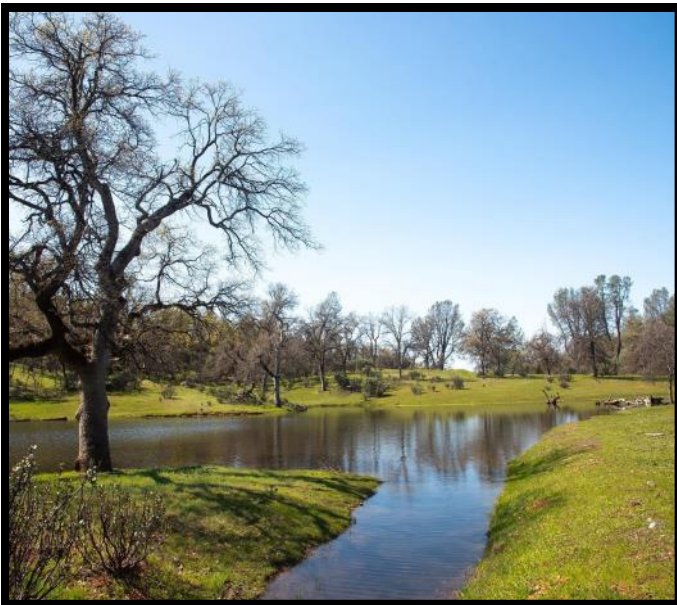


Our Next Meeting

Thursday, February 15, Social at 5:00, Meeting at 5:30

Lulu's Eating and Drinking Establishment

PROGRAM: SHASTA LAND TRUST PROJECTS



I'm sure you would all agree that we are very fortunate to live in the Redding area where we are surrounded by the natural beauty of our land and waterways. On Thursday, February 15th, the Shasta Land Trust will present photos and information about the properties it has conserved to guarantee the beauty of the North State is preserved for future generations. In 2023 more acres were conserved than ever before. Lake Britton, Fall River Lake, falls and creeks along the Pit River, Fall River, and Hat Creek regions, two ranches, and a rice farm were added to the Shasta Land Trust, a total of over 22,000 acres.

Please join AAUW for a buffet dinner at Lulu's Eating and Drinking Establishment, 2230 Pine Street (across from Safeway).

Menu: Chicken Piccata buffet includes mashed potatoes, salad, rolls, butter, soft drinks, coffee or tea. There is a bar available if you wish to purchase a cocktail.

RSVP by February 12.

Cost: \$25, make check out to AAUW Redding and mail to Tammy Douse. Payment may also be made through the Branch website, AAUWredding.org. Under payments, choose Option #5-\$25, or Option #10 for Veg-\$25

**What is National's Five Star Program and
Why is it Important that We Participate?**

The purpose of this program is to ensure that branches of the national AAUW organization assist in advancing the mission of AAUW and that they are operating in an effective manner. The 2023 Criteria and Resources are located at <https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/initiatives/5-star-program/>

The five areas that they look at to award "stars" are: Advancement, Public Policy and Research, Governance and Sustainability, Programs, and Communications and External Relations.

Your AAUW Redding Branch submitted the application to AAUW National in early January. When we hear back how we did, we will report on it in this newsletter. Please contact Maureen Chenoweth, AAUW Redding Branch President, to request a copy of our application if you are interested. While the purpose of this program is not necessarily to achieve recognition, each "star" is still an accomplishment to celebrate!

A Message from the President

Have you noticed our Branch has a lot going on?

Our Branch members keep incredibly busy with Board meetings, Inter-Branch Council meeting, Branch meetings, Women's Issues meetings, hikes, Interest Groups and more! That is why it is so important to read through the newsletter and save those dates. In addition, when an issue is timely and can't get in the newsletter, we send out email blasts, and we hope you can pay attention to those as well.

Regarding Branch meetings, we continue to experiment with different formats. This month, we will try Lulu's on Pine Street (just across from Safeway). There is a nice meeting room in back. It is a little more expensive than most of our meeting costs but it has a lot of advantages. Please let one of us know how you like it! The meeting agenda and meal will both be great!

At our January meeting, Penny Harris and Susan Wilson provided timely and relevant information about great resources to help us advance our mission. This is a critical year, in terms of issues in front of us to advocate for, vote on, and/or get involved with. Let us know if there are specific topics that you would like to hear more about.

In the past month, our board provided a support letter to the UC Campus Committee and submitted our 5 Star application to AAUW National. I am extremely proud of our engagement on all levels, and I hope you are too. Please let me know if you would like to see either of these and I will provide a copy.

With gratitude for all that you do,



WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 1

Please take time to nominate that woman who stands out in your mind who should be recognized for her achievements either on behalf of the Branch or on behalf of the Community. Who is it that goes the extra mile to support the mission of AAUW or enhances our Community with her good works and stands out as a Woman of Achievement?

This is our Branch's opportunity to recognize and thank those women who demonstrate those ideals. Please take time to consider nominating someone you believe deserves this honor. The nomination form is part of this newsletter (ON PAGE 3).

Application deadline is March 1.

Send applications to:

Linda Wright (see contact sheet)

Upcoming Branch meetings

Feb. 3, 2024

Inter-Branch Council meeting in Chico

Feb. 15, 2024

Lulu's, with Shasta Land Trust

March 14, 2024

Shasta County Library, with the Redding Fashion Alliance

Upcoming Board Meetings

February 26, 2024

March 25, 2024

We meet at 5:30 in the Community Room at the Shasta County Public Library.

All members are welcome to attend Board Meetings. The agenda will be emailed one week prior to each meeting.

If you wish to speak to an agenda item at the meeting, please contact President Maureen Chenoweth.

AAUW REDDING BRANCH, INC.

WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT

Redding Branch AAUW has the option to present two Women of Achievement awards annually. One award goes to an outstanding member of the Branch and the other is given to a woman from the Community at Large.

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT

The criteria for the selection of the Woman of Achievement are drawn from the Mission Statement and Image Statement shown below. Your narrative must include the criteria listed below. You may write on the back of this form or add additional pages. The nomination is made for the year 2024 and must be received by March 1.

Nominee's Name _____ Phone Number _____

Recommending Member _____ Phone Number _____

Please mark the category for which the nomination is made: Community _____ or Branch _____

LEADERSHIP: Serves, and/or has served, in leadership positions in the community and/or Branch. (For Branch award only.....has been an active participant for seven years or more).

SELF DEVELOPMENT: Fosters her personal development and furthers her education in a formal and/or informal way.

COMMITMENT TO THE COMMON GOOD: Demonstrates consistent, effective involvement, thereby bringing about positive societal changes.

PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Exemplifies qualities, including friendship, that make her a role model for others.

AAUW MISSION STATEMENT

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

CALIFORNIA AAUW IMAGE STATEMENT

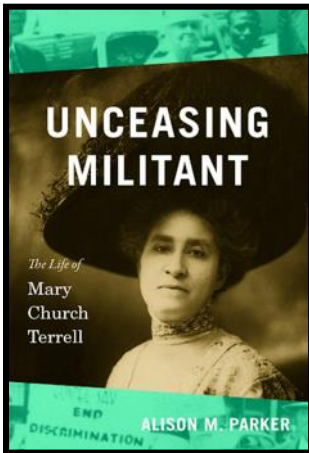
*AAUW is California's most active and diverse organization for women offering: Action for Equity, Community, Leadership, Personal and Professional Growth *Friendships.**

As in the past, only written nominations submitted during the current year will be considered. Nominations for candidates not selected this year will be returned to the recommending member. Branch members are invited to resubmit candidates' names with updated information.

Please return this completed form to Linda Wright (see contact sheet).

PUBLIC POLICY-DIVERSITY, EQUITY and INCLUSION

Thanks to all our members who braved the freezing rain to join the Public Policy and DEI discussion at our January Branch meeting.



As we recently celebrated the life of iconic civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., what better time to think of AAUW's own history with civil rights and particularly black women? Who were the early black women members of our organization? Who was the first?

To find out, read Alison M. Parker's book, *Unceasing Militant: The Life of Mary Church Terrell*. You can also join the AAUW-CA webinar to learn more:

LEARN ABOUT A WOMAN WHO CHANGED THE FACE OF AAUW!

Join us via Zoom on Sunday, February 4th, at 3 pm to hear about Black activist Mary Church Terrell, her work for women's suffrage and racial equality, and her role in the integration of AAUW. A co-founder of the NAACP, Terrell became the first Black member of AAUW after winning an anti-discrimination lawsuit. We will hear from Dr. Alison Parker, author of *Unceasing Militant: The Life of Mary Church Terrell*, as she recounts stories and major successes in the life of this extraordinary woman.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to hear firsthand about this little known activist and her unusual history with AAUW. Register [HERE](#). ([Webinar Registration - Zoom](#))

Penny Harris

Public Policy, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Chair

Important Vote from National coming up in April!

You may have already received the email from National regarding this vote. It went out January 8, 2024, and the subject line was Important Message from AAUW National. Please do let us know if you did not receive this email as this is an indicator that you will not be able to vote online (and we should fix that!).

The vote is about eliminating the requirement to be a college graduate to join. Yes, this has come before us numerous times. However, the topic does merit discussion and we will find time to do that ahead of the voting period (April through May 15). Most importantly, in the past a small number of members have voted. So, whether you end up deciding to support this effort, or not support the effort, it is important to vote. If you would like to read and review the talking points, pro and con, please visit <https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/open-membership-toolkit/>

We look forward to hearing your views! Contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Maureen Chenoweth, AAUW Redding Branch President

AAUW Scholarships

Attention AAUW members! It's that time of year when we are again taking applications for scholarships. This year, our application window is opening on Monday, January 2, and ending on Monday, March 18. New this year, instead of applying through Shasta College, students will apply directly to us through our website.

Applicants must be women who are completing two years at Shasta College, and will be either going on to a four-year university or who will be going into an approved certification program. This year, scholarships awarded will be between \$1000 and \$5000.

Please encourage any eligible women that you know to apply. This scholarship program is a vital part of the goal of AAUW to "advance equity for women and girls through, advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research."

Quick Look: February Dates to put on your calendar

February 1 Past Presidents Lunch

February 1—11 Riverfront Opening Show, *The Last Five Years*

February 3 Interbranch Meeting, Chico

February 6-24 Tuesdays and Thursdays Hiking/Walking Group

February 7 Drama Divas



February 13 Women's Issues Interest Group

February 14 Wine and Brews

February 15 Branch Meeting

February 20 Book Group

February 28 Travel Interest Group

February 29 Leap Year

March 1 WOA Applications due

Nominating Committee Update

The Nominating Committee met on January 12 at my home, sharing our lists of possible women to fill elected positions on the Board. We have begun contacting potential candidates and feel confident that we will have a wonderful slate of women to present to you for your vote at the April meeting.

Special thanks go to all of the candidates for their willingness to fill leadership roles in our vital Redding Branch! Look for short bios in the March newsletter.

Thanks, of course, to this year's Nominating Committee members:

Penny Harris, Past President

Tammy Douse, Elected Member at Large

Joann Roskoski, Elected Member at Large

Tara Swanson, Elected Member at Large

Mari Ennis-Applegate, 2024 Nominating Committee Chair

AAUW Redding Upcoming Interest Groups Meetings

ALERT TO ALL TRAVEL GROUP PARTICIPANTS

The January 24 travel meeting has been changed to Wednesday, March 27.

Program presenters on March 27 will be Maureen and Wayne Chenoweth.

Please see the Travel Group article on Page 8 for more information.

Theater Arts

Riverfront Theatre, voted the Best Live Theatre of the North State for 2023, is opening their 2024 season with the performance of *The Last 5 Years*. The play opens January 24 with a preview performance and closes Sunday, February 11. The play, directed by Lauren Stanfield with musical director Cheyenne Harrah, is about two New Yorkers in their twenties who fall in love over the course of five years.

It is an emotional, powerful, and intimate musical that has an unconventional show structure that is sure to entertain. Get your tickets soon and stay tuned to future shows. The second show is a comedy, *Five Women Wearing the Same Dress*.

"See you at the theater."



Gwen Knaebel, Theater Arts Coordinator

AAUW Past Presidents First Thursday Monthly Luncheon

February 1, 11:30 am at Tokyo Garden, 1675 Hilltop Drive, Suite M, Redding.

RSVP Tara Swanson by January 29



The AAUW Past Presidents gathered on January 4 at the Red Lobster, always a favorite for the members. (Photo by Noella Pearson)



AAUW Walking/Hiking Group

February 2024 Schedule

Even though nature appears to feel that AAUW stands for Always Ambling Under Water, the walking group continues to enjoy getting together and walking. In February, weather permitting, we plan to add snowshoeing to our schedule. If you are interested in getting out into the beauty that surrounds us, with some fun people, please contact Frances Cole-Boyd.

Tuesday Walks (8:00 am meeting time):

- 2/6 Lema Ranch (Shasta View/Hemingway parking)
- 2/13 Kum Bay Xerel (take the Knighton Road exit off of I-5 and park by the geodesic dome). This walk does include a portion on an uneven trail. Wear waterproof shoes.
- 2/20 Churn Creek Trail (meet at Lema Ranch Shasta View/Hemingway parking).
- 2/27 Snowshoeing at Lassen (meet at Macy's westside of Macy's parking lot)
(May be rescheduled to a local walk – Lema Ranch - due to inclement weather.)

Saturday Walks (8:00 am meeting time):

- 2/3 Interbranch meeting in Chico – no walk
- 2/10 Snowshoeing at Lassen (meet at Macy's westside of Macy's parking lot)
(May be rescheduled to a local walk – Clover Creek Preserve - due to inclement weather.)
- 2/17 Blue Gravel Mine Trail (meet at Holiday Parking lot near Burrito Bandito at Placer & Buenaventura) This trail does include a moderate uphill climb on the way back.
- 2/24 Senior Center (2290 Benton Drive)



(Photo by Frances Cole-Boyd)

Frances Cole-Boyd, Walking/Hiking Group Chair

Drama Divas

February 7, 1:00-4:00 pm

Hostess: Tammy Douse

Join us for an afternoon of fun reading **"Play On"**, the Rick Abbott play which is the hilarious story of a theater group trying desperately to put on a play in spite of maddening interference from a haughty authoress who keeps revising the script. Act I is the rehearsal of the dreadful show, Act II is the near disastrous dress rehearsal, and the final act is the actual performance in which anything that can go wrong does.



Drama Divas is open to all AAUW members. Please RSVP to the hostess so she knows how many treats to prepare and to reserve a seat for you. (See contact sheet for address and contact info.)

March 7: Hostess is Diane Madgic

April 3, Hostess needed

May 1, Hostess needed

June 5: Potluck and Play reading, Sharon Salpas

Tammy Douse, Drama Divas Chair

Women's Issues Interest group

Tuesday, February 13, 5:00 pm

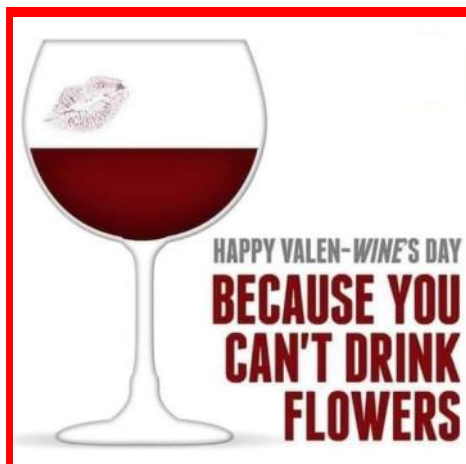
at Frances Cole-Boyd's

The topic will be Reproductive Rights. You are encouraged to read AAUW's "Rallying for Reproductive Rights" at <https://www.aauw.org/resources/policy/rallying-for-repro-rights/>. Please RSVP for the February meeting as space is limited.

The group met in January to discuss gender bias. According to the AAUW National website, "Despite decades of investment in Women's leadership programs, progress in advancing women has stalled. AAUW is committed to closing the gender leadership gap once and for all." Women seeking leadership roles lag behind largely due to old stereotypes of "masculine traits," lack of flexibility in scheduling for women seeking a work/life balance, lack of networking opportunities and outright bias and discrimination.

As a group we discussed the need for gender inclusive programs beginning at the earliest opportunity and increased emphasis on programs and policies promoting women in leadership roles. We also discussed the current bias against women in leadership roles in Shasta County Government and the need to be supportive of our local women leaders.

Frances Cole-Boyd, Women's Issues Group Chair



Wine and Brews

**will be celebrating Valentines Day on
Wednesday, February 14 at 4:30 at the home of
Maureen and Wayne Chenoweth.**



**Please bring some wine and a chocolate or
savory treat to share.**

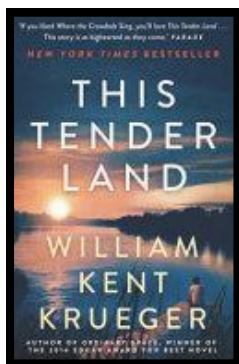
Contact Nancy Randall by Monday, February 12 to attend.

Nancy Randall, Wine and Brews Chair

February Book Group

Tuesday, February 20, 2:00 pm

This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger



The unforgettable story of four orphans who travel the Mississippi River on a life-changing odyssey during the Great Depression.

In the summer of 1932, on the banks of Minnesota's Gilead River, Odie O'Banion is an orphan confined to the Lincoln Indian Training School, a pitiless place where his lively nature earns him the superintendent's wrath. Forced to flee after committing a terrible crime, he and his brother, Albert, their best friend, Mose, and a brokenhearted little girl named Emmy steal away in a canoe, heading for the mighty Mississippi and a place to call their own.

Over the course of one summer, these four orphans journey into the unknown and cross paths with others who are adrift, from struggling farmers and traveling faith healers to displaced families and lost souls of all kinds. With the feel of a modern classic, *This Tender Land* is an enthralling, big-hearted epic that shows how the magnificent American landscape connects us all, haunts our dreams, and makes us whole.

Leader: Annette Spitsen, Host: Debbie Spiess

If you are interested in attending please contact Debbie Spiess by February 16.

Debbie Spiess, Book Group Chair

TRAVEL INTEREST GROUP

Wednesday, February 28, 5:30 pm

At Karline's Restaurant—Reservations Needed

Travel interest group makes a return trip to India. Presenters, Sharon and Harvey Specter, will share their trip to southern India at 5:30, Wednesday, February 28th at Karline's restaurant. South India, also known as the Peninsular India, occupies 19% of India's area and 20% of India's population. It is bound by the Bay of Bengal in the east, the Arabia Sea in the west and the Indian Ocean in the south. The region has a tropical climate and depends on monsoons for rainfall, but it also has a dry inland climate. The endangered Bengal tiger and the Indian elephant are found on the peninsula.



This promises to be an exciting presentation that you will not want to miss. For reservations, contact Judy Bush.

Travel tip: For domestic trips, start to monitor prices 3 to 4 months before your departure. To search, consider using Google Flights website for a good price history and prediction tool. It will give you the amount your route has cost over the last couple of months and a price graph that predicts what prices will be for nearly a year in advance. This site will tell you what Google thinks is a fair price today. Prices do not cover Southwest.

Upcoming Travel Group meetings. Please mark these two dates on your calendar

Wednesday, March 27 at 5:30 Program will be on Oregon presented by Maureen and Wayne Chenoweth

Wednesday, April 24 at 5:30 Program will be on Yellowstone presented by Dave and Judy Bush

Judy Bush, Travel Group Chair

Local Businesses that Support AAUW Redding Branch, Inc.

Please patronize these businesses and tell them where you saw their name.

For information about renting a monthly 3" by 3.5" square, Contact Debbie Stokes.

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