

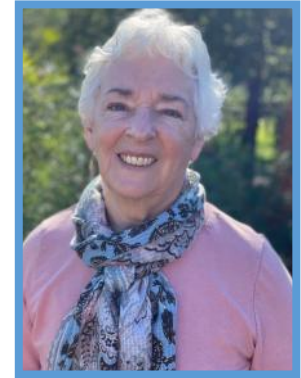
Join us at the June Branch Meeting
Thursday, June 12, at 5:00 pm, Riverfront Playhouse
Installation of Officers and WOA Awards



Incoming President
Frances Cole-Boyd



Community WOA
Crystal Spencer



Branch WOA
Maureen Chenoweth

Our June 12 Branch Meeting will honor our Women of Achievement and introduce members to the new officers. We will be meeting at the Riverfront Playhouse in their lounge area.

For dinner, we will be having Thai food catered by Thai House. The cost will be \$30, payable by cash, check, or through PayPal (options #7 or #8). This will include lemonade, tea, and coffee.

Wine may be purchased at the Riverfront bar. Please let Marta Hopkins know that you will be attending by June 10. See you there!

We must have a treasurer!

Dear Branch Members,

Our Branch must have a treasurer in order to function. We are required to have, at minimum, a president, a recording secretary, and a treasurer. If we do not have someone in this office, we will not exist past June 30.

If we can't function after June 30, there will be no programs, no scholarships, no Tech Trek, no events, no interest groups.

Please consider taking on this role. Talk among your friends about who can do this job. I am adding this appeal to the similar email Frances Cole-Boyd sent to you last week.

We are currently looking into the possibility of hiring a bookkeeper to take on some of the work of the treasurer position, but we still need to have someone from our membership to hold the title and assume the responsibilities of treasurer.

As you can see, this is not a "Board problem," it is a problem for the entire membership.

Thank you for giving it some careful thought. Please contact Frances or me if you'd like to consider this position

Sharon Clairemont
President
AAUW Redding Branch

President's Message

“If we don’t change, we don’t grow. If we don’t grow, we aren’t really living.” (Gail Sheehy)



OK. So, we’ve spent a wonderful year changing and growing, living, and now we are installing new board members and have even more to look forward to. I have enjoyed a year working with the best board ever. It’s amazing what our branch can accomplish when we set out with a plan, and everyone carries out that plan doing everything she said she was going to do.

Some of this year’s wonderful board is staying on which is very fortunate for our Incoming President. Frances is joined by President-Elect Nancy Overton, Program Vice-President Karen Ramstrom and Recording Secretary Debbie Spiess. At this printing there is no candidate for Treasurer. Our Branch cannot function without a Treasurer. Please see the article on Page 1.

The coming year will be led again by a wise, talented, and energetic board. They will be counting on you to join them in another year of fundraising for our scholarship and Tech Trek projects. We had great success this past year and had fun doing it. Let’s do it again!

There are roles for you to play in the coming year. (Looking at you, new members and old). We need a Vice President for Fundraising, a leader for the Women’s Issues interest group, and a Public Policy chair. We need you on the various fundraising project committees. Did we not have a lot of fun at Riverfront buyouts, Starry Night and our first Garden Tour? You can have a vital role and enjoy doing it. I promise. Talk to me or Frances about getting involved.

Here’s to another year of changing, growing and living - with new leadership!

Peace and every good,
Sharon

Calling All Members

It’s that time of year when it is beneficial for all members to recruit acquaintances, friends, and family to join AAUW. Not only do they get to be involved in supporting women and girls but they will also get to enjoy meeting and socializing with wonderful women for educational, fundraising and social events. Why is this a great time for new members to join?

Any **brand new member** to AAUW will receive a 50% savings on the national dues. So, you have an opportunity to invite new and prospective members for an informational gathering.

Monday, June 2

5:15 pm – 6:30 pm

Held at The Bluffs on N. Bechelli in the Club Room

Light appetizers and beverages will be served.

If you know of someone that is interested, contact me and I will send out an invitation.

Please R.S.V.P. to Gail Paulsen

Upcoming Board Meeting

June 23 - Board to Board

The outgoing and incoming Boards meet at Maureen’s house 5 - 7 pm.

All outgoing officers are asked to bring their year-end report and information to be transferred to the new board. Contact Maureen with questions.

Our 2025 Scholarship Recipients



On April 16 and 17, the Education Committee was busy interviewing nine applicants. We met inspiring women who are overcoming numerous obstacles to continue their education. After meeting all the applicants and reviewing their applications we made some difficult decisions and were able to award six women scholarships, declined two applicants and suggested that a third applicant apply next year. To the women who did not get a scholarship this year we gave a letter stating they were scholarship finalists.

The winners are

Raina Baney- She has been a Resident Assistant at the Shasta College dormitory and has won

numerous awards in her home town of Needles including multiple cross-country honors. She will go to Cal State Long Beach in the Fall where she will study Psychology.

Deanna Madigan – She applied last year and was not going on to university yet so reapplied this year. She sold a nursery business to be able to pursue her education and has been active in the transitional students' programs at Shasta College. She is passionate about the need to preserve our planet and building community. She will be attending Cal State Polytechnic University, Humboldt in the Fall.

Monica Sheldon- Monica is a widow who has a 7-year-old son. She moved from the Bay Area to be able to come to Shasta College and get an affordable education. She will be attending Nursing School this Fall, likely at Simpson University.

Ashley Lafond – Ashley has overcome health problems to be able to do well in Earth Sciences. She has been an embedded tutor in Earth Sciences and has been a caregiver for family while attending school. She will attend Chico State in the Fall where she will study Earth Science.

Bailey Ferguson - Bailey is from Manton and is an RA at the Shasta College dorms. She is a music major who has learned to read music and become proficient enough at percussion to play for the symphony. She has an interest in recording music and has been accepted into Chico State's Music program and is waiting to see if she can be accepted into the recording arts program which is impacted.

Analeise Boedeker - Analeise would like to study medicine and has an interest in molecular biology. She has been a tutor for microbiology. She will attend UC Davis in the Fall. She is recently married and her husband will move with her to Davis.

The hardworking members who met with the women, read their applications and made the tough decisions are Maureen Chenoweth, Sharon Clairmont, Priscilla Brutlag and Nancy Williams and myself.

Donna Holscher
Education Chair

Introducing our Recording Secretary-Elect, Debbie Speiss

Debbie and her husband, Dan, moved to Redding in 1976. She graduated from CSU Chico in 1971 with a BA in American Studies. After graduation she was hired by TWA and worked as a flight attendant for two years. After returning to California, she attended CSU Sacramento where she earned her multiple subjects teaching credential. She taught for thirty years, spending most of her time in kindergarten and first grade. She joined AAUW after retiring. Debbie has served as Book Section chair for several years. She has helped out with Home Tours, STEM conferences, and been active in several interest groups. In addition to her involvement in AAUW, she is a leader in the hospitality ministry at her church and volunteers at its thrift shop. She also enjoys sewing, knitting, and reading. She is a proud Nana to five grandchildren. Ask



Garden Tour a Success!

The AAUW Garden Tour on May 10 was a great success. Grateful thanks go to all the members who bought tickets, helped in planning the tour, volunteered on the day of the tour, and/or helped in any other way. We are seriously considering doing it again so if you hear of anyone who would like to have their garden on the tour, please let Judy Bush or Debbie Stokes know.

Debbie Stokes
Garden Tour Chair



Join AAUW'S ROUND ROBIN BOOK GROUP

Interested in joining in our 2025-2026 reading adventures? We have openings due to a previous member's need to drop out. Please contact Annette Spitsen if you are interested.

How Round Robin works:

- Members read recently published (in the past two years) hardback books, both fiction and non-fiction.
- Books are chosen in July from a ballot composed of suggestions from Round Robin members.
- \$20 a year is the total cost. A best seller for \$2 a month!
- Members receive a new book on the 1st of each month, beginning in September. This book is rotated to the next person on your group list at the end of the month. We currently have two rotation groups of 10 members each.
- Members do not meet monthly to discuss the books, but gather in June every year to share our reading experiences and suggest books for the next year.
- Books are collected in the spring and sold at the September meeting, with proceeds going to AAUW projects.

Drama Divas

We finished our 24th season of play reading with a delicious potluck lunch at the home of Mari Ennis-Applegate. We read *Twelve Angry Men* by Reginald Rose with a good discussion. During our 24 years we have read at least 192 plays and this next year it will reach 200.

We had a dozen active members this year and will resume in the fall. Watch for more details in the September newsletter. Let me know if you are interested in joining this group. There is one annual fee of \$11 to cover the cost of receiving the plays and then mailing them on to the next group. We generally meet the first Wednesday afternoon from October to May or June.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions or would like to be included in the direct email list.

May all your drama be entertaining,
Tammy Douse

AAUW June Past Presidents First Thursday Monthly Luncheon

Date: June 5, 2025
Time: 11:30 am
Place: Trendy's
1730 Gold Street
Redding, CA 96001
RSVP: Tara Swanson
Deadline: June 3, 2025

May 1, 2025 Past Presidents Monthly Luncheon, Sweeties

Photo Courtesy of Linda Wright

Photo (left to right):

Maureen Chenoweth, Linda Wright, Jan Brockett, Vicki Sharp,
Martha Hamon, Janel Longnecker, Tammy Douse,
Tara Swanson, Sharon Salpas and Debbie Stokes.



AAUW July Past Presidents First Thursday Monthly Luncheon

July 3, 2025
Due to the 4th of July holiday
the Past Presidents
will not be meeting for lunch this month.

Graphics by Noella Pearson.



Wine and Brews

Enjoyed their final get together for this season at Old 44 Cellars. The group will begin meeting monthly again in September.

*Please warmly welcome
our new member
Denise Truscott*

AAUW Movie Group is Monday, June 16 at 5 pm Sign Up Soon – Spaces are Limited

Last month Movie Group had boisterous discussions on 3 Prime movies: *Small Things Like These* (presented by Dale), *Old Goats* (presented by John Crowe), and *Juror 2* (for general discussion).

We selected three "movies" for June 16th:

Mission Impossible - which should be coming to Movies 14 May 23. (Greg)

Nonnas - On Netflix (Tammy)

Disclaimer - a series on Apple TV and Prime that Warren will lead (during the general discussion portion of the evening). Be sure to watch all 7 episodes!

Sign up early - if you contact Pam too late, the maximum may already be reached and you won't be able to join us that month. Those who signed up at the previous month's Movie Group will already be on the list. More details follow:

When: 3rd Monday of the month (including summer) spouses are welcome: June 16 at 5:00 pm

Where: Market St. Blade & Barrel, 1777 Market Str.

Contact: Pam Thayer Crowe (see contact sheet)

Walking Group June 2025 Schedule

Time change – walks will begin at 7:45 am.

If you are interested in getting out into the beauty that surrounds us with some fun people, please contact Frances Cole-Boyd.

Tuesday Walks

6/3 Blue Gravel Mine Trail (meet at Holiday Parking lot at Placer & Buenaventura)

6/10 Lema Ranch (Shasta View/Hemingway Parking lot)

6/17 Sundial Bridge

6/24 Churn Creek Trail (trailhead at Tidmore, off of College View)

Saturday Walks

6/7 Churn Creek Trail (trailhead at Tidmore, off of College View)

6/14 Clover Creek (parking lot off of Shasta View & Galaxy)

6/21 River Trail – meet at the Senior Center

6/28 Sundial Bridge

Book Group

Our book group met on May 20 and chose books for the 2025-2026 sections. We enjoyed our appetizer/salad/dessert dinner, had a good visit, and nominated many excellent books. There was lively discussion, and it was difficult to choose only eight books. We look forward to reading the final choices and having more lively discussions next program year. If you would like to join us, all are welcome.

September: *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon

October: *Rebecca* by Daphne du Maurier

November: *Five Days at Memorial* by Sheri Fink

December: *Comfort & Joy* by Kristin Hannah

January: *The Bookclub for Troublesome Women* by Marie Bostwick

February: *The Maid* by Nina Prose

March: *The Lion Women of Tehran* by Marjan Kamali

April: *Questions About Angels* by Billy Collins

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