

Branches and Twigs

Redlands Branch, AAUW

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Time for Change at the January 10th Meeting

All of us in AAUW, through hard work and good fortune, have earned college degrees and enough success in life to be able to afford club membership fees, our luncheons, and the leisure time to enjoy our membership and friendship.

Other women – including women in our own Redlands community – have been less fortunate, although "less fortunate" inadequately describes the neglect, abuses, and often the addictions of their personal histories.

Of course, each of us lives with the consequences of our circumstances and choices, but some among us have had less of a chance. For many women the accumulation of life's experiences brought on a sense of helplessness and hopelessness.

The speaker for the Redlands AAUW January 10th meeting is Kim Carter, founder and executive director of Time for Change Foundation, headquartered in San Bernardino. Time for Change provides housing, mentoring, and services to formerly incarcerated and other homeless women who desire change in their lives.

As a formerly incarcerated person herself, Mrs. Carter knows what is needed to turn a life around. For many years she has worked passionately and tirelessly to help other women become healthy, self-sufficient, contributing members of our communities. Her academic research, social activist work, and practical support have benefited many local women and their children.

Look forward to an inspirational presentation about heartbreak transformed to hope and success.

Ellen Timothy

Math-Science Conferences Coming Soon!

The Pass Area Math-Science Conference for the girls of Banning and Beaumont is January 9th at Mt. San Jacinto College. Remember, you don't have to live in the Pass Area: we appreciate everyone's assistance! If you would like to help out, please contact Bessie Reece, Mary Belle Clark, or Ann Harding.

Conference planning is well underway for the Redlands February 26, 2009 conference. Many thanks to our members for your continued support to our "Adopt-A-Girl" program, preparation work days and conference participation. We will need branch member support stuffing letters after the January and February branch meetings. Please stay after: we can really use your help! Contact Judi Jones if you would like to participate.



AAUW

January Branch Meeting Information

When

January 10th, 2009

Social time: 9:00 a.m.

Brunch: 9:30 a.m.

Program: 10:30 a.m.

Where

University of Redlands

Casa Loma Room

Menu

Cheesy Scrambled eggs, sausage, home fried potatoes, fresh fruit platter, juice, assorted pastries, fresh rolls, coffee and tea.

Cost

\$13.00

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

Reservations

The reservation deadline for the January 10th meeting is Thursday, January 6th. Please call or email Antoinette Brenion. Please include AAUW in the Subject line of your email.

If you want a permanent reservation, let her know.

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.

President

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Branch Website

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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.

New Member Coffee (11-18-08)

"I could feel the joy in the room the moment I walk in" stated one of our newest members, Pat Teeters, while attending our new member coffee held at the lovely home of Kay Dobbertin.

The room was filled with the laughter and delightful chatter as we all mingled becoming more acquainted with each other. The dining table was set with bright yellow daisies and precious china, laden with more than enough treats, all provided by various members. One of the highlights of the evening was when everyone joined in a seasonal trivia game. Prizes were won by Bobbe Monk and Amber Costa, who each received a glass paperweight in the shape of a kiss. A number of the guests stated at the end of the meeting that they wanted to belong, and have joined!

Our membership is now over 200 and we are most happy to say that we are still growing to the delight of our complete membership, as we truly believe in our theme of "Expanding our Horizons." Each new member brings new experiences, which enriches our entire membership. We encourage each member not only to attend our branch meetings, but to visit any or all of our 13 interest groups and 10 standing committees.

Marie and I would like to thank Kay Dobbertin for the use of her lovely home and to all who contributed with food, laughter, and great spirit.

Dorothy Richardson, Membership Vice President

A Huge Education Foundation Thank You!

The EF Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the Theater Benefit at Footlighters in November. We enjoyed wonderful attendance, the gift baskets were outstanding (thanks to the interest groups who generously donated a basket: Reading and the Rainbow, International Relations, Bridge Groups, and the Pass Group), and the play was terrific! A great time was had by all! Special thanks to all of the members of the EF Committee, the Board, Mary Dalton, and those who donated goodies for the refreshments at intermission 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. We now stand at approximately \$73,000 of the \$100,000 needed to fully fund the endowment!

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.

Karen Skoog, Education Foundation Committee Chair

EF Fellow speaker at the Riverside Branch meeting

Our Branch members are invited to attend to the Riverside Branch meeting on Saturday, January 19, 2009. The speaker, Justine Lemos, is getting her PhD in Anthropology at UCR. Her project's name is Transforming Lasya: Women's Dance in Kerala, India and she will be showing a video of the dancing. She has also performed as she is a trained dancer.

The program starts at 11:30 a.m. at the Cask N Cleaver Restaurant, 1333 University Ave. Riverside. Cost: \$15 - \$25 depending.

Leslie Priest Roubal

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. If you have any books on tape or CD that you no longer listen to, please donate them to the Audio CD library so that they can be shared by others members. We also have some CDs that men would enjoy listening to. A list of all titles available for circulation is now available---stop by and pick one up!

Book Cassette and CD Groups

The Book Cassette group is seeking new members to join in this fun and educating time to read. One of our three groups started more than 10 years ago and has just begun its ninth cycle of circulation. The CD group begins its third round-robin July 1st. Some 30 members 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 a possible tax write-off).

Chairs: Nelda Stuck; 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 Celeste Beard
	1st Saturday B, 7 p.m.	Coordinator is Debbie Lewin
	3rd Saturday, 7 p.m.	Coordinator is Janice Belden,
Duplicate Pairs:	2nd Saturday, 7 p.m.	Coordinator is Louise Schumann
Round Robin:	As arranged by the Players.	Coordinator is Louise Schumann

California Cuisine and Conversation

Happy New Year! In January we will be meeting SATURDAY (Jan 31) at the home of Linda and Bruce Rowland (due to the Super Bowl). Information about that gathering will be in the next Branches and Twigs. Our group is dedicated to good food and lively conversation. Current members should watch their e-mail for updates. Contact Kim Roman by phone or email.

Chair: Kim Roman

Welcome Our New Members:

See the print version of the newsletter for full information.

Dolly Church
(Dual Membership with Victorville)

Yoma Clewes
Interests: Bridge, California Cuisine, International Affairs

Dorothy Cunningham
Interests: Great Decisions, "I Am", International Affairs, Math Science

Judith Dods
"I am", International Affairs, Math Science, Orangewood Library

Carmen Fernandez
Interests: Play Reading, International Affairs

Sandra Flowers
Interests: Great Decisions, Play Reading, International Affairs, Reading and the Rainbow

Cecile Gautreau
Interests: "I am", Local Scholarship

Cristen Gillespie
Interests: Book Cassette, "I am", Great Decisions

Lillie Hall
Interests: "I Am", Math-Science

Anna Hogan

Jeanne Hoskins
Interests: Book Cassette, California Cuisine, International Affairs

Sandra Na
Interests: Math Science

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New Members:

Continued

Pat Teeters
Interests: Great Decisions,
International Affairs, Play
Reading

Annie Upshaw
Interests: Great Decisions,
Math Science, Educational
Foundation

Dr. Ruth Wilkerson
Interests: "I am"

Interest Groups, Continued

Great Decisions

The topics for the Great Decisions discussion sessions have come from the Foreign Policy Association in New York. They are:

1. The U.S. and Rising Powers;
2. Afghanistan and Pakistan;
3. Energy and the Global Economy;
4. The Arctic Age;
5. Egypt in the 21st Century;
6. Global Food Supply;
7. Cuba After Castro;
8. Universal Human Rights

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

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

"I Am..." will meet on January 28th at Trinity Episcopal Church at noon. Our discussion on "the World Economy" will be lead by Rosalie Talbert.

Chair: Jane Dill

International Affairs

We will meet at 11:30 a.m. on January 13th in the University Club at the University of Redlands. Olga Cupp will speak about Hungary. The cost is \$14.00 and reservations are due on January 6th.

Chairs: Dorothy Richardson and Barbara Pike

Play Reading

On January 19, a Monday night, at 7:00pm the play reading group will meet to read *Golda's Balcony* by William Gibson. We invite those who are interested in drama to contact Marcia and join our interest group.

Chair: Marcia Pifer

Recorder Group

The Recorder Group is an ensemble of recorder players who get together every Monday for practice from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and then have lunch together, usually outdoors on the patio. We play all sizes of recorders and we frequently give programs in all kinds of venues, such as retirement homes, club meetings, church groups, concert series, art shows and others. We really need more players and would be happy to welcome you to join our group. If you would like to have lessons or be in the group please sign up at the brunch or call me.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

Reading and the Rainbow

PLEASE NOTE SCHEDULE CHANGE!

Our January meeting will be moved to Thursday, 1-29-09, at 7:00 PM at the home of Amber Costa. We will be discussing the classic, *The Golden Notebook*, by Doris Lessing. Ms. Lessing was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2008 for the body of her work, the best known of which is the *Notebook*. Published in 1962, it was immediately taken up – or in Lessing's words, "belittled" – as a crucial intervention in the so-called sex war. It was seen as a literary plea for psychic and political change in the lives of the "free women" at the heart of the book. Lessing, in a recent interview, said that she doesn't see it as a feminist novel but her readers definitely did. We will find out how well it speaks to us today.

Chairs: Pat Kruger and Kathy Toister

A Lecture by Geraldine Brooks

Geraldine Brooks, Pulitzer prize winner for *March*, will hold a lecture in Palm Desert on 1-22-09. Tickets can be purchased for \$10 at (760) 834-0590 or palmdesert@ucr.edu. The event begins at 6:00 p.m.

Happy New Year from the Membership Committee

It has been a wonderful year 2008. We had over 30 people join us.

Now 2009 is here-and we have a goal. To each new member, please let us extend our promise to aid you in any way to experience the possibility of expanding your horizons by trying out any one of our interest groups. Some very exciting things happen at these meetings, the most important of which is the opportunity to make a "new best friend." We encourage every member to look around and suggest to someone new that they are missing an opportunity by not joining with us---for another great year.

Dorothy Richardson and Marie Mitchell

A New Year's Resolution Suggestion

Clean out garage, closets and drawers for the Local Scholarship yard sale in June. Nancy Yowell is now collecting donations. Call her before dropping off any items. Remember, we have books on CD for \$5.00 a month that benefits the Local Scholarship fund.

Ann Harding

2009 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 by name in the Math-Science Conference program.

Yearbook Updates

Corrections:

Amber Benevedes (sp)

Carol Boorman

Denise Cairn (sp)

Helena Rindone (sp)

B&T Submission Guidelines:

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

If you send your information by email and do not receive an email back within a day, please call one of us. We may not have received your note.

The President's Corner

As the year ends, AAUW can look back on 2008 with a feeling of accomplishment. Our membership continues to grow---212 and still counting---thanks to the never-ending energy and enthusiasm of Dorothy Richardson, Marie Mitchell and their committee. Our service to the community is visible through work with Orangewood HS, Family Service, YMCA, local scholarships, EF, LAF and the Math-Science conferences which are scheduled for January 9th and February 26th. Look for more information on the latter in the newsletter.

Programs have been varied and well-received---we are looking forward at the January meeting to hearing one of our members, Ellen Timothy, speak on a topic that is both sobering and encouraging. On the state level, we are represented by Leslie Priest, our website guru, who has volunteered to work on communications and also by Sheron Bealer, who serves on the state program committee.

To paraphrase a saying "AAUW is alive and well and living in the Redlands Branch". We are fortunate to have members who contribute so much to the well-being of others. To all of you, my best wishes for a Joyous New Year. See you in 2009.

Dorothy Nordquist

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