

Branches and Twigs

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Gracefully Maturing - How Young Are You?

Come join us at the January Branch meeting to learn more about how you can maintain maximum fitness as you slide into maturity. What do you need to do at each milestone? What can you do if you missed something? Can we really keep problems at bay?

Teresa Rogers, Doctor of Physical Therapy has had over 18 years in the health and fitness field. She is currently the President and co-founder of OutBack Physiotherapy Centre, Inc. which has been open for more than four years. Her current life purpose is helping people with musculoskeletal and functional limitations as well as bringing wellness information to the community and her patients.

See you there!

Kathy Presnell-Best

Pass Area Math-Science Conference is Coming

The Pass Area Interest Group will be holding a Math/Science Conference for the 8th grade girls from the Banning and Beaumont schools on Friday, January 11th at Mt. San Jacinto Community College. Approximately 300 girls will attend the conference. The conference begins at 9:30 a.m. in the college theater. Please feel free to visit our conference. For more information, please contact Bessie Reece or Mary Belle Clark.

2007 Local Scholarship Winners



Congratulations to all of our 2007 winners!

Pictured from left to right:

Claudia Dumitru,
Jenny Munoz,
Teresa Mataitusi,
and Tashana Sybliss.



AMERICAN
ASSOCIATION OF
UNIVERSITY
WOMEN

January Branch Meeting Information

When

January 5th, 2007

Social time: 9:00 a.m.

Brunch: 9:30 a.m.

Program: 10:30 a.m.

Where

University of Redlands
Casa Loma Room

Menu

Vegetable scramble, ham and cheese scramble, sausage, home fried potatoes, assorted pastries including plain rolls, fresh fruit platter, assorted juices, coffee and tea.

Cost

\$12.00

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

Reservations

Deadline is Monday, December 31st at 9 p.m. Call Antoinette Brenion or email her. Please include "AAUW" in the subject line of reservations sent by email.

Remember: a reservation made is a reservation paid.

Branch Officers

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

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Branch Website

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 friendshins

Make your New Year's Resolution!

Clean out your closets and cabinets and donate the good items to the Local Scholarship Yard Sale being held in June. Nancy Yowell will store items in her third garage until the sale. If you need a pickup call Nancy or Ann Harding. If you deliver the items be sure and call Nancy. Let's make this the biggest and best sale so that we can help women returning to college.

Ann Harding

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

New Members joining since October

Thank you so much to Amber Costa for hosting a very successful Membership Coffee. Thank you too to the Board members and committee members who brought refreshments. We had twenty people in attendance. As a result of the coffee all three prospective members in attendance joined.

Please welcome:

JUDITH HUNT was invited to join by Nelda Stuck. Judith received her BA from University of California, Davis and her J.D. from McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific. Judith's hobbies are volunteering, reading, children, traveling and education. Her interests in AAUW include Great Decisions, "I Am, Therefore I Think," International Relations, Reading and the Rainbow and the Redlands Math Science Conference. She is interested in serving on the Legal Advocacy Fund Committee and the Educational Foundation.

MARIE MITCHELL was introduced by Dorothy Richardson. She is a retired Elementary School teacher. She received her B.A. from California State University, San Bernardino and her J.D. from Citrus Belt Law School. Her interests are reading, museums and antiques. She is interested in California Cuisine, "I Am Therefore I Think," Play Reading and Reading and the Rainbow. Marie is also interested in serving on the Legal Advocacy Fund Committee.

SUSAN SKOGLUND was invited to join by Dorothy Nordquist. Susan received her BA from Auburn University, Montgomery and her M.S. from Troy State University, Montgomery. She is retired from working for the IRS as a Senior Manager. Her hobbies include Reading, shopping and working at her church. She is interested in Public Policy, Redlands Math Science Conference and the Reading and the Rainbow.

Also joining recently as a Student Affiliate member is:

JESSICA BRENION was invited to join by her mother, Antoinette. Jessica is a student at Crafton Hills College majoring in Psychology. In addition, she is working at Pizza Hut as a Shift Manager. Her hobbies are reading, walking, movies and looking after her dog. She is interested in Book Cassette group, California Cuisine and Reading and the Rainbow.

Susan Kean

Membership Vice President

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 deserving women returning to college. A list of all titles available for circulation is now available---stop by and pick one up!

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 on a specific schedule every six weeks. At the conclusion, members meet to discuss the books and to choose their new cycle. Each member purchases a book-on-tape or CD and receives the book back at the end of the cycle. The member then keeps the book, or loans it to the AAUW book-on-tape rental table (with those funds going for scholarships), or donates the book to Smiley Library (for possible tax write-off). The cassette groups conclude March 2008 and August 2008, so those AAUW members who want to be part of the next go-around should let Nelda Stuck know so they can be incorporated in all the planning. The CD group concludes May 2008 under the chairmanship of Sally Trost, so contact her if you are only in the modern/future world with your car or home player systems and only want to listen to CDs. We thank Kay Dobbertin for taking care of the finances from our kitty fund and ordering any replacement tapes!

Chairs: Nelda Stuck and Sally Trost

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 is Patsy Miller
	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 New Year! Current members should watch email updates for a special holiday gathering!

Chair: Kim Roman

Yearbook Additions: New Members

See the print version of the newsletter for this information.

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. Members are Marcia Pifer, Kathy Fulton, Nancy Perry, Carolyn Krejci, Phyllis Limbourne and Edna Steinman. Our 2008-2009 officers will be elected at the April branch meeting.

Redlands Math- Science Conference

Conference planning is well underway for our February 28, 2008 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.

1/5 AAUW Branch
meeting

**ASSEMBLE LETTERS
AFTER MEETING**

2/2 AAUW Branch
meeting

**ASSEMBLE LETTERS
AFTER MEETING**

2/24 @1:00 p.m.
**U OF R WALK-
THROUGH**

OR

2/26 @ 4:00 p.m.
**ALTERNATE U OF R
WALK-THROUGH**

2/24 @2:00 pm
PACKET ASSEMBLY

2/28 CONFERENCE

Interest Groups, Continued

Great Decisions

Great Decisions study books will be coming this month. I want all of you to have time to read the first chapter before the first discussion on February 7th. I am having an open house on January 31st so that you can all pick up your book either from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the afternoon or from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the evening. You can each have a chance to sign up as a discussion leader or to bring goodies during the open house. If you would like to pay for your book and your share of the video, bringing \$15 that day would be fine.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

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

On January 23rd Jane Dill will lead the discussion on "Our Changing Culture and its Effects." "I Am" meets 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

We will meet at 11:30 a.m. on January 8th in the University Club at the University of Redlands. Amber and Nick Costa will speak about Romania. The cost is \$14.00 and reservations are due by January 3rd. Please note the new price (\$14.00 instead of \$13.00).

The next meeting will be on February 12th, when Dr. Eric Anderson will speak about the South Pole Arctic. Reservations for that meeting are due February 7th.

Chairs: Dorothy Richardson and Barbara Pike

Play Reading

The Play Reading group will meet at the home of Jane Dill on Monday, January 14th at 7:00 p.m. We will read *Enchanted April* by Matthew Bortor. Come and enjoy theater and conversation. Please call Jane or Marcia for directions.

Chair: Marcia Pifer

Reading and the Rainbow

"The circus, the Great Depression, a complex elephant, equally complex love, the mists and twists of memory articulated in the utterly warming voice of a very old man who's seen it all: These are the irresistible elements of *Water for Elephants*." We will read and discuss *Water for Elephants* at our next meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 24th, 2008, at the home of Amber Costa.

We want to thank Amber for her connection and calling card that enabled us to talk with author Chris Holloway at our last meeting. It was a great to talk with Chris about her book, her experiences with Monique and Africa and her life today. Thank you, Amber and Chris!

Fans of Joyce Carol Oates take note: she is scheduled to appear at UCR during Writers Week 2008. She will read from her work and talk about her writing at 8:00 p.m. on February 8th in the University Lecture Hall. We will have copies of the Press-Enterprise article about the conference at the January meeting.

Chairs: Pat Kruger and Kathy Toister

Interest Groups, Continued

Recorder Group

The Recorder Group will be playing an interesting program for the Cosmos Club. It is a program of Renaissance Dance and art which we have been preparing over the past season. We will be giving this program on the 8th of January and after that we will be changing our focus so it will be a good time for those of you have been thinking of joining the group to get in on the ground level and learn the new music with us. We would love to have more players

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

A Huge Education Foundation Thank You!

The EF Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the Theater Benefit at Footlighters. We enjoyed wonderful attendance, the gift baskets were outstanding (thanks to the interest groups who generously donated a basket: Reading and the Rainbow, I Think..., California Cuisine, International Relations, and the Recorder group), and the play was terrific! Special thanks to all of the members of the EF Committee, the Board, and Mary Dalton for helping to make the evening a success. Your support allowed us to maintain our commitment to the funding of the Redlands International Endowment Fund, which will, when completed, fund an International Fellowship.

The February Branch Meeting will be the traditional Education Foundation Brunch. In the February newsletter, there will be heart envelopes for contributions toward our Redlands International Endowment Fund. Any amount is appreciated. Special recognition is given to First (\$100 gifts), Second Century (\$200 gifts), and Chocolate (\$300 or more gifts) Clubs. These gifts are tax deductible and will go toward giving proven scholars the opportunity to reach their postgraduate dreams, including the chance to change careers in this time of burgeoning technology, start new projects, and many other wonderful forward-thinking projects. Your generosity will indeed help towards changing the world! Look forward to an excellent speaker at the Brunch, as well. See you there!

Karen Skoog, Education Foundation Committee Chair

2008 Redlands Math-Science Conference

Would you like to "ADOPT A GIRL"...or two...or more to support this Redlands 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: Judi Jones, Chair, Redlands Math-Science

_____ \$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 in the Conference program.

Southern LAF Speaker will be Michael Burch

The Southern LAF event will be on Sunday February 3rd at CA Poly Pomona 11a.m. The cost is \$30. Michael Burch will be the featured speaker. For Mr. Burch's case history and more information on this case, see the AAUW website at <http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/laf/cases/burch.cfm>.

Branch Website Submissions

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

Newsletter Submission Guidelines:

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

Please note: if you send your information by email and do not receive an email back from me within a day, please call me. I may not have received your email.

The President's Corner

Soon it will be 2008. What an exciting and fascinating year it will be. The Democratic and Republican conventions, summer Olympics in Beijing, and finally the presidential elections. Whatever candidate you are supporting, I hope that he/she is nominated for the president and elected. :>)

Closer to home, in January the Area Pass Group is having their Math/Science Conference at the Mt. San Jacinto College. We can be very proud of this group. Though they are small in number, they do a great job putting on this conference. I know before Friday, January 11th they could use some help. Please volunteer and call Bessie Reece.

The Redlands Area Math/Science Conference is February 28th. There is still time to Adopt-A-Girl and help stuff envelopes and packets. Look within these pages for more information on both conferences.

I wish you all a very healthy, safe and Happy New Year. May it be the best year yet!!

Sue Angell

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