



# REDDING REFLECTIONS

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President  
Pat

AAUW REDDING BRANCH, Inc. ([www.aauwredding.org](http://www.aauwredding.org))  
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**Come join us for a Relaxing Evening of Art  
as we share food and conversations with friends  
for our final Branch Meeting until Fall  
June 11, Monday 5:00-7:30  
Redding Library Community Room**

### **Kim Niemer**

**Community Services Director for the City of Redding  
will share her work with Public Art in our area.**

**Also, Gwen will have some of our members share some of their current works  
for an informal, in-house, art show.**

**Menu: Grilled Furnari Italian Turkey Sausage with peppers & onions, pasta with Furnari Marinara sauce, and Parmesan Cheese, Romaine Salad and choice of two dressings. (Please indicate if you need vegetarian sausage.) Beverages and treats: white and red wine, sparkling apple pomegranate juice, water, tea & decaf coffee, cashews, chocolates, rice cracker mix and cookies.**

**Reservations due by June 6th, price is \$15.** (\$20 if paying at the door or with a late reservation.) Reservations may also be made online at [www.AAUWRedding.org](http://www.AAUWRedding.org). Choice Option #3-\$15, or Option #8-\$15 for vegetarian.

For information on becoming an AAUW member  
and joining us at program meetings, go to [www.aauwredding.org](http://www.aauwredding.org)

## President's Message

This is my last opportunity to address the branch as your president. It has been my pleasure to once again lead our branch and I hope I served you well. Thank you to all the board members for doing such a fantastic job fulfilling their responsibilities and making my job so much easier. I want to publicly thank Dale, who has the patience of Job waiting for me on every newsletter. Thank you Dale!

Now is the time for AAUW's national voting period. You have until June 9<sup>th</sup> to cast your vote on the 3 by law changes involving National Board and AAUW membership. This was discussed at a branch meeting and I made reference to this in a previous President's newsletter message. It is important for our voices to be heard and that can only happen if members vote.

With college graduations approaching, consider the "Give a Grad a Gift" program. If you know of someone who has graduated either with an associate or bachelor's degree (within the last two years), why not give them a membership to AAUW? It's free. It also may encourage membership in the following years! See Cathe for an application or go online to submit an application.

We will be installing the new Redding AAUW board at the June meeting. Congratulations again to all the newly elected officers. You will be under the leadership of Noella, who has been a wonderful president-elect. Noella and I have become good friends from our joint experience of leading the branch and I treasure that new found friendship. Good things come from working together for a common cause. We will be having our joint board to board meeting, date to be announced, at Noella's home. Stay tuned for date and time.

I would like to thank all of you who have sent kind wishes to me and my family at this time. Life has a way of sending a curve ball and we were not quite prepared for this journey we are on. I look to all my wonderful AAUW friends who have been down this road and I get strength from the strength they have shown; so thank you.

Pat

### NEW MEMBERS/CHANGE INFORMATION

Kristen Schreder has a new e-mail address

[kristen@kristenschreder.com](mailto:kristen@kristenschreder.com)

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**Heatherlee Hamon**



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### PAST PRESIDENTS

DATE: TUESDAY JUNE 19, 2018  
LOCATION: YUET BISTRO  
24 HARTNELL AVE.  
222-8322

TIME: 11:30 AM

RSVP: DARLENE or BEATRICE

### COMING BRANCH PROGRAM DATES

Save the Date ...Our Annual First Branch Meeting Sept. 20, 2018 McConnell Foundation... 5:30-8:00 p.m.

### AAUW Renewal Time

You should have now received a renewal notice for the 2018-19 year in your email from AAUW National. Payment can be made by a check or credit card.

The AAUW year runs from July to June.

The dues for members include National, State, and Branch dues - \$106.00.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Cheryl.



### ROUND ROBIN BOOK GROUP PLANNING LUNCH

Members of the Round Robin Book Group will meet for lunch Thursday, June 14 at 11:30 am at Cheesecakes in the Pine Street School. This meeting is an opportunity to discuss the books read last year and to submit suggestions for the 2018-19 ballot. Book suggestions, with a brief 3-4 line synopsis of the book, can also be e-mailed to Pat by June 1.

Lunch RSVP to Pat by Monday, June 11.

New members are encouraged to join the Round Robin Book group. Members receive a ballot and vote for 10 books. Each member receives a book, starting in September, which is then given to the next person on the list at the start of the next month. Cost is \$20 per year for ten new books! Members do not meet monthly to discuss the books.

Thank you. Pat



### HOME TOUR AND ART SHOW

The purpose of this notification is to give you an update with respect to this year's Home Tour and Art Show.

To date I have been unsuccessful in securing a chairperson for this year's Home Tour and Art Show. Consequently, this responsibility has defaulted to me as President of the 2018-2019 AAUW Redding Branch.

I will be scheduling a Home Tour Meeting late May or early June. If you previously served on the Home Tour Committee I will be contacting you to see if you wish to continue in the same position. I am committed to recruiting new members to partner with experienced Home Tour Committee Chairs. I would like to encourage experienced members to mentor with new members.

Please Email me if you would like to volunteer with this illustrious group of women.

Thank you to everyone for your support and dedication to AAUW.

Kindest regards,

Noella  
President-Elect

## AAUW Public Policy



### What can be done about the gender leadership gap?

Women are much less likely than men to be in leadership positions. In universities, businesses, courts, unions, and religious institutions, male leaders outnumber female leaders by wide margins. Our elected state representatives, for example, are far more likely to be men than women. US State legislators are 75% men and 25% women. In California, the 2017-18 legislative session has fewer women than any since 1991-92-- Twenty six women out of 120 lawmakers – 22%. In 2016, only 6 of 50 state governors were women. In the US Congress – 19% women.

1. As elections approach, consider gender in your voting. More women candidates have been inspired to run in this year's elections. Are there any you can vote for?
2. Take the implicit gender bias test on the AAUW website to see if you have subconscious biases -- <https://www.aauw.org/resource/iat/>
3. Encourage young women friends and family to be politically active and to vote!

### International Interests Section (IIS)

The IIS held its final meeting for the 2017-18 season on Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at Marie Callender's. A big **THANK YOU** goes out to Debbie and John who treated us to their Tahitian paradise experience, focusing on AirB&B accommodations and the joys of planning their own itinerary and activities. This was a wonderful opportunity to see many interesting, delightful and out-of-the-way places, leaving the "madding crowd" behind in this beautiful country. Debbie also shared some of her masterful artwork inspired by tropical scenes. Thank you again, Debbie and John!

Plans for the 2018-19 season are currently under way to bring you more vicariously engaging globe trekking adventures. All family and friends are welcome at our four gatherings on the fourth Wednesday of October, January, February and April. Please plan to come and join the fun!

Comments and suggestions are always welcome and appreciated.

Adrienne, IIS Chair



### DRAMA SECTIONS



The Redding Drama Divas celebrated reading "The Three Musketeers," the last play of the season and enjoyed a gourmet potluck as well in May. We had 19 active members in the Day and Evening Drama Diva groups this season.

We find our lives enriched by experiencing reading a new play each month: comedy, drama, or mystery.

We cordially invite members to join us next year when we resume in October.

Evening Drama Chair: Tammy  
Daytime Drama Chair: Cheryl



- **March**  
A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles
- **April**  
Forgotten Garden by Kate Morton



### Book Group Sections Report

Members of the Book Sections met on May 9 for a Potato Bar Potluck and chose books for 2018-2019. We had a grand time nominating, discussing, and voting for next season's books. Our choices are as follows:

- **September**  
East of Eden by John Steinbeck
- **October**  
Manhattan Beach by Jennifer Egan
- **November**  
Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance
- **December**  
Sourdough by Robin Slone
- **January**  
Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg by Irin Carmon & Shana Knizhnik
- **February**  
Educated by Tara Westover



### WINE TASTING

The wine tasting interest group met at the lovely home of Alice and Tom on Cinco de Mayo. The theme was "Mystery Wine Tasting." Participants were asked to bring a favorite wine and appetizer. We sampled 18 wines and voted for our favorites. The winner was a Petite Sirah from New Clairvaux. The weather was perfect and the outdoor gardens delightful. Many thanks to Alice and Tom for providing such a welcoming atmosphere to our members and spouses.

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advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

AAUW Educational Foundation—the world’s largest source of funding exclusively for graduate women—  
supports aspiring scholars around the globe, teachers, and activists in local communities, women at critical  
stages of their careers and those pursuing professions where women are underrepresented.

The Foundation Funds:

- Groundbreaking Research
- Vital Community Action Projects
- Symposia, Roundtables, and Forums
- Fellowships and Grants
- Special Awards
- AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund

AAUW is California’s most active and diverse organization for women offering:  
Action for Equity  
Personal and Professional Growth  
Community Leadership  
Friendships

In principal and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership:  
There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual  
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