

# AAUW

## Redding Branch

### *Join Us*



## **LOCAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- **Founding organization of Women's Refuge, now One Safe Place**
- **Supports STEM education for local girls through Tech Trek, Women in STEM Conference, and educational scholarships**
- **Confers annual scholarships to local women continuing on to a four-year educational institution**
- **Annually honors the contributions of one Branch member and one community woman with our Woman of Achievement Awards**
- **Raises funds to support the AAUW Educational Foundation**
- **Early supporters for the creation of the Shasta County Library, Shasta Community College, Family Service Agency, Shasta County Mental Health Services, Literary Festival, and KIXE (public broadcasting)**
- **Fosters collaboration, interaction and friendships between like-minded people through special interest groups and monthly meetings**

**CELEBRATING FRIENDSHIP  
AND SERVICE SINCE 1942**

# HISTORY

Nationally, with more than 100,000 members, **American Association of University Women (AAUW)** has a long and distinguished history (133 years) of advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe. One of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women, AAUW provided more than \$3.7 million in funding for the 2013-14 academic year.

When you join **AAUW Redding Branch, Inc.** you join over 13,000 members in California with a long-standing commitment to equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and philanthropy. Established in 1942, the Redding Branch has served members from throughout Northern California. Membership is open to those with an associate or equivalent, baccalaureate, or higher degree from a qualified educational institution. Students who are currently enrolled in college may apply for a Student Affiliate membership.



## Public Policy Action

AAUW takes action on legislative programs at the local, state, and national levels in accordance with established AAUW positions. Action agendas include: supporting a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness and diversity; achieving economic self-sufficiency for all women; guaranteeing equality, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse society.

# WHAT WE SUPPORT

Since its founding, the AAUW and its members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day – education, social, economic, and political. Our commitment to our mission is reflected in all aspects of our work. AAUW's voice has long influenced legislative debate on critical social issues.

## **Community Action Projects**

Many join AAUW to enjoy becoming a part of a community of educated people who have an opportunity to get involved in grassroots activism. The Redding Branch has a long history of involvement in important social issues. Our local projects relate to education, health, and equity for women and girls.

## **AAUW Educational Foundation**

We support the **AAUW Educational Foundation (EF)**, which is the nation's largest source of funding for graduate women – supporting aspiring scholars around the globe, teachers, activists in local communities, and women at critical stages of careers including those pursuing professions in which women are under-represented. The AAUW Redding Branch founded the Shasta Women's Refuge, now One Safe Place, with grants from the AAUW EF.

## **Legal Advocacy Fund**

The **AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF)** works to combat sex discrimination in higher education and the work place. It is a program of the AAUW EF.

## **Local Scholarship Program**

Funds raised through the annual Home Tour and Art Show are divided between local scholarships and AAUW EF to foster and promote access to education.

# LOCAL PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES



**TECH TREK** is a week-long, hands-on, **STEM education** camp for girls entering 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. Each year Redding AAUW provides scholarships for local girls to attend this camp designed for girls to find their passion in high-tech careers.



**WOMEN in STEM CONFERENCE** is a biannual STEM conference for local middle school girls which provides a day of hands-on activities and mentoring in STEM fields by local professional women.



**HOME TOUR & ART SHOW** is the branch annual fundraiser used to fund local and EF scholarships.

**MONTHLY MEETINGS** on interesting topics are held September through June.

**INTEREST GROUPS** meet monthly and include drama, film, art, walking/hiking, wine tasting, Scrabble, international, and literature.

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