

Our Next Meeting

Presentation: Dignity Health and Mercy Medical Center's New Regional Cancer Center

**Saturday, April 20, Social at 11:30 am, Meeting and Lunch at Noon
Redding Library Community Room**



Anyone who has been treated for cancer or has had a loved one treated for cancer knows the stress of doctor appointments, treatments, and travel. Mercy Medical Center and Dignity Health plan to break ground in September 2024 with a 70 million dollar state of the art Regional Cancer Center in the heart of Redding on property at the intersection of Hartnell Avenue and Cypress Avenue. The building will sit on the banks of the Sacramento River allowing patients and families a peaceful environment in which to receive care. This 40,000 square foot space will bring outpatient services together under one roof which will eliminate the need to travel out of town or visit multiple offices for services. The center will attract innovative oncologists, further improving cancer treatment.

Dr. Dave Civalier and Michelle Martin Streeby will share details about the new Regional Cancer Center, show us a video and answer your questions.

Prior to the meeting there will be a Tech Class at 10:15. All are welcome. Please see the article on page 6.

Menu:

Menu: Costco's meat & cheese sandwiches and Caesar salad, fruit, chips, cookies, coffee, tea & water. **RSVP by April 15th, \$10.** Price is \$15 if late or paying at the door. Make check payable to AAUW and mail to Tammy Douse. Reservations may also be made online at aauwredding.org, under payment choose Option #1-\$10 or Option #6-\$10 for vegetarian.



We urgently need individuals to join our Communications Committee! We need women who like to use technology in order to maintain and update the website, along with using Mail Chimp to send out notices. Please contact Carol Skill or Maureen Chenoweth if you would like to volunteer or if you would like more information.

President's Message



Spring has sprung!

From heavy rain and winds to sunshine and cool breezes, change is in the air, bringing the exquisite wildflowers and leafing trees! With the same joyful expectation, I welcome the following changes happening in our branch:

- Our **new scholarship application** is on our website and has completed accepting applications. Next, they will begin the interview process. Many thanks to the hardworking Education Committee!
- **Technology Workshop** Saturday, April 20, at 10 am, prior to our Branch Meeting at the Shasta County Library. We will show you how to login and navigate our website, how to renew your membership online, and **how to vote for or against the proposal by National** to eliminate the educational degree requirement for membership. Look for an email blast with additional detail closer to the date.
- **New Members Gala** April 25th – For details, please see the article in this newsletter!
- **Exciting programming for our April, May and June meetings** – our annual Online Silent Auction, update on the new Cancer Center, celebrating our Women of Achievement, meeting this year's Tech Trek winning applicants, scholarship recipients and more! Be sure to save the dates and invite a friend to be inspired!
- **Program Planning Meeting** – Date to be determined, but I want to encourage you to put your thinking caps on and plan to attend, or at least email one of the Board members to give us your five best ideas!
- Incorporation of **AAUW California's Special Projects Fund** into our fundraising efforts. We now have all the information needed to forge ahead. This will be an important aspect of all of our fundraising - providing donors with tax-deductible receipts.
- Replacing the position of **Home Tour Chair** on the Board with the position of **Fundraising Chair** - vote in April! We still hope to have Home Tour return, of course, but in the present, we need to have flexibility to conduct a variety of fundraising activities. This new position will allow for not just flexibility but coordination as well.
- **New Fundraising Plan** for 2024/2025 to be revealed soon! The Fundraising Committee has made amazing progress and is well into planning for the coming year. Our hope is that by having the plan in advance, you can save dates, and also let your leaders know when, where, and how you would like to **volunteer** to make a difference!
- **5 Star Status Application Results** – We are very pleased to report that our AAUW Redding Branch has received four out of five Stars – “we applaud your leadership and members for your outstanding contributions in the following categories: Communications and External Relations, Programs, Public Policy and Research, and Governance and Sustainability.” A full copy of the letter was included in the announcement of the Board Agenda and minutes that were sent out on March 18. I am confident that next year, knowing the requirements, we can achieve all five!

I also want to acknowledge the efforts of Sally Wallman and Nancy Williams, which helped make the March 21 Riverfront buyout a success! Funds raised will be split equally between the Tech Trek Program and the Scholarship Program. In addition, I want to thank Pris Brutlag who responded to a request from the Society of Women Engineers to moderate a panel for Women's History Month on March 21 to raise awareness of the contributions of women in Engineering.

“Many hands make light work!”

In Solidarity, *Maureen Chenoweth*



Quick Look: April Dates to put on your calendar

April Dues Renewal this month

April 2-3 AAUW Lobby Day

April 2—30 Tuesdays and
Thursdays Hiking/Walking
Group

April 3 Drama Divas

April 4 Past Presidents Lunch

April 9 Women's Issues Interest
Group

April 10 Wine and Brews

April 16-30 Online Auction

April 16 Book Group

April 20 Tech Workshop and
Branch Meeting

April 22 Branch Board Meeting

April 24 Travel Interest Group

April 25 New Member Gala



ALERT!!! THE AAUW ONLINE AUCTION IS COMING APRIL 16-30

Are you looking for that special something for Mother's and/or Father's Day, a soon-to-be graduate, an upcoming summer wedding, a birthday or anniversary gift, or just to say "Thank You" to someone special? Look no further.

The AAUW will run an online auction from April 16-30 to support our scholarship program and to support the AAUW National Greatest Needs Fund (see article on page 6 for more info on the Greatest Need Fund) which, through advocacy, education and research, addresses issues like reproductive rights and pay equity for women.

The auction begins on April 16 at: <https://aauwredding.eventgroove.com/96f6c5> NOTE: the link doesn't go live until April 16. Reminders with the link to the auction will also be sent out as the auction launch date nears.

If you have any questions about the auction or wish to donate something for the auction, please contact Joann Roskoski ASAP. Note that all auction items must be delivered to or picked up by Joann by MARCH 31.

Our Spring Prospective Membership Event

will be Thursday, April 25th, 5:30 – 7:00 pm
at the IOOF Hall Conference Room, 1435
Butte Street, Redding

If you know anyone interested in joining
AAUW, please let Frances Cole-Boyd know
by April 15th and an invitation will be sent.
Members joining at this event only pay 50%
of their national dues.



Upcoming Board Meetings

April 22, 2024

May 28

June 24

We meet at 5:30 pm in the Foundation
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.

2024 AAUW Fund Named Gift Honoree – Debbie Stokes



We are pleased to announce that our AAUW Fund Named Gift Honoree this year is Debbie Stokes. Debbie has been an active member of the Redding Branch since 1986. Besides serving as Co-President with Sharon Salpas in 2016/2017, Debbie has taken on the following roles:

- Education Chair
- Home Tour – serving as co-chair
- AAUW Fund VP (when it used to be called Educational Fellowship VP)
- Tech Trek Coordinator
- Recording Secretary

In addition, Debbie has served on the STEM Committee and has worked on numerous fundraising events – especially the Artists' Receptions. Debbie participates in many of our Branch sections, including Books, Drama Divas, Film, Travel, Scrabble, and Past Presidents.

It's important to note that Debbie's AAUW involvement goes beyond attending meetings

and serving on committees. She's one of those rare members that comes up with new ideas on how to improve the lives of girls and women in the Northstate and then implements them. Debbie is NOT just a talker, but she actually takes on tasks and completes them. In early 2016, Debbie chartered a bus and organized local women to travel to Sacramento with pink hats to join the Women's March outside the Capitol.

A Shasta County native, Debbie earned her Elementary Education credential at CSU Chico and her Special Ed credential at CSU Fresno. She worked as a special education teacher at Junction Elementary for 18 years.

Debbie has stayed busy after retirement. She volunteers weekly at the Eaton House and can be seen at special events there dressed in period costume telling stories about the history of the house and its occupants. But her commitment to community service began way before retirement. In the 1980's, Debbie served in the Peace Corps in Lesotho for two years. Her other volunteer activities include:

- The Turtle Bay Little Explorers program
- Turtle Bay's Arts in the Classroom program
- Reading with children at Cypress Elementary
- Leading monthly sessions of meditative/introspective art classes at One Safe Place
- We Ski II Board member for at least 10 years
- Friends of the Shasta County Library board member for many years

An accomplished artist, Debbie enjoys painting, and her art is often displayed around the county. In fact, Debbie has paintings on display right now at Redding City Hall. Debbie is an active person who does water aerobics and goes on extensive hikes several times a week. She has been married to John for 42 years and they raised two daughters together. Debbie and John's first grandchild is due in April.



PUBLIC POLICY + DIVERSITY, EQUITY and INCLUSION

Economic Security

Lobby Days April 2-3, involving 161 AAUW-CA members, is going on as you read this issue of our Branch Newsletter. These member volunteers are lobbying our state law makers at the Capitol or online for our top public policy priorities affecting all women in California. Go to aauw-ca/public-policy for a peek at this updated section of our State website to find out more about their lobbying efforts. While there, check out what other branches are doing regarding AAUW-CA public policy.

One of our Public Policy Priorities is ***Economic Security for all Women***. March 12 was National Equal Pay Day. Equal Pay Day draws attention to the gender pay gap between men and women. On average, a woman would need to work an additional 72 days into the new year to offset the gender pay gap. Nationwide women earn on average 84 cents for every dollar earned by white, non-hispanic men. Black women working full-time earn 69 cents and Latinas earn 57 cents for every dollar earned by men.

Why does this gender pay gap continue? The reasons are complex. Some causes are:

- Old stereotypes such as gender and racial discrimination
- The lack of policies that support family caregiving
- The high costs of childcare
- The lack of wage transparency.

Recently, on the anniversary of the signing by President Obama of the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, the White House announced that current or past pay can no longer be used to determine salaries for new federal employees. Currently the ***Pay Check Fairness Act*** has been introduced in both houses of Congress. Once this act is passed into law, increased economic security would be extended to all employees. Use your Two-Minute Activist tool at <https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/> to easily support the Pay Check Fairness Act.

Penny Harris, Public Policy + Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Chair

REMINDER: 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



GREATEST NEEDS FUND

WHAT IS IT? WHY DOES OUR BRANCH CONTRIBUTE TO IT?

Most of the funds we raise go to our local Scholarship Program that supports women Shasta College graduates who wish to complete four-year degrees or obtain professional certificates, or for local middle school girls to attend the Tech Trek summer camps at Davis.

But we are more than a local organization. We are part of a large National Organization of 170,000 members that seeks to improve the lives of all women and girls in the US by addressing, at the national level, issues like pay equity, educational opportunity, and women's health. However, the dues we pay to AAUW National does not support the full cost of activities at a national level since only 5% of its net assets are unrestricted.

So, the Greatest Need Fund was established to allow AAUW to respond rapidly, in its communication and advocacy, to critical issues affecting women as they emerge- like a new threat to Title IX.

And to support:

- Ground breaking research and effective advocacy work to pass fair-pay laws and other key equity legislation.
- Updates to and dissemination of, AAUW's widely-cited signature research reports and advocacy for AAUW values (the research and Policy budgets are supported almost entirely by the Greatest Needs Funds), staff time and other direct expenses for the Salary Negotiation, Financial Literacy, and Leadership Programs and the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL), activities to keep AAUW at the forefront of a National dialogue about Women's Equity, by growing its media exposure and maintaining a prominent seat at the table.

Each AAUW Branch donates to the Greatest Need Fund to support these activities. So our Branch will be running an online auction from April 16-30 (see Alert article in this newsletter for info about the auction) to generate our donation to the Greatest Needs Fund.

We can't all be on the front line of issues at the national level but we can all help those who are by donating to the Greatest Needs Fund through our participation in the upcoming online auction.

Beginning in April, the majority of us will receive notifications for our membership due's renewal. You will receive an email from AAUW National.

Please check all your email folders, including your spam folder. **You will not receive a bill in the mail or an email from the branch.**

When you renew, please **DO NOT MAKE A NEW ACCOUNT.**

If you are logging in for the first time, or can't remember your password, go below the large, blue "Log In" button and click on "Forgot your password?"

If you need assistance with the renewal process, please contact Alison Krupit, Membership Treasurer or Frances Cole-Boyd, Membership VP.



AAUW Website Trouble???
We are here to help!

Technology Workshop
Saturday, April 20, 10:15 am,
prior to our Branch Meeting

Have you had any trouble logging in to our website? Members of the Communications Committee will hold a workshop at the Redding Library in the Computer Room the morning of the meeting on April 20 to help any member get logged in and receive instructions on navigating the website. We will also try to answer any issues with logging onto the National Website as well. There are computers available for us to use in the Computer Room but you may want to bring your own laptop or the device you use most often to log in to our website. For any questions and to RSVP, contact Carol Skill.

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee for 2023-2024, composed of Penny Harris, Tammy Douse, Joann Roskoski, Tara Swanson, and Mari Ennis-Applegate (Chair), is pleased to announce the following nominees as officers for the 2024-2025 AAUW Redding Branch Board of Directors. A brief bio for each candidate appears below. Elections will take place during the Branch meeting on April 20.

President-Elect: Frances Cole-Boyd

Frances looks forward to working with the Board as President-Elect. She chairs the Walking Interest Group and the Women's Interest Group; has held the offices of Membership VP and Corresponding Secretary; and enjoys assisting with special events. Frances earned her BA in Business Administration from the University of the Pacific and her Master's in Social Work, with a focus in Gerontology, from CSU Chico. She came to Redding to be a hospice social worker and retired over a year ago as the Resident Service Coordinator at Mountain Vistas Senior Apartments. She continues to advocate for older adults, serving on the Older Adult Policy Council board.

Program Vice President: Barbara Enochian

Barbara currently serves as Program VP on the Board. She was born and raised in Long Beach, CA and earned her BA in History of Art at UC Berkeley. She continued her art studies for 8 years at Shasta College and began teaching classes to children and adults at the Redding Museum of Art and History and at Redding School of the Arts. She now teaches art to adults in her west Redding studio and exhibits her work regularly throughout Northern California and Oregon. Barbara has taught yoga for 30 years, loves to play golf, walks every day, travels frequently, and tries to keep up with the 14 grandchildren she and her husband, Jack Kimple, share. She has been active in North Valley Art League, Turtle Bay, is a board member of the North State Symphony, and is heavily involved with the yearly AAUW Art Show.

Membership VP: Gail Paulsen

Gail grew up in San Lorenzo (East Bay Area). She earned her AA degree at Columbia Christian College in Portland, OR. She and her husband Phil moved to Redding in December 1978 for her husband's work and to raise their family. Gail worked as a classroom aide at Columbia School for 14 years, earned her BA and Teaching Certificate at Simpson University, and continued at Columbia as a classroom teacher until retiring in 2012, after 31 years with the district. She joined AAUW in 2016, has worked on many committees—Social, Home Tour, Starry Night, the STEM Conference—and Co-Chaired the Education Committee for 3 years.

AAUW Fund VP: TBA

Recording Secretary: Linda Wright

A member of the Redding AAUW Branch since 1997, when she and her young daughter joined Serendipity Playgroup, Linda has served as Co-President with Marietta Sheffield, Program VP, and Recording Secretary. She has been actively involved in Home Tour, STEM Conferences, Art Gala, numerous sections, and has served as Branch Newsletter editor for more than a decade. Linda has a BA in Paleontology from UC Berkeley, a background in Journalism and enjoys being a Grandma.

Treasurer: Lana Hill

Lana currently serves our branch as treasurer, IBC representative, and member of the communication and fundraising committees. She has been an active member of our branch since 2011 and has served in many AAUW positions including AAUW-CA Branch Outreach committee, North Valley IBC President, Branch Webmaster, Home Tour Chair, artist, and multiple years as Women in STEM Conference Chair and Co-Chair. She holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from Penn State, two bachelors degrees (in Chemistry and Biology) from CSU Chico, and has worked in the field of chemistry and management for more than 35 years. She and her husband raised three children in Redding, have two grandchildren, and now have two puppy-girls named Hazel and Sadie.

Darlene Marie Blancett, an honorary lifetime member of the AAUW Redding Branch, passed away March 10 at the age of 88, in Redding, CA. A \$50 donation has been made to the AAUW Fund in her memory.

AAUW Redding Upcoming Interest Groups Meetings

AAUW Walking/Hiking Group

April 2024 Schedule

The walking group is looking forward to seeing some beautiful wildflowers during their upcoming walks. With the arrival of spring, the hills and trails around the area are sure to be bursting with colorful blooms. These walks are a perfect way to get out and enjoy the region's natural beauty while getting some exercise and fresh air.



(Photo by Frances Cole-Boyd)

Tuesday Walks (8:00 am meeting time):

- 4/2 Churn Creek Trail (meet at Lema Ranch Shasta View/Hemingway parking)
- 4/9 Senior Center (2290 Benton Drive)
- 4/16 Blue Gravel Mine Trail – This trail does include an uphill climb on the way back. (Meet at the Holiday Parking lot near Burrito Bandito at Placer & Buenaventura)
- 4/23 Piety Hill Loop: 4.1 mile loop; moderate; surface is dirt. (We will meet and carpool from the Westwood Village Shopping Center, 6438 Westside Road, Redding)
- 4/30 Sundial Bridge

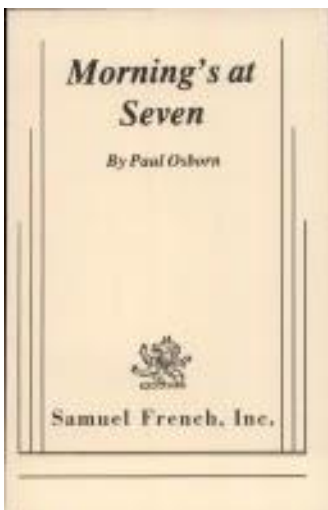
Saturday Walks (8:00 am meeting time):

- 4/6 Lema Ranch (Shasta View/Hemingway parking lot)
- 4/13 Davis Gulch, Whiskeytown: 6.6 miles; moderate; surface is dirt. (We will meet and carpool from the Grocery Outlet parking lot on Eureka Way & Buenaventura)
- 4/20 Sundial Bridge
- 4/27 Clover Creek Preserve (parking Shasta View & Venus Way)

Drama Divas

April 3rd, 1:00-4:00 pm

Hostess: Vera Cecchi, please RSVP by April 1.



We will be reading *Morning's at Seven* by Paul Osborn. The plot focuses on four aging sisters living in a small mid-western town in 1928. It deals with ramifications within the family when two of the sisters begin to question their lives and decide to make some changes before it is too late. (First performed in 1938 as the depression interfered with production in 1929.) Discussion: life changing decisions.

Do you have an item or gift card to contribute to the silent auction fundraiser? Please bring it to Drama Divas.

In March there was lots of discussion after reading the play, *Marjorie Prime* at the lovely Madgic home on the river.



AAUW Past Presidents First Thursday Monthly Luncheon

April 4, 11:30 am

Hilton Garden Inn, 5050 Bechelli Lane.

RSVP: Tara Swanson by April 2



Past Presidents met at Corbett's on March 7 for the monthly luncheon. (Photo by Noella Pearson)

The Women's Issues Group

Tuesday, April 9, 5:00 pm

We will be discussing The Gender Pay Gap. Per the AAUW website, "Women working full time in the U.S. are paid 84% of what men earn. At the current rate of change, we won't achieve pay equality until 2088... The gender wealth gap is even worse. Women have only 32% of the wealth men have accumulated." Read more at <https://www.aauw.org/issues/equity/pay-gap/> and join the group in discussing this important issue. RSVP to Frances.



Wine and Brews

Old 44 Cellars, 23088 Old 44 Dr., Palo Cedro

Wednesday, April 10, 4:30 pm

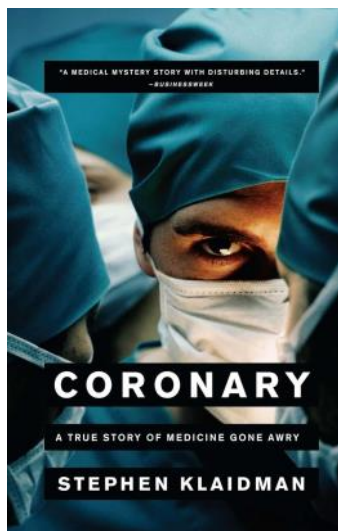
They specialize in Mediterranean white and red varietals.

Please bring an appetizer to share.

RSVP Nancy Randall by Monday April 8th.



March Branch Meeting (photos by Noella Pearson)



April Book Group

Tuesday, April 16, 2:00 pm

Coronary: A True Story of Medicine Gone Awry

By Stephen Klaidman

A chilling real-life medical thriller, *Coronary* chronicles the story of two highly respected heart doctors who violated the most sacred principle of their profession: First, do no harm.

In the summer of 2002, fifty-five-year-old John Corapi, a Catholic priest with a colorful background, visited Dr. Chae Hyun Moon, a celebrated cardiologist in Redding, California. Moon insisted that the calcium level in Corapi's coronary arteries called for a highly invasive diagnostic test: an angiogram. A chain-smoking Korean immigrant known for his gruff bedside

manner, Moon performed the procedure briskly and immediately handed down a devastating diagnosis: "I'm sorry; there is nothing I can do for you. You need a triple bypass tomorrow morning." He then abruptly left the room.

Unnerved by the dire diagnosis and also by Moon's inconsistent statements, Corapi sought other opinions. To his amazement, a second, third, and fourth doctor found that his heart was perfectly healthy. In fact, for a man his age, Corapi's arteries were *remarkably free of disease*.

A timely and provocative dissection of America's medical-industrial complex, *Coronary* lays bare the financial structures that drive the American healthcare system, and which precipitated Moon's and Realyvasquez's actions. In a scheme that placed the demands of Wall Street above the lives of its patients, Tenet Healthcare rewarded doctors based on how much revenue they generated for the corporation.

Leader: Dene Kipp—Host: Kristin Moore

If you are interested in attending please contact Kristin by Friday, April 12



TRAVEL INTEREST GROUP

Wednesday, April 24, 5:30 pm

Karline's Restaurant

Reservations Needed

April marks the last Travel meeting before summer. As the last presenters, Dave and I take you through Yellowstone beginning with Mammoth Hot Springs. We will present the sights and sounds of the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone and several geyser basins including a hiking/biking location called Lone Star. You will see the diversity and intensity of hot springs, geysers, mudpots, and fumaroles of the upper, midway, and lower geyser basins.

Having traveled over a dozen times to the park, we look forward to presenting Yellowstone in the summer and winter.

Reserve your seat by contacting Judy Bush.

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

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In principle 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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