

Branches and Twigs

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Genetics in the 21st Century

Dr. Caryl Forristall, professor at the University of Redlands, will be the guest speaker at the January brunch. Dr. Forristall received her BS from Newton College in Massachusetts and her PhD from UC Berkeley in Genetics. She has done postdoctoral work on a NIH fellowship at University of Miami. Before coming to Redlands in 1994, she was a visiting professor at Mt Holyoke College.

Here at the University of Redlands she is full professor of biology teaching genetics, development biology, nutrition and first year biology. Her research in collaboration with Dr. Andres Collazo, House Ear Institute in LA, is on genetic control ear development in the frog *Xenopus laevis*. At the January brunch Dr. Forristall will cover the newest information emerging in genetic studies. Come join us for a very informative morning.

Sue Angell, Coordinator

January Membership Notes

On Saturday, January 9th I am looking forward to handing out some prizes to the members who have gotten the most new members to join our AAUW family. Please send me the names and addresses of people you know who would enjoy some of the interesting groups we have and the stimulation of a conversation with others who have many intellectual interests. That's such a valuable gift that you can give your friend. Think how enriched we will be by knowing these new ladies. I would so enjoy meeting them. There are lots of ways we can do this. Some Saturday in January we could have a morning brunch at my home. The Interest Chairs and others could come and tell about their group and it would be a golden opportunity to get to know the new people in an informal setting. Give me your ideas.

Mary Jane Auerbacher, Membership Vice President

Community Partnership Program - Extra Dollars to AAUW

Our Branch Board of Directors has agreed to join the Community Partnership Program with Provident Bank. Provident Bank has assigned an internal number to Redlands Branch. All who currently bank with Provident can easily participate by simply telling the bank to have your account coded with AAUW's General Account. Provident Bank welcomes all new customers to open an account and participate. *It is strictly confidential between you and the bank.* There is never any money taken from your account. To learn more call Kathy Toister or visit www.myprovident.com/businesscommunitypartner.asp

Kathy Toister, Treasurer



January Branch Meeting Information

When

January 9th, 2010
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 Scramble Breakfast: a combination of cheddar, Monterey Jack, and Swiss cheese scrambled eggs, home fried potatoes, bacon, assorted pastries, seasonal fresh fruit, and assorted juices, coffee, tea.

Cost

\$14.00

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

Reservations

The reservation deadline for the January 9th meeting is Tuesday, January 5th. Please call or email Kay Dobbertin. If you want a permanent reservation, please let her know.

Reminder: 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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AAUW Mission Statement

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

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.

Why Math? Why Science?

Is this a high school girl's question? Maybe not; if you're new to the Redlands Branch you may be wondering the same thing – why all this emphasis on the Math-Science Conference for Eighth Grade Girls?

A little bit of a background will soon get you enthusiastic about the concept. About twenty years ago the national AAUW conducted a survey across the United States that concluded that girls in public schools were being shortchanged in their opportunities to succeed by being intimidated by math and science classes for a variety of reasons: girls were considered less able to understand these classes, just not as smart as boys; girls had fewer role models in these fields; and, worst of all, girls were being ignored by their math and science teachers (yes, some women teachers too). This was a call to action for AAUW!

The Redlands Branch considered several options, but the first Conference in 1994 was so successful that it was continued for the next fifteen years. The emphasis on eighth graders is because that is a pivotal year when girls are making serious decisions about high school classes that may influence their future careers. With loyal cooperation among The University of Redlands, the Redlands and Yucaipa Unified School Districts, many women professionals, and local Branch organizers, the Conference has grown each year. March 3, 2010 will be the 16th Annual Math Science Conference for Eighth Grade Girls, hosting 600 students on the U of R campus. This is a Branch activity and every member should find some level of participation.

If you would like to be a part of this stimulating day, contact one of the co-chairs, Lorie DeMarco or Sharon Pavlovich. If you are unable to be a participant, you may elect to be a sponsor (see sponsorship coupon in this issue). You will delight in the enthusiasm of these teen aged girls and you will admire the efforts of our guest presenters as they inspire, educate and encourage our young women.

Math-Science Committee

Redlands Math-Science Conference

Conference planning is well underway for our March 3, 2010 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.

1/9 AAUW Branch meeting - ASSEMBLE LETTERS AFTER MEETING

2/6 AAUW Branch meeting - ASSEMBLE LETTERS AFTER MEETING

2/25 U of R Walk-through @ 3:00 p.m.

OR

2/28 Alternate U of R Walk-through @ 1:00 p.m.

2/28 Packet assembly @ 2:00 pm University Methodist Church

3/3 CONFERENCE!!!

Letter from Nancy Yowell

“Dear President Kathy and Branch Members,

What a wonderful surprise to be honored at the December Branch Meeting. Thanks so much. The gift certificate to Isabella's made it all the more meaningful coming from you, my friends. I truly appreciate your kindness. Thanks again,

Nancy Yowell”

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. A list of all titles available for circulation is now available---stop by and pick one up!

Book Cassette and CD Groups

This is your last chance for several months to join in a book CD listening group. We've had a good turnout of new members joining our group which met in November. We have a third group ready to begin a new round-robin in January - and that will be the last one for a year, so if you're interested, phone now. Our groups meet to discuss the books they "read" over the year and to choose the books they all want to hear. 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 CD rental table (with those funds going for scholarships), or donates the book to Smiley Library (for a possible tax write-off). In our round-robin schedule, we allow 6 weeks for each book. Call Nelda now to be part of the January start-up.

Chairs: Nelda Stuck and Sally Trost (CD Group)

Bridge

The bridge groups are underway! There is still space available in some of the groups, and there has been interest in starting another daytime group. Call the coordinator if you are interested in the groups listed.

Daytime:	1st Wednesday, 1 p.m.	Coordinator: Evelyn O'Prey
	3rd Monday, 1 p.m.	Coordinator: Sally Vaughn
Evening Couples:	1st Saturday A, 7 p.m.	Coordinator: Celeste Beard
	1st Saturday B, 7 p.m.	Coordinator: Debbie Lewin
	3rd Saturday, 7 p.m.	Coordinator: Louise Schumann
Evening:	4th Monday 7 p.m.	Coordinator: Nancy Earney
Duplicate Pairs:	2nd Saturday, 7 p.m.	Coordinator: Louise Schumann

The two daytime groups already have fixed tables and are only accepting substitutes. If you are interested in being a part of a third daytime group that would meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month call Louise Schumann.

Chair: Louise Schumann

California Cuisine and Conversation

California Cuisine and Conversation will be meeting December 31 for a private party. Watch for updates about a dining out adventure in January. Happy New Year!

Chair: Kim Roman

Local Scholarship

As you make your New Years resolution to clean out the garage, closets and the attic, remember to save the good, working and clean articles for the yard sale in June. Nancy has room in her third garage to store many of the items until June. We were able to give three scholarships in 2009 and it would be rewarding if we could give more in 2010.

Remember to look at the books on CD, they rent for \$5.00 a month. The proceeds also go to the scholarship fund.

On a personal note, I want to thank the branch for the gift certificate. It is so rewarding to work with the Committee on the yard sale and awarding the scholarships. Even when we are dirty and tired, when you see the responses of the women, you say WOW it was all worthwhile.

Thank you,
Ann Harding

B&T Submission Guidelines:

The deadline for the February newsletter will be **January 5th**. Send your articles for that issue to the co-editors Olga Cupp and Jennifer Hill via email. If you do not have email, you can submit a typed or printed article by mail to Jennifer Hill.

Welcome New Member:

Sandra Zwick
AA, Santa Ana College
Interests: Reading and the
Rainbow

Celebrate International Women's Day 2010 with CARE!

On Thursday, March 4th, 2010 at 7:30pm, CARE will present *Half the Sky LIVE* in movie theaters nationwide. Inspired by the best-selling book from Pulitzer-prize winning journalists Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, *Half the Sky LIVE* will celebrate International Women's Day with musical performances, celebrity commentary, and the world premiere of *Woineshet*, a powerful short film directed by Academy Award® Winner Marisa Tomei.

With *Half the Sky LIVE*, you can watch the pages of the book come to life onscreen as *Woineshet* chronicles the struggles of a young Ethiopian woman who ultimately triumphs over sexual violence and discrimination.

Broadcast from New York City to theaters across the country, this one night-only, interactive event – featuring appearances by Nicholas Kristof, Dr. Helene Gayle of CARE and others – will motivate you to participate in the growing movement to empower women and girls in the fight against global poverty.

*Gloria L. Blackwell and
Sherry Ludwig*

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Interest Groups, Continued

Great Decisions

There will be two sections of Discussion Groups, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. If you would like to be in an afternoon group, please contact Kay Dobbartin. If you prefer an evening group it will meet on Wednesday evenings from February 3rd to March 31st at 7p.m. We will skip March 3rd as that is the day of the Math-Science Conference.

We hear from the office in New York that the study books will be sent on about January 8th. Hopefully they will be at my door just before the January 9th meeting. It would be wonderful if everyone could come to that meeting and I could hand a book to everyone who has signed up. Here's to a great year of stimulating discussions.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

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

Our January meeting will be on our regular meeting day, the 4th Wednesday of the month (Jan. 27, 2010) at the Trinity Episcopal Church, corner of Fourth St. and Fern in the classroom off the back parking lot.

You are welcome to join us at noon with a "brown bag" lunch, or from 12:30 p.m. till 2:00 p.m. when Barbara Critchlow will lead a lively discussion on family history. She advises us to be prepared to share a story about our own Grandmother. (Just one?)

Come share the fun, and bring a buddy!

N.B. Cathy Jordan will be our discussion leader on February 24th, when she'll show us all how to become friends with fitness. Questions:

Helen Webb

International Affairs

Speaker's topic, the Ukraine. Jan. 12, 2010 (11:30 Social...12:00 lunch) \$14.00

University of Redlands University Club, President's Dining Room

I am happy to say I have returned from Tunisia and will share my experiences and knowledge at our May meeting.

Amongst my mail was an invitation to be the guest speaker at the Hmong Archives Cultural Center in Banning. I truly felt honored to be asked.

October's International Affairs meeting was informative and delightful, as only Anthony Sousa can express his love of the Azores and his fourth generation family, who still resides there. We learned how the islands were formed, what a great significance they played during World War 2, and even today. Because of their geographic position all communication going north to south, east to west, and vice versa, has to be diverted through their system!

But most of all you felt you just wanted to join him and his family at a relaxing life at the beach, with an open arm society.

Please join us on January 12, 2010 and meet our speaker who was a doctor under communist rule. She has many eye opening stories to relate to us about her home country, the Ukraine, its people, and the medical conditions at that time.

Remember reservations please.

Chairs: Dorothy Richardson and Barbara Pike

Interest Groups, Continued

Play Reading

January Play Reading will be January 18th at 7:00 pm. We will read Agatha Christie's "Black Coffee". Please call Marcia for the location.

Chair: Marcia Pifer

Recorder Group

The faithful group of Recorder Geeks meet every Monday morning at 9 a.m. We have a great time and would love to have you join us. Stay for lunch so we can get to know you. We would love that. We meet at my home.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

Reading and the Rainbow

Our first meeting in 2010 will be on January 28th at the home of Louise Schumann at 7:00 PM. We will be discussing *McTeague: A Story of San Francisco* by Frank Norris. One reviewer of the book reports that Norris was mainly influenced by Charles Dickens and Emile Zola. *McTeague*, written while Norris was in college taking sophomore level grammar classes on how to write, was a conscious attempt at bringing the "European style" of Zola to American literature. With its focus on the poor working class who "degenerate" into alcohol, sex, violence and greed - it was thought poor people were naturally (genetically) disposed to these vices - Norris copies and imitates Zola's Naturalism, but set in the city of San Francisco. Critics generally hated it, but a few saw it as groundbreaking." We expect it will provoke lively and interesting discussions. Call or email Kathy Toister or Pat Kruger, if questions. We wish you all a stimulating and magical year of great reading.

Chairs: Pat Kruger and Kathy Toister

2010 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: Kate Pretorius, Funding 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.

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The President's Corner

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

I would like to give our EF Chair, Karen Skoog, a special thank you for making our December dinner an evening of extra pleasure and conviviality. If you weren't there, so sorry. Not only was the music program by the Neapolitan Quartet lovely, but we closed out the year with wine before and during dinner.

Kudos to Margie Galligan who used your donations to help a family through Family Service association have a much merrier Thanksgiving and Christmas. Our thank you note was wonderful.

I can hardly believe that this year has come to an end! AAUW Redlands can be proud of all our accomplishments. We've enjoyed fun and educational meetings, lots of interesting and enjoyable interest groups, served our own community, and State and National AAUW communities too.

Many of these services will repeat themselves with the help of our Branch members again next year. If everyone helps keep our "Family" going we will touch the lives of countless others. Your opportunity to work two Math-Science conferences for a total of 900 girls is coming right up! Don't be the last to volunteer!

Our speaker in January sounds exciting. Don't forget to get your reservation in on time and plan to stay a short time after to help get those envelopes stuffed. The more who stay to help the sooner we all get to go home! See you there.

Kathy Presnell-Best