

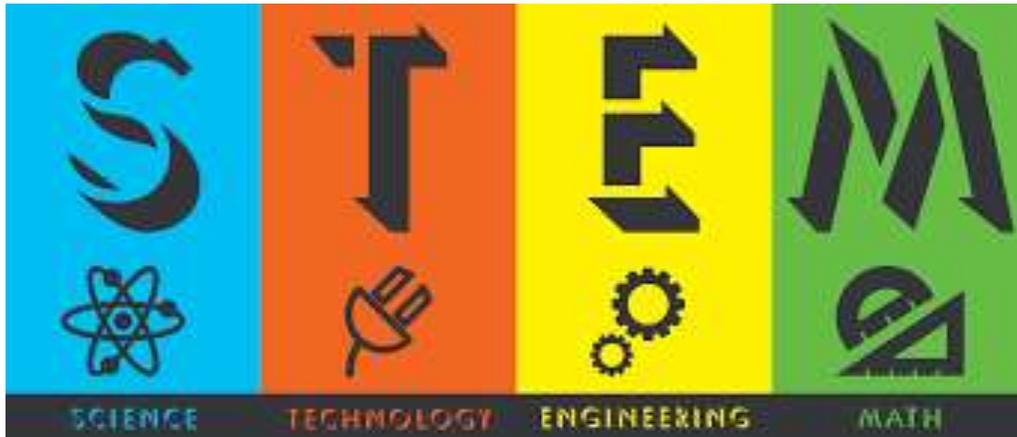
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President
Tara

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It's time for a STEM update!

Join us Thursday February 6th at 5:00 PM in the Community Room at the Redding Library.

March is our STEM conference and in preparation we have an informative meeting planned for February. You will not want to miss this panel discussion with Lana and Maureen, our AAUW members, along with representatives from the organizations collaborating with us to host the conference this year. The discussion will include the need to provide STEM activities for girls. There will also be a discussion on why and how we are collaborating with Girls Inc., College Options and Shasta County Office of Education (SCOE) to host the conference.

Dinner Menu: Mary's Pizza Shack Classic Marinara Meat Sauce and Penne or Pesto and Penne, Caesar Salad or Mary's Salad with choice of Italian or Ranch Dressing and French Bread. Cookies, coffee tea, chocolate treats, nuts, apple juice and red or white wine. **Paid reservations \$15 due by Monday, February 3rd.** (\$20 if late reservation or paying at the door.) Make check payable to AAUW and mail to Tammy. Reservation payment may also be made on line at www.AAUWredding.org. Choose Option #3-\$15, or Option #8-\$15 for vegetarian option.

Note: there will be a tip jar on the complimentary wine table to raise funds for LAF.



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

President's Message

February 2020, that has a nice ring to it! I always feel the month of February brings with it a measure of calm. The holidays are behind us and we can look forward to the New Year and new happenings in AAUW.

Our Women in STEM Conference is around the corner, planned for March 7, 2020. Registration is now open. If you know of a young lady in any of the grades 6-7-8, be sure to share the information and encourage her to attend. Please see the article in this newsletter and volunteer to help.

Hopefully you have submitted your nomination for our AAUW Redding Branch, Inc. EF Honoree. If not, please do, as the committee will be meeting early this month.

As we prepare to celebrate the 100th year of women's right to vote, I want to remind you that our State Primaries are in March this year. Don't forget to exercise your right! Also, if you would be willing to work on voter registration, give Susan a call.

Hope to see you all at our branch meeting on February 6th. Wishing you all a Happy Valentine's Day and a Happy Leap Year!

Tara

"Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day." Sally Koch

PAST PRESIDENTS

DATE: TUESDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2020
LOCATION: CHEESECAKE RESTAURANT
1135 PINE ST.
REDDING (530) 224-1775
TIME: 11:30 AM
RSVP: DARLENE or BEATRICE

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

BOARD MEETINGS

Feb. 24
March 23
April 27
May 27
June 22

BRANCH MEETINGS

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

NEW MEMBERS/CHANGE INFORMATION

Lois (rejoined)
Redding, CA

Tammy

New member Abigail
College Purdue University
Masters in Education



*** Legal Advocacy Fundraiser (LAF) ***

Thank you to the AAUW members who donated "tips" at the complimentary wine table at the January dinner meeting. Thirty dollars were raised that will go to provide support for women fighting discrimination in the work place. This makes \$85 donated since December and it will be an ongoing fundraiser for LAF. Feel free to bring change, small or large, and donate. Thank you!



***REMINDER to All Section Chairs:** The 2020 STEM Conference is just around the corner. If you haven't already, would you please let me know if you will be able to provide a gift basket this year. We would like the baskets delivered to Simpson University on Friday, March 6th. Your help is appreciated.

Sue



Theater Arts - Come Join Us!

Community Outreach

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February 16 - Matinee

“Spamalot” Monty Python’s

Award Winning Musical

Sunday, February 16, 2:00 pm.

Axiom Repertory Theatre

Tickets are available at Axiom’s website

<https://www.axreptheatre.com/>

Guests are welcome.

Contact Gwen to be put on the attendance list.

Future Plays - Axiom

“The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time”

March 29

“Oklahoma” Date not yet scheduled - likely in May

Play dates are Sunday Matinees at 2:00 pm.

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 March.

Riverfront website: <https://www.riverfrontplayhouse.net/>

Contact – Pat

Contact Gwen or Pat for information about tickets, seating arrangements, to be put on the attendance list for specific plays and with any other inquires.

Salon Socials, get-togethers before or after plays, are TBA for each play.

Gwen & Pat

Information about plays and musical performances at a variety of venues will be added to our selection based on availability and interest. Updates and pertinent information will be sent out by email.

Enrich our Community - Be pro-active - Become a theater goer!



Countdown to Women in STEM Conference 2020

March 7th

It is “T-minus launch” for our **Women in STEM Conference 2020, March 7th, at Simpson University.** We hope you have been following the newsletter articles that began in December about this unique event. Join us for the February General Meeting to hear more and gain greater understanding about the importance of this exceptional conference from the perspective of local, partner organizations. We appreciate the perspective of Becky Nail, College Options, given during the January General Meeting when she described the event as “life changing” for girls.

Registration is well underway for the conference. Watch for TV ads beginning January 27th on KIXE channel 9 and January 22nd on Action News Now, channels 12 and 24, as we reach out to parents and grandparents about this important event. This is an opportunity to help prepare their daughters and granddaughters for a career in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics).

Please join us as we prepare to serve hundreds of local and rural north state girls! Here is how you can help:

- **Gift Baskets** for the event are used as giveaways at the end to encourage participants to complete conference and presenter survey forms. This makes the conference better and stronger each year. And the girls just love them! Sue is our volunteer gift basket

coordinator. If you would like to donate a gift basket or want more information, please contact her.

- **Volunteers** are needed to help with many things on the day of the event as well as for planning. Patricia is our volunteer coordinator. Please contact her to volunteer. YOU make a difference!
- **Social Media Publicity** is VERY important to the success of the event. PLEASE follow our Facebook page, Twitter and Instagram accounts and share posts about the event FREQUENTLY! Share all posts several times from now until the event.

Thank you. Together we are making a difference in our community!

Women in STEM Conference - advancing equity for women and girls through local advocacy and education!

Lana & Maureen
Women in STEM Conference Co-Chairs



NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

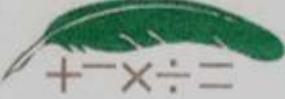
The 2020 Nominating Committee met for the first time this year on January 15, 2020. The Committee met at Noella's home. We are dedicated to presenting a wonderful slate of elected officers to the membership for the 2020-2021 Board Year.

The committee is comprised of the following:
Noella, Immediate Past-President, Chair
Debbie, recent Past-President, Second Chair
Linda, Past President, Member at Large
Cheryl, Member at Large
Rita, Member at Large

We took a selfie to share and confirm our meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Noella
2020 Nominating Committee Chair



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PUBLIC POLICY

2020 is here, and it is going to be an eventful year! We will celebrate the 100th anniversary of women receiving the right to vote.

We will vote for President, for our representative to the House of Representatives, for the representatives to CA Assembly and Senate (even though we just finished that election in late 2019), for several seats on the Board of Supervisors and the various City Councils.

Primary elections are coming up March 3 which is an early date for primaries. (Remember that I sent you information about the primaries in the January newsletter!).

Women who vote can influence the outcome of an election! Now is the time to begin planning at the branch level how to participate in election activities in our communities.

There are some rules about AAUW involvement in elections and we need to stay aware of them as we plan our participation. AAUW branches and state organizations may conduct election-related activities, as long as:

- The activities do *not* expressly advocate the election or defeat of any clearly

identified partisan candidate or political party, and

- The preparation for and conduct of the election-related activities are *not* coordinated with any candidate or political party.

For more information please review [The AAUW Election Do's and Don'ts](https://www.aauw.org/resource/aauw-election-dos-and-donts/) on the AAUW website: <https://www.aauw.org/resource/aauw-election-dos-and-donts/>

What opportunities should be considered?

Voter Registration: AAUW CA is well positioned to undertake voter registration, especially with our college/university relationships. Millennial women are an important target group. Research shows that a lack of information on the candidates and a lack of policy debates on issues of importance is the main reason some millennial women don't participate in the election process, and may not even register to vote. **If you are interested in working on a voter registration effort, please contact Susan.**

Voter Education. AAUW aims to increase women's political influence and educate voters on issues that are important to women and girls. These targeted efforts help increase the number of women voting. We may wish to consider working with the League of Women Voters who have scheduled a series of candidate forums and may address some of the issues on the ballot this year. This is your opportunity to invite all candidates to give their positions on AAUW's key issues:

- **Equal Pay for Equal Work**
- **Investing in Education**
- **Reducing Student Debt**
- **Strengthening Social Security**
- **Implementing Paid Leave**

Let me know what you are interested in and we will make it happen.

Susan, Public Policy Chair

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SCRABBLE!

We will meet for Scrabble on Friday, the 28th of February. We have reservations at Country Kitchen on Hilltop Drive. Come at 11:30 to order lunch. Play begins at 12:00 pm. Kindly bring \$5.00 for a gift basket for the STEM conference. A new, unopened game that a middle school girl would enjoy playing is another possible contribution for the basket. Please email me or call if you are coming.

Debbie, Section Chair



International Travel Section (ITS)

The International Travel Section will meet at **Karline's Restaurant and Bar** on **Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 5:30 PM** when **Joan** will present her experience traveling "down under" in **Australia (Sydney, Cairns, Melbourne), trekking in Tasmania and traveling the Great Ocean Road on the southeastern coast of Australia**. Who's Joan? Joan is my wonderful sister-in-law who is a member of the Siskiyou Chapter of AAUW in Yreka. Some of you may know her from her work for the past nine years on the board of directors for the Shasta Regional Community Foundation. She also had the distinction of being named 2013 Citizen of the Year by the Yreka Chamber of Commerce for her community involvement in such things as participating as a founding member of the Yreka Red Scarf Society for the Performing Arts and heading the committee to restore the siding of the

Yreka Community Theater. Recently she has directed the restoration of the Yreka "welcome signs" at the north and south interchanges and the one hundred year old Yreka sign at the central interchange. Don't miss this exiting evening! Please reserve your spot by Monday, February 24th, by calling or e-mailing Adrienne. See you then!

Save this date for our last meeting:

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

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 "**What Every Woman Knows**" by J. M. Barrie January. We will be reading "**The Lady's Not for Burning**" by Christopher Fry.

We are collecting items for STEM baskets: Games, puzzles, coloring/painting kits...

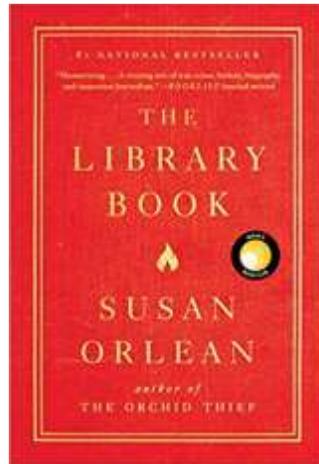
Evening Drama---**Wednesday, February 5th, 6 p.m.** at the home of Tammy. RSVP to Tammy

Tammy: Red/white wines, coffee, tea and Meyer lemonade
Janel: Dessert
Cathe: Nuts/salty treat

Daytime Drama:

Wednesday, February 12th, 11 a.m.
Round Table Pizza in the Mt. Shasta Mall
RSVP: Cheryl

February Book Sections



The Library Book By Susan Orlean

On the morning of April 28, 1986, a fire alarm sounded in the Los Angeles Public Library. The fire was disastrous: it reached two thousand degrees and burned for more than seven hours. By the time it was extinguished, it had consumed four hundred thousand books and damaged seven hundred thousand more. Investigators descended on the scene, but more than thirty years later, the mystery remains: Did someone purposefully set fire to the library—and if so, who?

Tuesday, February 18 at 2:00 pm

Wednesday, February 19 at 7:00 pm

Host and Leader for both sessions: Gail

RSVP: Gail

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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:

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- Special Awards
- AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund

AAUW is California’s most active and diverse organization for women offering:
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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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