



60th Anniversary Year 1947 – 2007



# *Branches and Twigs*

**Redlands Branch, AAUW**

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## **History of the Argentine Tango in Music and Dance**

On January 6th, 2007 our program will be the history of the exciting and passionate Argentine Tango, told through its colorful music and dance.



We are fortunate to have professional Tango dancers Terry Ott and Bill Badgley to share and tell us all about the exciting history of the dance which originated in Buenos Aires at the turn of the last century. Bill and Terry met 13 years ago dancing and as they say, “it was ‘Dance and Romance’ from that moment on.” Trained and inspired by legendary tango masters of Argentina, our guests are truly professionals having danced in London, Paris, Rio de Janeiro, Jamaica, Tahiti and Buenos Aires.

Come and enjoy a time of history, music and dancing.

We encourage you to bring a dancing partner or, if you are like me, a viewing partner.

Bring your camera as the dancers have volunteered to stay over and let you pose with them if you wish.

Please note that we are using the University Hall for this program.

*Dorothy Richardson*

*Program Vice President*

## **Celebration of 60 Years**

Please take a walk with us down memory lane for our 60th Anniversary celebration of the Redlands Branch at the April 7th, 2007 branch meeting. We will share our six decades of history with stories and song. However, it is very important that we reach as many former members as we can to let them know of our anniversary. Therefore, if you know someone (former member or guest) from out-of-town whom we should invite, please let President Sheron Bealer or Program Vice President Dorothy Richardson know as soon as possible so we can send them an invitation.

*Coordinated by the Past Presidents of the Redlands Branch*

## **January Branch Meeting Information**

### **When**

January 6th, 2007

Social time: 9:00 a.m.

Brunch: 9:30 a.m.

Program: 10:30 a.m.

### **Where**

University of Redlands

University Hall

### **Menu**

Sumptuous Breakfast  
Buffet consisting of chilled fruit juice, fluffy scrambled eggs, bacon and ham, cheese blintzes, rosemary new potatoes, sliced fresh fruit, assorted muffins and pastries, fresh baked rolls, creamy butter and fruit preserves with beverages.

### **Cost**

\$14.00

Cost covers the meals, gratuity, tax, linen, use of room, audiovisual equipment, setup, speakers and guest meals.

### **Reservations**

Deadline is Tuesday, January 2nd at 9 p.m. Call or email Antoinette Brenon. Please include “AAUW” in the subject line of reservations sent by email.

**Remember: a reservation made is a reservation paid.**

If you have automatic reservations and cannot attend, let us know. If not, you will be billed for the meal. If you do not pay the bill, your automatic reservation will be cancelled.

## Branch Officers

Your Branch officers are available to help members and to answer questions. Please call them.

### President

Sheron Bealer

### Program Vice President

Dorothy Richardson

### Membership Vice President

Renae Reiswig

### Recording Secretary

Doris Billings

### Corresponding Secretary

Dorothy Nordquist

### Treasurer

Gwen Wysocki

### President-elect

Sue Angell

### Branch Website

[www.aauw-redlands-ca.org](http://www.aauw-redlands-ca.org)

### AAUW Mission Statement

AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education and positive societal change. In principal and in 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.

### AAUW Background

AAUW founded in 1881, is open to all graduates with an associate or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university. AAUW is California's most active and diverse organization offering action for equity, personal and professional growth, community leadership, and friendships.

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## Local Scholarship Needs You

Happy New Year! Make a New Year's resolution: CLEAN, CLEAN, CLEAN! Now is the time as you clean out your closets and cabinets to put aside the treasures for the local scholarship yard sale on June 9th of 2007. If you have collected so much that you would like a pickup, please call Nancy Yowell. If you could store small amounts of items until closer to the sale that would be appreciated. Nancy does have room to store the sale items until the sale if you need to get them out of your attic. REMEMBER! The more we sell the more women we can help with scholarships.

*Ann Harding*

## Named Gift Selection Committee Meeting

The Named Gift Selection Committee, composed of all past gift honorees, will meet on Tuesday, January 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Janice Belden. Suggestions for recipients may be sent to either Janice or Kathy Presnell-Best if you are unable to attend.

To be eligible for nomination, a branch member must (1) be a member of our branch for at least 5 years, (2) demonstrate leadership in AAUW, (3) show active participation in programs supportive of women and, (4) continue to participate in branch activities.

*Janice Belden*

## Education Foundation Update

The EF committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of our theater night at the Footlighters. Special thanks go to the interest groups that donated the beautiful baskets for the lottery--Reading and the Rainbow, Bridge, the Math-Science committee, and the Pass Group.

The February branch meeting will be the traditional Education Foundation Brunch. We hope to have a speaker that is a recipient of an AAUW Fellowship. At the present time California is host to eleven International and thirteen American Fellows.

In the February newsletter there will be heart envelopes for contributions toward our Redlands International Fellowship. Any amount is appreciated. Special recognition is given to First and Second Century Clubs, gifts of \$100 and \$200. There is a Chocolate Club for donations of \$300 and more. These gifts are tax deductible. These donations give proven scholars the opportunity to reach for the stars in postgraduate studies. It lets them change careers in this century of changing technology, start head start projects, or any number of other great community projects.

*Evelyn O'Prey and Janice Belden*

*Educational Foundation Co-chairs*

## Member News

Our deepest condolences are extended to Sylvia J. Davis upon the passing of her husband Chaplain M. Jerry Davis on November 25th. His 34-year ministry at the Loma Linda Medical Center consisted of educating over 2,000 chaplains now scattered worldwide. A talented speaker and dramatist, people have long remembered his words, "you won't be able to change a lot of things, but one thing you can be in control of is your attitude."

## Interest Groups

### Audio Book Lending Library

Need a good book on tape? Visit the table at each general meeting. Your support and \$5 donation benefit the local scholarships given each year to a deserving woman returning to college. A list of all titles available for circulation is now available---stop by and pick one up!

*Librarian: Louise Schumann*

### Book Cassette Group

The Book Cassette Group currently has one CD and two tape-cassette round robins going involving 30 members and spouses. We rotate chosen books every six weeks. At the end of the schedule, members meet to discuss the books and to choose the new cycle. Each member purchases a book-on-tape or CD and receives the book back at the end of the cycle. The next cassette group begins in March. Now is the time to phone for information about joining.

*Chair: Nelda Stuck*

### Bridge

The Redlands Branch of AAUW has many types of groups in place for those interested in playing bridge. Call the coordinator if you are interested in playing or in being placed on the substitute list.

Daytime:	1st Wednesday, 1 p.m.	Coordinator is Evelyn O'Prey
	3rd Monday, 1 p.m.	Coordinator is Sally Vaughn
Evening Couples:	1st Saturday A, 7 p.m.	Coordinator position is open
	1st Saturday B, 7 p.m.	Coordinator is Deborah Lewin
	3rd Saturday, 7 p.m.	Coordinator is Janice Belden
Duplicate Pairs:	2nd Saturday, 7 p.m.	Coordinator is Louise Schumann

### California Cuisine and Conversation

Happy 2007! California Cuisine will not have a formal meeting during the month of January. Watch your email for a dining out opportunity.

*Chair: Kim Roman*

### Great Decisions

We are looking forward to the first session of Great Decisions on Thursday, February 1st. The topic that day will be the Middle East so it will be very exciting. All the sessions will be at my home. There will be one discussion group in the afternoon at 2:00 p.m. and one in the evening at 7:00 p.m. If you haven't yet signed up you may come to my table at the January branch meeting or call or email me.

*Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher*

## Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act

The Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2005 would allow a woman and her doctor to decide whether she should recuperate for at least 48 hours in the hospital or whether she has enough support to get quality care at home following this emotionally and physically difficult surgery. It does not mandate a hospital stay. The bill is sponsored in the Senate by senators Olympia Snowe and Mary Landrieu and in the House by representatives Sue Kelly and Rosa DeLauro.

Representative DeLauro first proposed this bill in 1996, after Connecticut physician Kristin Zarfos, M.D., brought the ever-increasing practice of "drive-through" mastectomies to her attention. Though previous versions of this legislation have stalled in committee, the Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2005 (S 910/HR 1849) has 185 bipartisan cosponsors in the House and 17 in the Senate. The House bill is currently in the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations.

If you want to show support for this bill, please contact your member of Congress and Senators. You can find contact information for your representatives through AAUW's website at <http://capwiz.com/aauw/dbq/officials/>

*Judith Fulton  
Public Policy Chair*

### **New Branch Historian**

Beverly Cox has taken over the role of Branch Historian. Given Beverly's vast personal archives and long history with the organization, this is a perfect match. Please thank her for her continued support of our Branch.

### **Yearbook Addition**

See the print edition for this information.

### **Newsletter Submission Guidelines**

The deadline for the February newsletter is January 5th. Send your articles for that issue to the editor, Jennifer Hill, via email or by mail.

### **Website Submission Guidelines**

If you have something that you would like to submit to our branch Website, please send it via email to [webmistress@aauw-redlands-ca.org](mailto:webmistress@aauw-redlands-ca.org)

## **Interest Groups, Continued**

### **I Am, Therefore I Think (*Sum Ergo Cogito*)**

On January 24th Rosalie Talbert will lead our discussion on the topic of "Genetically Altered Food." "I Am" meets in the large room off the parking lot at Trinity Episcopal Church. Bring your lunch at noon and/or join us for good talk from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

*Chair: Jane Dill*

### **International Relations**

The International Relations Interest Group will meet at 11:30 a.m. on January 9th in the President's Room of the University Club at the University of Redlands. Sue Angell and Dorothy Richardson will speak about Siberia. The cost is \$13.00 and reservations are due by January 4th.

The February 13th meeting topic will be the Galapagos Islands with guest speaker Dr. Lloyd Howard. Reservations for that meeting are due by February 8th.

*Chairs: Dorothy Richardson and Barbara Pike*

### **Play Reading**

We will read, "A Bench in the Sun" by Ron Clark on January 15th at 7:00 p.m. We will meet at Jane Dill's house. Come and enjoy with us. Please call Marcia for directions.

*Chair: Marcia Pifer*

### **Reading and the Rainbow**

Reading and the Rainbow will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Evelyn O'Prey on January 25th. For directions to Evelyn's home please call her. The January discussion will center on F. Scott Fitzgerald's *Tender is the Night*. Fitzgerald's classic stands today as a lyrical, insightful look into the cultural world of aristocracy and the intimate life of a single, complicated couple. Fitzgerald modeled the characters of Dick and Nicole Diver after his longtime friends, Gerald and Sara Murphy. The Murphys were a wealthy American expatriate couple who frequently entertained the Fitzgeralds and others of the Lost Generation at their home on the French Riviera. Although the Divers possessed the glamour of the Murphys, the tragedy of the Divers' marriage more accurately reflected Fitzgerald's own marriage to his wife Zelda, and not that of the Murphys.

Coming up in February is *The Confederacy of Dunces* by John Kennedy Toole.

*Co-chairs: Amber Costa; Anne Derfer; and Ellen Schollenberger*

### **Recorder Group**

The Recorder Group now practices on Tuesday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. We also have a group on Saturday from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. You are welcome to join in either group.

*Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher*

### **San Gorgonio Pass Interest Group & Pass Math-Science Conference**

January is the month that all of our efforts will be on the Math Science Conference. The date of the conference is January 12th at 9:00 am at Mt. San Jacinto College. Work day will be 9:30 am at Mary Belle Clark's on Wednesday, January 10th. If you have any questions, please call Bessie Reece or Mary Belle Clark.

## Member Coffees and New Member Welcome

Our first member coffee for the year was held on Tuesday, November 14th at the lovely home of Gwen Wysocki. We had five guests attend and we had one guest join that evening. I would like to thank Gwen for sharing her home with us, and the Membership Committee for hosting and providing the tasty treats. On behalf of the Membership Committee I would like to thank all of our members who attended and invited guests.

Please join me in welcoming our newest member, **Mary Neufeld**. Mary was invited to join by Renae Reiswig and by her sister, Judy Gates. Mary received her B.A. from the University of Redlands. She enjoys crafting, travel, and boating and has expressed interest in the following Interest Groups: Bridge, California Cuisine, Play Reading, and Travel. Welcome Mary!

Our next and last prospective member coffee for this year will be held Thursday, March 15, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. (Location to be announced) Please be thinking ahead of any friend or acquaintance that you would like to invite. This is an excellent time to join as their membership will extend from March 15, 2007 until June 30, 2008 (15 months for the price of 12). Thank-you for your participation with the growth of our organization. Members get members.

*Renae Reiswig*

*Membership Vice President*

## Nominations Needed

If you are interested in becoming a branch officer or would like to nominate someone else, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee. Committee members are Grace Hart, Jan Billings, Marcia Pifer, Judith Fulton, Nancy Perry, and Kathy Presnell-Best. Our 2007-2008 officers will be elected at the April branch meeting.

## 2007 Redlands Math-Science Conference

Would you like to "ADOPT A GIRL"...or two...or more to support this Branch project? If so, donations will be gratefully accepted at branch meetings or by mail. Make checks payable to AAUW Math-Science Conference.

Six hundred eighth grade girls from Redlands and Yucaipa **THANK YOU**.

Mail to: Ellie O'Brien  
Funding Chair

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15 donation to "ADOPT A GIRL"

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30 donation to "ADOPT TWO GIRLS"

\_\_\_\_\_ \$45 donation to "ADOPT THREE GIRLS"

\$\_\_\_\_\_ donation to "ADOPT MANY GIRLS"

**Contributors of \$100 or more will be thanked by name in the Math-Science Conference program.**

## Redlands Math-Science Conference

Conference planning is well underway for our March 1, 2007 conference. Many thanks to our members for your continued support to our "Adopt-A-Girl" program, preparation work days and conference participation. The Math-Science Conference could not take place without YOU. Please mark these dates on your calendars.

1/6 AAUW Branch meeting

Assemble letters after meeting

2/3 AAUW Branch meeting

Assemble letters after meeting

2/22 U of R Walk Through  
3:30p.m.

OR

2/25 Alternate U of R Walk Through

1:30p.m.

2/25 Packet assembly  
3:00 p.m.

3/1 CONFERENCE

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## **The President's Corner**

Welcome back from the Holiday Season. We hope you enjoyed the many festivities around town and took some rest as well.

We are now counting down to a series of celebrations and conventions. 2007 will be a busy year. If you would like to participate, please contact one of the Board Members as we are actively planning our 60th Anniversary as well as seeking delegates for both the State Convention in Ontario, CA and the National Convention in Phoenix, AZ. Here are some meetings for you to consider joining us in:

Pass Math Science Conference	January 12, 2007, Mt. San Jacinto College
LA/Southeast District LAF fundraiser	January 27, 2007, Claremont College, 11 a.m.
Past Presidents Planning Meeting	January 29, 2007 @ S Bealer home, 7 p.m.
Redlands Math Science Conference	March 1, 2007, University of Redlands
Redlands Branch Anniversary	April 7, 2007, University of Redlands
AAUW California Convention	April 28-29, 2007 Ontario Hilton
AAUW National Convention	June 28- July 2, 2007 Phoenix

One note: On January 27th Arezou Payvandi, Woman Wrestler from UC Davis and a Title IX Specialist will be the speaker. Let's carpool to this LAF fundraiser!

Happy New Year!

*Sheron Bealer*

*"Success is a journey, not a destination. The doing is often more important than the outcome."*

*Arthur Ashe*

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