



AAUW
Redding Inc. (CA)
March 2026

**Join us for a Special AAUW
Branch Meeting on
Friday, March 20 1-3 p.m.
with Heather Hadwick.
District 1 Assemblywoman**



Location: Riverfront Playhouse, 1950 California Street

You don't want to miss this opportunity to hear the Assemblywoman highlight important topics such as wildfire prevention, cost of homeowner's insurance due to wildfire, lack of healthcare in rural areas, STEM education and career opportunities for women and girls, voters' rights and identification. These issues affect the economic security of all women in our community. Members will also be able to submit written questions to Heather during the meeting.

Assemblywoman Hadwick is on the following Standing Committees - Agriculture, Emergency Management (Vice Chair); Budget, Insurance, Business and Professions (Member) as well as a member of the Education Finance Committee. For additional information, see [Assembly Member Hadwick](#).

We are excited and fortunate to have this opportunity to engage with our state representative. This event is being co-hosted by AAUW Redding and the League of Women Voters. There will be no refreshments and RSVP is not needed.



**Coming Soon!!!
Wednesday March 11, 2026
Social: 6:30 p.m., Play: 7:30 p.m.
"Good People" Buyout
at Riverfront Playhouse**

More info on page 3

Letter from the President: *Frances Cole-Boyd*

March is always a meaningful month as we celebrate Women's History Month. I'm reminded how fortunate we are to be surrounded by such dedicated, thoughtful, and action-oriented women. Your commitment to advancing equity for women and girls truly makes a difference in our community.

Our branch offers so many wonderful opportunities to learn, connect, and give back. We gather at branch meetings and interest groups meetings, support our fundraisers, send girls to Tech Trek, host our STEM Conference, and provide scholarships. Time and again, our members show up generously – especially at events and fundraisers. We are a community of intelligent, dedicated, creative, and hardworking women.

To sustain this important work, we need leaders. Without members willing to serve as elected and appointed officers and committee chairs, we cannot continue the programs that make such a difference. For example, without a STEM Conference chair, we will be unable to host our conference, which reaches 250 girls across our region every other year.

Serving as a leader – whether as an officer or a chair – does require time. But it is time spent alongside inspiring women and in service of meaningful causes, and you will be supported every step of the way. Our Nominating Committee has been reaching out to identify the elected branch officers for next year. Nancy Overton, next year's president, is looking for a STEM Conference chair and will be looking for the appointed officers (eg. Tech Trek Coordinator, Social Committee chair, etc.). If you've been considering stepping forward, now is the time.

Please answer the call.

Ever faithful,
Frances



We Need You!

The Branch must have a **President-Elect**. She will be President in 2027-2028, but will spend 2026-27 getting to know Branch members, attending interest group meetings and observing the President as she carries out her tasks. The President-Elect is also our representative to the Inter-Branch Council, and she will orchestrate updating our governing documents, if necessary. In July 2027 she will assume the role of President.

Leading our Branch comes with the support of all the elected and appointed Board members, all striving to make our Branch work successful, interesting and fun. Please consider reprising your leadership skills or learning some new ones, and talk with a member of the Nominating Committee about being our President-Elect.

We look forward to hearing from and working with you.

Sharon Clairemont, Chair
Committee: Linda Wright, Maureen Chenoweth, Joann Roskoski, Debbie Stokes

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The response has been wonderful but there are still tickets left!!

A few Reminders:

Please contact Marta Hopkins with the name of the sweet or savory finger food you will share at 6:30 for the Social.

It's first come, first serve, open seating, so consider bringing a wrap to mark your seat.

All proceeds benefit our Tech Trek program, sending five Shasta County middle school girls to camp at UC Davis next summer.

Purchase the tickets (\$35) at the Branch meeting, February 21, or send a check made out to AAUW Redding to Pris Brutlag to hold tickets at Will Call.

You can also purchase tickets from one of these members: Mary Burns, Frances Cole-Boyd, Barbara Enochian or Donna Holscher. Pay Pal is an option but please remember we are charged fees which cut into our profits.

Good People Synopsis: A dramedy by David Lindsay-Abaire, directed by Erin Haney Stuart. Maggie Walsh, a down-on-her-luck single mother in working-class South Boston, loses yet another job and faces eviction. Desperate, she reconnects with her high school boyfriend, Mike, who has managed to escape Southie and become a successful doctor. But is this apparently self-made man secure enough to face his humble beginnings? Their emotional reunion forces both Margie and Mike to confront their shared past, class divisions, and difficult life choices. With his signature humorous glow, Lindsay-Abaire explores the struggles, shifting loyalties, and unshakeable hopes that come with having next to nothing in America.

All net proceeds benefit Tech Trek camp at UC Davis next summer.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Pris Brutlag, Chair, Tech Trek Coordinator and Riverfront Buyout



GARDEN TOUR

Saturday, May 9,

9 am - 2 pm

What Matters Most to Our Branch

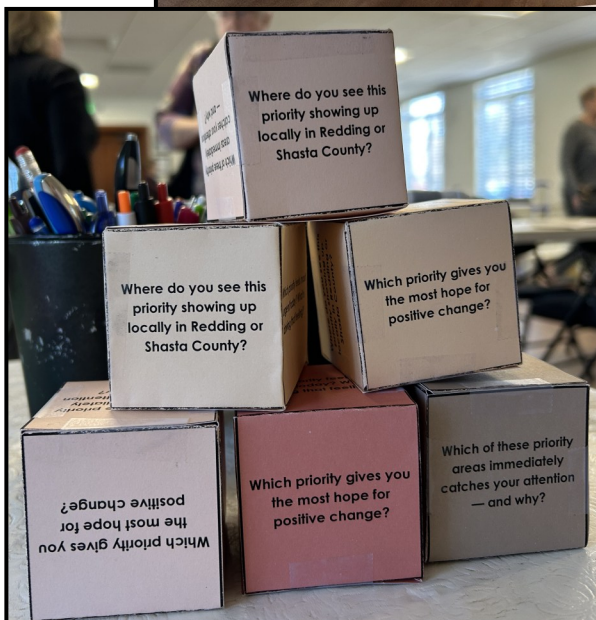
Thank you to all the women who participated in the Women's Empowerment workshop held at the January Branch meeting - and to those who didn't attend, but took the time to share their thoughts afterward.

Through the branch member survey conducted in late summer 2025, leadership learned that we want to organize and do something about the issues we learn about. The January workshop was designed with that in mind. The goal was to identify two to three AAUW national priorities that could translate into meaningful local action. Because of you, we now have a clearer picture of where our energy might best be focused.

Priorities that surfaced include pay equity, public and higher education, civil and constitutional rights, and voting rights. There was also strong support for reproductive freedom and protecting access to education. The alignment between the in-person discussions and input from members who weren't able to attend gives us confidence that these themes reflect what matters most right now.

Just as important, members came up with practical local action ideas and identified skills they're willing to contribute: from mentoring and writing to organizing, technology, and leveraging their community connections. There is interest, capacity, and momentum within our branch to select what matters most and get going collectively. Thank you to everyone for helping surface these topics.

High-level results were shared with the whole branch in an email on 2/11. If you're interested in seeing the detailed output, contact Jenn Snider.





Tickets for Garden Tour 2026 are coming! We will be stuffing envelopes on March 11 and hope to deliver your tickets to you at the Branch meeting on March 20. (We know you will be there to hear District 1 Assembly Member Heather Hadwick speak!) Tickets not delivered at the meeting will reach you in the mail around April 1. We appreciate the generous support you, our members, have always shown for the events that fund local scholarships for women and promote AAUW's mission to advance equity for women and girls.

You already know that we have a great Garden Tour planned for May 9! The tour will feature four very different private gardens, one public garden, and the nonprofit Plantable Nursery & Cafe. Light refreshments will be available all day outdoors on the grounds of Plantable, with live music from 11:00-1:00! Call, text, or email us if you have questions (or if you don't want us to mail you tickets).

Penny Harris and Mari Ennis-Applegate, 2026 Garden Tour Co-Chairs

Scholarship Time is Here

Thank you to all who are helping with the garden tour which will raise funds for scholarships. We have heard from our scholarship recipients. They are doing well in their studies and are grateful for their scholarships and encouragement AAUW has provided. One recipient was on a geology field class in the Mojave desert.

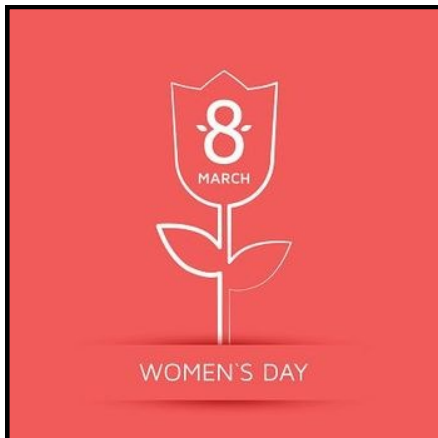
We are starting another scholarship cycle and have been out to Shasta College posting flyers, getting flyers to the faculty and talking to folks who interact with women transitioning to a 4 year school or certificate program. Jessica Knight at MESA has been helpful encouraging women to apply for our scholarships and wanted me to thank AAUW for its support of women in transition. The process of applying for a scholarship is new for many of the applicants and has been a learning and confidence building experience for them.

Scholarships are awarded to women who have finished two years or the equivalent at Shasta College and are going onto a 4-year college or certificate program. Please encourage anyone you know except family members to apply. Applications are due by March 31, 2026 and interviews will be April 7 and 8. Thank you for your support for scholarships for women in our community!

Donna Holscher, Chair

Public Policy and You

Important to know!



Coming Dates:

March is Women's History Month – This year the purpose is to combat the absence of women's history in educational texts and bring it into the mainstream.

3/8 – International Women's Day

3/26 - Equal Pay Day. Does this matter to you?

Women in Shasta County earn **68 cents for every dollar** earned by men overall. Among full-time, year-round workers, the gap is narrower but still substantial, with women earning **80 cents** per dollar. (In Shasta County women have a median income of \$53,090 vs. \$66,613 for men.)

3/28 – No Kings Day

AAUW members are encouraged to participate. Please remember signs should be pro-AAUW mission.

Lobby Days

Team leaders have been chosen for Lobby Days meetings with Heather Hadwick and Megan Dahle. As of this writing, dates have not been set. The meeting with Hadwick is slated for her Jackson, CA district office. It is likely that our March 20 Branch meeting will take the place of this Lobby Days meeting.

AAUW CA Public Policy is launching a new project – City Council Action & Monitoring Project (CCAMP)

“CCAMP is a special project being launched by AAUW California Public Policy to provide action-based resources that support local advocacy and relationship-building with city councils *and boards of supervisors*. In 2026, we will focus our advocacy on local anti-discrimination education and protection. Why antidiscrimination? As we've witnessed all too blatantly, the federal government can no longer be counted upon to protect our citizens from discriminatory practices; in fact, their actions on numerous fronts speak to the opposite effect. Protections taken for granted are now reliant on state, county and city governments. To this end, through CCAMP, we guide you to take stock of what your city/county is already doing to teach residents about anti-discrimination, to dispel misinformation, educate, and provide resources and pathways for reporting. This year, the project will rollout as follows: Launch Webinar: Friday, February 27th at 1:30 pm PT (register at aauwca.org). Step 1: Build Your Team (March-April 2026) Step 2: Learn More About Your City/County (March-May 2026) Step 3: Attend A Council/Board Meeting & Make A Public Comment (April-June 2026) Step 4: Meet One-On-One With A Council/Board Member & Make Specific Asks (June-September 2026) Step 5: Report Back to AAUW California Public Policy (ongoing) Please see this overview document for additional information and join us on February 27th for our launch webinar, where we will answer all of your questions and provide you with a toolkit filled with resources.”

Sharon Clairemont. Chair, Public Policy, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Welcome to March, Women's History Month



Dr. McLeod Bethune

America has a long history of Black women who have worked to ensure Black students have the educational opportunities promised to all American youth.

Let's remember **Mary McLeod Bethune** born the 15th of 17 children in 1875 on her formerly enslaved parents' small farm in South Carolina. When taunted by a white girl saying "You can't read," Mary vowed she would learn to do so. She did and much, much more, becoming an educator teaching first her siblings and then establishing a school for black girls that grew into Bethune-Cookman University, the first black college in Florida.

She also became a national civil rights pioneer and activist.

She founded the National Council of Negro Women and was the first Black woman to lead a Federal agency, the National Youth Association. She was the only woman with the US delegation that created the UN charter.

She served as an advisor to four sitting Presidents and, as friend and weekly lunch companion of Eleanor Roosevelt, Dr. McLeod Bethune was the only female member of FDR's influential "Black Cabinet."

The keynote speaker at AAUW California's recent School Board Project Symposium was **Richard Barrera**, long time President of the San Diego Unified School District board and Senior Policy Advisor to the CA Dept. of Education.

He is the son of a Colombian immigrant and grandson of Ellis Island immigrants.

"Public schools meant everything to my family. Immigrant students and their families don't have a backup plan. There is no access to private tutors and lessons," Barrera reminds us.

In the spirit of Mary McLeod Bethune and Richard Barrera, let's continue to support our local public schools, our Tech Trek campers and our scholarships for women continuing their education. How are our local schools doing in meeting the needs of all our youth? Our public schools are the bedrock of our democracy.

Penny Harris, Chair, DEI

Come Play With Us!

Redding Duplicate Bridge Club

MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS

11:30

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COST: \$7.00 A SESSION



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(530)524-6713 FOR INFORMATION

Board Meetings

Board Meetings meet at 5:30 pm

March 23, 2026

Monday, April 27

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 Frances.

AAUW Redding Upcoming Interest Groups Meetings

Past Presidents

Date: Thursday, March 5

Time: 11:30 am

Place: Lalibela Ethiopian Cuisine

1970 Eureka Way (at the corner of 11th Street). Check out their website at [Lalibela Cuisine](http://LalibelaCuisine.com)

RSVP: Tara Swanson

Enjoy the exotic food and entertaining conversation by letting Tara know before Feb. 27 that you're coming.



Scrabble

1:00 pm

Friday, February 27
at Maureen's House

Let Patty Mullet know you're coming! Please bring a small snack to share.



Wine and Brews

Due to the Riverfront Buyout on Wednesday, March 11 we will meet on

THURSDAY, March 12, 4:30 pm

at Casa Rios Grill on Hartnell Avenue

Please contact Nancy Randall by Tuesday, March 10 to attend.



March 2026 Walking/Hiking Group Schedule

The walking group welcomes all walkers/hikers, new or veteran. We have a variety of walks and walking paces. Join us for camaraderie and conversation. Some of our walks and hikes are on asphalt, some on dirt, some on a combination of surfaces. Contact Sharon Clairemont for more detailed information about length, location and terrain, and please let her know if you plan to join a walk. **Walks start at 8:15 am.**



Tuesday Walks:

- 3/3 Lema Ranch (Shasta View/Hemingway parking lot)
- 3/10 Clover Creek (parking lot off Shasta View and Venus)
- 3/17 Sundial Bridge/ Turtle Bay
- 3/24 Churn Creek Trail (trailhead at Tidmore Ln., off College View)

Saturday Walks:

- 3/7 Blue Gravel Mine trail (meet in Holiday Market parking lot, near Burrito Bandito; Placer and Buenaventura)
- 3/14 Anderson River Park
- 3/21 Piety Hill Loop
- 3/28 River Trail (meet at the Redding Senior Center parking lot)

The Movie Group (Movie Monday)

Monday, March 16 at 4:30 pm

Market Street Blade & Barrel
1777 Market St.



Movies up for discussion are:

- Tender Mercies (on Prime)
- Wuthering Heights (Movies 14)

Optional, you can also review the 1939 version on Prime

- The Secret Agent (on Prime)

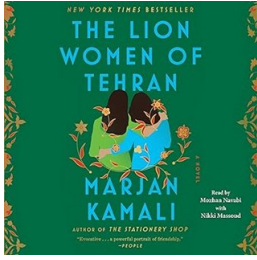
If you'd like to join us, call Pam by Thursday, March 12.

Pam Crowe, Chair

Book Group

March 17, 2:00 pm

Hostess: Nancy Williams, RSVP by March 11



NATIONAL BESTSELLER

An “evocative read and a powerful portrait of friendship, feminism, and political activism” (*People*) set against three transformative decades in Tehran, Iran – from nationally bestselling author Marjan Kamali.

In 1950s Tehran, seven-year-old Ellie lives grand comfort until the untimely death of her father, forcing Ellie and her mother to move to a tiny home downtown. Lonely and bearing the brunt of her mother’s endless grievances, Ellie dreams of a friend to alleviate her isolation.

Luckily, on the first day of school, she meets Homa, a kind girl with a brave and irrepressible spirit. Together, the two girls play games, learn to cook in the stone kitchen of Homa’s warm home, wander through the colorful stalls of the Grand Bazaar, and share their ambitions of becoming “lion women.”

But their happiness is disrupted when Ellie and her mother are afforded the opportunity to return to their previous bourgeois life. Now a popular student at the best girls’ high school in Iran, Ellie’s memories of Homa begin to fade. Years later, however, her sudden reappearance in Ellie’s privileged world alters the course of both of their lives.

Together, the two young women come of age and pursue their own goals for meaningful futures. But as the political turmoil in Iran builds to a breaking point, one earth-shattering betrayal will have enormous consequences.

“Reminiscent of *The Kite Runner* and *My Brilliant Friend*, *The Lion Women of Tehran* is a mesmerizing tale” (*BookPage*) of love and courage, and a sweeping exploration of how profoundly we are shaped by those we meet when we are young.

Dale Ammerman, Book Section Chair



Travel Interest Group

Wednesday, March 25, 5:30 pm

Karline’s Restaurant-Reservations needed

The March presentation is the amazing trip Penny and Daryl Harris, and Mari and Terry Applegate took to Cuba. Traveling to Cuba was a journey through a living time capsule, blending revolutionary history with an evolving private sector. Their visit included Havana, with its narrow streets in Old Town and the kaleidoscopic mosaic world of Fusterlandia. Their visit also included the “Pearl of the South,” Cienfuegos, a French-influenced colonial town along the bay and a stop at the Bay of Pigs and so much more.

Are you ready to explore the world? Join our travel group as we discover breathtaking destinations, both nationally and internationally. New presenters are always welcome to share their journeys and inspire our next great adventure.

Travel dinner meetings are held at Karline’s Restaurant and begin at 5:30. The travel group is open to all members, and spouses or friends are warmly welcomed. Because of the room size, reservations are required for all presentations. This will be our last Travel program for the season. We will return in October.

Local Businesses that Support AAUW Redding Branch, Inc.

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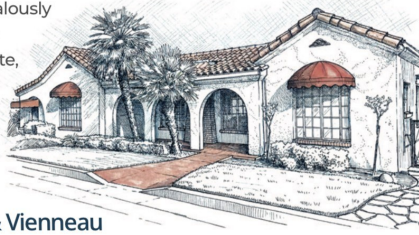


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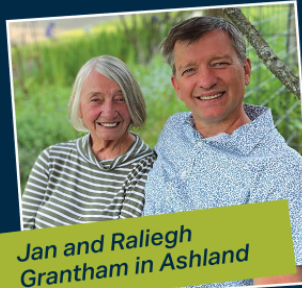
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