, his family and his campaign team, WEINER is a thrilling look inside a political comeback-turned-meltdown. With the city of New York as a loud and bustling backdrop, Weiner walks the line between political farce and personal tragedy as it plunges through an increasingly baffling political campaign with unflinching clarity, humor, and pathos.

**"The Dressmaker" (DVD)** A glamorous, worldly dressmaker returns to her small Australian hometown to seek the truth behind her notorious reputation. This dark and quirky comedy stars Academy Award winner Kate Winslet as Tilly Dunnage, who cares for her eccentric mother (Academy Award nominee Judy Davis), schemes with the local sergeant (Hugo Weaving) who has secrets of his own, and falls for local farmer Teddy (Liam Hemsworth). As she starts to unravel her scandalous past, she transforms the town's women with her exquisite creations. Armed with only her sewing machine and haute couture style, Tilly shows she is a force to be reckoned with and that revenge never goes out of style.

## **April Film Section**

**"Miss Sloane" (DVD Release March 14<sup>th</sup>)** This is the story a ruthless lobbyist (Jessica Chastain) who is notorious for her unparalleled talent and her desire to win at all costs, even when it puts her own career at risk. The thriller pulls back the curtain on how Capitol Hill games are played and won as Sloane faces off against the most influential powers in D.C.

Contact Mary Jean or Gwen if you have any question.



## **IT'S SCRABBLE TIME**

**Put on your thinking caps. Challenge your mind. And don't fret, because we have cheat sheets!! Once again all levels are welcome, including beginners. Have lunch, or a coffee, and enjoy some fun company.**

**April 28 - Friday  
Deja Vu Coffee Shop (upstairs)  
11:30-1:30**

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