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Welcome in the New Year by joining us for our first 2020 AAUW meeting Thursday January 9th at 5:00 pm at the Redding Library.

We will welcome **Becky Nail** who will inform us about College Options.

Becky Nail is a 25-year veteran of working with students and families through direct teaching time in the classroom and with college access programs from both private and public education funds. Becky has a BA in Sociology and a California Teaching Credential from Pepperdine University and an MA in Education from Simpson University. Becky's current work includes writing grants and pioneering a parent engagement program with large high schools.

College Options provides free programs and services to strengthen the college-going culture in the North State, by increasing opportunities for students to pursue postsecondary education, and ensuring that all students and their families can make informed decisions about their education and their future.

Dinner Menu: Wilda's Buddha Bowls with chicken (or tofu as the vegetarian option.) Hummus, pretzel chips, cookies, coffee, tea, chocolate treats, nuts, apple juice and red or white wine. **Paid reservations \$15 due by Monday, January 6th.** (\$20 if late reservation or paying at the door.) Make check payable to AAUW and mail to **Tammy**. Reservations payment may also be made on line at www.AAUWredding.org. Choose Option #3-\$15, or Option #8-\$15 for vegetarian option.

For information on becoming an AAUW member and joining us at program meetings, go to www.aauwredding.org

President's Message

I write this shortly after our fun and festive Christmas Program. Special thanks to Adrienne and Dick for leading us in singing our favorite songs of the season. A heartfelt thank you also to Rita and her granddaughter, Maddie, for the great table decorations and to Alison and Adrienne for sharing their holiday traditions with us. Thanks also to all who brought socks for our donation to Salvation Army. What a great way to begin the holiday season!

We elected our nominating committee who will seek members willing to serve on the 2020-21 AAUW board of officers. The two past presidents serving are Noella, chair, and Debbie. Elected to fill the 5-member committee are: Linda, Cheryl and Rita. This is a great group of women. Please consider saying "Yes" when they call asking you to take a position on the board. You won't be sorry!

Now we turn our calendars to a new year! Where did the time go? I hope you all had a full and fulfilling holiday and are ready to bring in the new decade with hope and joy. Wishing you all a healthy, happy, peaceful and rewarding 2020.

Happy New Year!
Tara

"Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us." Hal Borland

PAST PRESIDENTS

DATE: TUESDAY JANUARY 21, 2020
LOCATION: GUADALAJARA RESTAURANT
435 E. CYPRESS
REDDING (530) 223-2540
TIME: 11:30 AM
RSVP: DARLENE or BEATRICE

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

BOARD MEETINGS

Jan. 27
Feb. 24
March 23
April 27
May 27
June 22

BRANCH MEETINGS

Jan. 9
Feb. 6
March 7 (STEM Conference)
April 9
May (tba)

NEW MEMBERS/CHANGE INFORMATION

Eleanor
Shasta Lake CA 96019

Sharon
(email correction)

Tammy
Redding, CA 96003

Long-time AAUW member **Patricia Stubblefield** died on November 25. She was an honorary 50-Year Life member and would have been 100 years old on December 16. It was Patricia's wish that no service be held.

A \$50 donation has been made to the Education Fund in her memory.



* Legal Advocacy Fundraiser (LAF) *

Thank you to the AAUW members who donated "tips" at the complimentary wine table at the December celebration. **Fifty-five dollars were raised** that will go to provide support for women fighting discrimination in the work place. This will be an ongoing fundraiser for LAF. Feel free to bring change, small or large, and donate at our dinner meetings.



Theater Arts - Come Join Us!

Here's what's happening –

Our first play of the 2020 Theater Season

“Oedipus Tyrannus” A Greek Tragedy
January 19, 2:00 pm. Sunday Matinee
Axiom Repertory Theatre
2613 Bechelli Lane

Our future Axiom play dates

“Spamalot” February 16
“The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time”
March 29
“Oklahoma” Date not yet scheduled - likely in May
Axiom website: <https://www.axreptheatre.com/>
All play dates are 2:00 pm. Sunday Matinees
Contact – Gwen

Riverfront Playhouse is in the process of moving to downtown Redding. If all goes as planned, our first play in the new location will be “Clue” in May.
Riverfront website: <https://www.riverfrontplayhouse.net/>
Contact – Pat

Contact Gwen or Pat with questions and to be put on the attendance list for plays. Bring someone with you. Salon Socials, get-togethers before or after plays, are TBA for each play.

Gwen & Pat

*Enrich our community while you enjoy yourself.
Be pro-active, become a theater goer!*



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EF News for January

Happy New Year! Now is the time to think of that special person deserving of our EF Honoree Award.

This should be an AAUW member who supports education for women within AAUW and outside of the organization. Your nominee shall have demonstrated commitment to the goals and purposes of AAUW EF, community service and professional activities. This could include teaching classes, supporting programs that encourage education or raising money for these programs.

The nomination form is included with this newsletter. Please complete and send to Penny by January 20, 2020.

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AAUW Women in STEM Conference

Preparations for the Women in STEM Conference is underway and registration is open! We have a plethora of presenters from a wide variety of STEM career paths - including a woman who is an officer with the Redding Bomb Squad! Femineers, a new engineering program for young women, will present, and we hope to see this program proliferate within our north state community.

This year we will have some new partners in the Women in STEM endeavor. Girls Inc. is an organization whose mission is *Inspiring All Girls to Be Strong, Smart, and Bold*. They will offer sessions where girls will learn soft skills to help make them be strong, smart and bold. We are happy to help our girls connect with this organization. Additionally, this year we will have Action News Now and KIXE sponsor TV advertising to help publicize the event in order to reach parents as well as middle school girls. For a complete list of our 2020 sponsors please check our website aauwredding.org.

It takes many hands and hearts committed to the empowerment of women to make this event a success. Patricia is our volunteer coordinator. Please contact her if you would like to help with this worthy endeavor. We need volunteers to help with registration, hostess sessions at the conference, and interactive stations. Training will be provided. Sue is our volunteer gift basket coordinator. If you would like to donate a gift basket or want more information, please contact her.

**Women in STEM will take place March 7, 2020,
8:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M., at Simpson University**

Maureen and Lana, co-chairs



To All Section Chairs

AAUW and SCOE are sponsoring the STEM Conference again this year. This wonderful event for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls will take place on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at Simpson University. This is a reminder that the Gift Baskets donated by the various sections would be greatly appreciated. They provide a wonderful incentive to the girls attending the event. This year we are asking that each basket be delivered directly to Simpson University on March 6, 2020 (details and exact location to follow). If someone who is not in a Section would like to donate a Gift Basket, please contact Sue. If you have any questions, please contact Sue.



PUBLIC POLICY

Why do you vote the way you do? Some food for thought....

The Righteous Mind by Jonathan Haight presents some research that might cause us to pause and think in this coming year of major elections. He states that *"We all get sucked into tribal moral communities and enmeshed in their narratives. Morality binds us into ideological teams that fight each other as though the fate of the world depends on our side winning each battle. It blinds us to the fact, so often denied in today's politics, that each team is composed of good people who have something important to say."*

One of the reasons for our "tribal moral communities", he states, is that researchers have found several **genes** that differ between liberals and conservatives: *"The genes (collectively) give some people brains that are more (or less) reactive to threats and that produce less (or more) pleasure when exposed*

to novelty, change and new experiences. Many studies have shown that conservatives react more strongly than liberals to signs of danger, while novelty seeking and openness to experience are among the best-established correlates of liberalism.”

A group of women and men from a variety of organizations are planning an event called **Difficult Conversations**. We hope to talk to each other about some of the reasons why our more conservative and our more liberal communities cannot talk with each other with respect, using civil discourse. Let me know if you are interested in attending the event.

On another note, make sure you are ready to vote and follow the directions of the Elections Clerk. In a Presidential Primary Election, members of political parties vote for the presidential candidate that will represent them in the General Election. If you are currently registered as a No Party Preference (Nonpartisan) voter, your Nonpartisan ballot will not include candidates for President.

The American Independent, Democratic and Libertarian parties are allowing Nonpartisan voters to participate in their election. If you choose to vote one of these three party ballots, you will be able to vote for that party's presidential candidate. When you select a political party ballot for this election it WILL NOT permanently change your party.

The Green, Peace and Freedom, and Republican parties have chosen to NOT ALLOW Nonpartisan voters to participate in their presidential primary elections. If you wish to vote for one of these three party presidential candidates, you will need to re-register with that party. You can re-register at registertovote.ca.gov before February 17, 2020 OR call 530-225-5730 OR email elections@co.shasta.ca.us with your request.
Susan, Public Policy Chair



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SCRABBLE!

I will be out of the country in late January. Marietta has kindly agreed to host Scrabble on Friday, January 31st from 11:30am-2:00pm at the Bonnyview Starbucks in the “private” room to the right of the front door. There are a limited number of lunch items available. Please let Marietta know if you are coming. Her contact information is in the directory.
Debbie, Section Chair



International Travel Section (ITS)

Come and join the fun at **Karline's Restaurant** on **Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 5:30 PM** when **Linda and Don** will give a presentation about their trip to **Iceland**. Please reserve your spot by Monday, January 20, by calling or e-mailing Adrienne.

Save these dates for our next meetings:

February 26th – Joan (Yreka AAUW member and Adrienne's sister-in-law) will speak on her recent trip to Australia, New Zealand and trekking in Tasmania.

April 22nd – Debbie and John will speak on their trip to Lithuania, Russia, Poland and the Czech Republic

DRAMA SECTIONS



Drama Divas--open to all AAUW members

Are you a new member to AAUW? The **Drama Divas** is a fun way to meet other members and make new friends. This is our 20th year of reading plays aloud in a group setting. Try us out and RSVP to the hostess or chair! If you return, there is an annual fee of \$10 to cover the cost of receiving the plays and mailing them onto the next AAUW branch. (Similar to our Round Robin book club.) Please join the day or evening group. Tammy, evening chair.

We read "**Soccer Mom**" by Kathleen Clark in December which was funny with meaningful insights. We will start the new year by reading "What Every Woman Knows" by J.M. Barrie.

Evening Drama--Moved to Monday night for January only!
Monday, January 6th, 6 p.m. at the home of Pat.

Jan C: Nuts
Rita C: White Wine
Judy C: Red Wine
Pat L: Dessert

Save the date:
Wednesday, February 5, 2020, hostess Tammy

Daytime Drama:

Wednesday, January 8th, 11 a.m.
Round Table Pizza in the Mt. Shasta Mall

RSVP: Cheryl

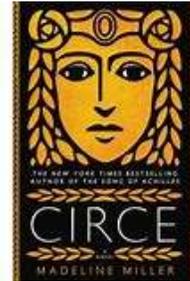
Future Daytime date: 2/12/2020



JANUARY WINE TASTING AT "CEDAR CREST BREWING/WINE BAR"

Come join us on Wednesday, January 15, from 4:30 PM to 8:00 PM. Cedar Crest is located at 1475 Placer Street, Suite B, next door to the Enjoy Store. Wednesday Night is their WINE NIGHT, where all wines are \$5.25/glass. White or red wine flights are available. Appetizers and sample plates can be purchased. Check their Facebook page or website at www.cedarcrestbrewing.com for more info. Spouses/guests are welcome. RSVP Linda

January Book Sections



Circe By Madeline Miller

"A bold and subversive retelling of the goddess's story," this #1 *New York Times* bestseller is "both epic and intimate in its scope, recasting the most infamous female figure from the *Odyssey* as a hero in her own right" (Alexandra Alter, *The New York Times*).

In the house of Helios, god of the sun and mightiest of the Titans, a daughter is born. But Circe is a strange child--not powerful, like her father, nor viciously alluring like her mother. Turning to the world of mortals for companionship, she discovers that she does possess power--the power of witchcraft, which can transform rivals into monsters and menace the gods themselves.

Tuesday, January 21 at 2:00 pm
Host: Barbara
Leader: Carolyn

Wednesday: January 15 at 7:00 pm*

**(Please note that the evening session was switched from January 22 to January 15)*

Host and Leader: Carolyn

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AAUW advances equity for women and girls through
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:
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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
orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

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