

Branches and Twigs

Redlands Branch, AAUW

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Focusing on the Facts of Planned Parenthood Planned Parenthood's Role in the Community

Betha Schnelle will be speaking about the role of Planned Parenthood as an essential health care provider in the community. She will address some of the misconceptions about Planned Parenthood and talk about the ways Planned Parenthood is expanding their services to meet the needs of the population. From cutting-edge procedures to expanded hours and renovated locations, Planned Parenthood is leading the way for reproductive health care in San Bernardino.

Betha Schnelle was born and raised in Nashville, Tennessee. She came to California to go to UCLA for both her undergraduate and Master's in Health Administration degrees. After college, she moved to Washington DC to work at Head Start and the National Organization for Women. She then moved to United and Blue Cross where she worked in Payor Aide. Now, Schnelle is the Vice President of Patient Services for Planned Parenthood where she oversees operations for all 8 health centers. During her tenure, PPPOSBC has significantly increased the number of patients seen and hours of operation, while still improving customer service and patient satisfaction. She lives in Newport Beach and is raising two young boys, ages 2 and 4, into strong Feminist men.

Nancy Ruth White

Important change on delivery of the Branches & Twigs Newsletter

Beginning in February 2012, the PAPER edition of the Branches & Twigs newsletter will be mailed ONLY to our members who do not have email address listed in the yearbook.

Since September, we have sent PAPER and EMAIL editions of the newsletters to our members who have email address. Beginning February 2012, our members who have email addresses will ONLY receive the newsletter electronically. If you cannot read the newsletter online, please contact Kay Dobbertin

Member News

Congratulations to Ann Leonard, one of our AAUW members. Ann has been chosen by the U of R's Town and Gown for the Women of Distinction Award. She is one of the remarkable women to be honored at the Town and Gown Women of Distinction luncheon for her service and contributions to education.

Linda Browning



January Branch Meeting Information

When

January 7th, 2012
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, 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

\$15.00

Reservations

The reservation deadline for the January 7th meeting is Tuesday, January 3rd.

Please call.

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.

President
Susan Willis

Program Vice President
Patty Ahearn

Membership Vice President
Theresa Lantz

Recording Secretary
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Corresponding Secretary
Dorothy Richardson

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Kathy Toister

Branch Website
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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.

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Math-Science Conference Needs Your Help!

The Math-Science committee has been busy finalizing plans for the conference on March 1, 2012. We need a bit of help in the home stretch, so keep the following dates in mind and chip in if you can:

- Dec 6 and on-going – Adopt-a-girl (see info in this issue of Branches and Twigs)
- Jan 7 and Feb 4 after the regular AAUW Redlands meetings – stuff envelopes
- Feb 18 – stuff packets – more details next month!
- March 1 – Conference Day! Guides and Facilitators still needed. Sign up with Patty Ahearn to be a guide and Ellen Schollenberger to be a facilitator or help with the buildings.

The M-S committee extends our thanks and our condolences to Olga Cupp for her continued support even while she cares for her family overseas.

Math-Science Conference Needs Your Support – Adopt-a-Girl

600 8th grade girls need your funding support to make the Math-Science Conference a reality. Please consider our branch's ADOPT-A-GIRL program. Your donation of \$15 will help us buy a girl's lunch for the conference. Visit the Math-Science ADOPT-A-GIRL table at the Dec or Jan meetings, or use the coupon in the newsletter to make your pledge. We value and appreciate your donation so very much, as do the schools and students. Thank you!

If you would like to help raise money from the wider community for the conference, contact our fund raising team for a brochure that you can take with you to other events to ask for support. Our many thanks go out to this terrific team: Krystina Belcher (Roslyn Dunn's daughter), Dorothy Nordquist, Antoinette Brenion, and Treasurer Sharlene Lund.

Pass Area Math/Science Conference

By the time you read this article the Pass Area Math/Science Conference will be ready to go. We hope to see some of you there. The conference begins at 9:30 AM on the campus of Mt. San Jacinto College, Thursday, January 12, 2012.

We will have 320 girls from Banning and Beaumont attending. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our members who assisted with this year's conference. If I try to name them all, I am sure I will forget someone! No doubt the Math/Science Conferences are a lot of work but I know we all get a lot of pleasure out of knowing that we have touched a few young lives.

Bessie Reece, Pass Area Interest Group

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee will meet in January to select a slate of officers for 2012 - 2013. We will be choosing - in addition to a President-elect – Membership Vice President, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. If you have suggestions for these offices, please share with members of the committee.

Dorothy Nordquist

Interest Groups

Audio Book Listening Group

We have three Audio Book Listening Groups going with some 30 total participants. The next group to begin its round-robin starts in March. All who are interested in joining a group by meeting with us to help pick out the books we all want to hear (and then purchasing the one you suggest and are assigned - which you get back in 18 months), should contact Nelda Stuck for details,

Bridge

Daytime: 1st Wednesday, 1 p.m.
2nd Wednesday, 1 p.m.
3rd Monday, 1 p.m.
Evening Couples: 3rd Saturday, 7 p.m.
Evening: 1st Monday 7 p.m.
4th Monday 7 p.m.

Duplicate Pairs: 2nd Saturday, 7 p.m.

California Cuisine and Conversation

California Cuisine will meet at the Roman's on December 31 for a members only New Year's Eve celebration. On January 29 we will meet at the home of Linda and Bruce Adams for our traditional get together. Happy New Year!

Chair: Kim Roman,

Great Decisions

The study books will be coming in December this year, so I will bring them to the January Meeting. The cost of the books plus the video is \$15.00. You can be thinking which discussion you would like to be in charge of as you will have the whole month of January to look them over. They are: 1. Middle East Realignment, 2. Promoting Democracy, 3. Mexico, 4. Cybersecurity, 5. Exit from Afghanistan and Iraq, 6. State of the Oceans, 7. Indonesia, 8. Energy Geopolitics.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher,

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

We meet at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Redlands, on the corner of Fourth and Fern, in the lounge facing the back parking lot of the church. Come at noon with your lunch; the discussion takes place from 12:30 until 2:00 pm. Meetings are usually held the 4th Wed of the month, and guarantee a lively, interesting discussion. Please join us! For more information on the January meeting please contact the chairs below.

Chairs: Ellen Schollenberger and Sharlene Lund

January Thought for the Day:

Will be provided by Judy Racine at the January meeting.

Reminder: Named Gift Honoree Meeting

All past honorees are invited to attend; the meeting will be Monday, January 23, 2012. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend.

Sue Angell,

AAUW 2011 Annual Report

In 2011 AAUW enjoyed another vibrant year full of accomplishments and celebrations. And as we mark our 130th Anniversary, we look back at the AAUW impact across the years.

The report is now available for download on aauw.org

Local Scholarship

Happy New Year from the Local Scholarship Committee. Let us all make a New Year's resolution that we clean out our closets, attics, garages and etc. and donate clean, working, usable items to the Local Scholarship yard sale that will be held in June. Also, remember to rent books on CD at \$5.00 a month. They will be at a table at each branch meeting. The money from the rentals goes toward the scholarship fund.

Ann Harding

Save the Date

AAUW California Convention

April 13-15, 2012

Santa Clara Marriott Hotel
2700 Mission College Blvd
Santa Clara

B&T Submission Guidelines:

The deadline for the February newsletter will be **January 5th**. Send your articles for that issue to the editor via email: olgacupp@gmail.com. If you do not have email, you can submit a printed article by mail to Olga Cupp at PO Box 452, Redlands, CA 92373.

Interest Groups, Continued

International Affairs

Tuesday, January 10, 2012...University Club, University of Redlands, Price \$16, Social 11:30 a.m. Lunch 12:00 p.m. Followed by Speaker (topic: Germany)

For reservations please call

Reading and the Rainbow

Happy New Year, Readers! We will meet again on Thursday, 1-26-12, in two sessions, and we will be discussing *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese. This novel, eloquently reviewed, revolves around "Marion and Shiva Stone, twin brothers born of a secret union between a beautiful Indian nun and a brash British surgeon. Orphaned by their mother's death and their father's disappearance, bound together by a preternatural connection and a shared fascination with medicine, the twins come of age as Ethiopia hovers on the brink of revolution...an unforgettable story of love and betrayal, medicine and ordinary miracles – and two brothers whose fates are forever intertwined."

The afternoon session will meet at 1 PM. Margi Galligan will co-host and Diane Bennett will facilitate. Kathy Toister will host the evening meeting at 7PM. Sherri Kinsey will co-host and Adriane Gram will facilitate the discussion.

Be advised that this is a long book at 650+ pages. Please call or email Kathy Toister or Pat Kruger if questions.

Chairs: Pat Kruger, and Kathy Toister

Recorder Group

The Recorder Group is playing this month at the Veterans Hospital. We continue our practice sessions every Monday morning from 9:00 to 12:00. There's nothing more fun, plus you can get better and better and isn't that a plus? Some of you have told me you were interested. You don't improve by not coming. Time doesn't make you more proficient. Practice does. It is also good for your health. Deep breathing and laughter will make you well. Come and give it a try.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

Travel Group

The travel group is up and running! Our first day trip is with ACT Tours of Palm Springs on February 16, 2012. The trip is "Highlights of Los Angeles" and visits Our Lady of Angels Cathedral, Roosevelt Hotel, and the Armand Hammer Museum in Westwood. Other sites include the Kodak Theater, Graumann's, Beverly Hills, Rodeo Drive, Union Station and Olvera Street. Price is \$59.00; reservations need to be made directly with ACT at 1-888-605-8280 or 760-322-1247; www.act-tours.com.

Please let them know you are with Redlands AAUW. The tour is filling quickly so time is of the essence in making reservations! For more info contact Marilyn or Carol.

Chairs: Marilyn Roach



Math-Science Conference • March 1, 2012
Adopt-a-Girl Pledge/Donation Coupon

Benefactors \$500 - \$999
Patrons \$300 - \$499
Friends \$100 - \$299
Adopt-a-Girl (pays for 1 lunch) - \$15

I/We: Pledge Donate \$_____ for the 2012 Math-Science Conference.

(Early receipt of your pledge is appreciated for budget planning)

Donors will be acknowledged in the Conference Program and on the AAUW website unless you request otherwise.

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Address _____
Phone _____ email: _____

Send pledge/donation to:

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Tamara Brown Named White House Champion of Change

On Friday, December 9, President Obama's top science advisers honored 12 community heroes, including AAUW member and former president of the AAUW Buffalo (NY) Branch Tamara Brown, as leaders in engaging women and girls in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields. This event was part of a White House effort to increase the number of women engaged in STEM to ensure global competitiveness and promote economic opportunities for women.

Brown was recognized for inspiring thousands of young women and their parents to consider education and career opportunities in STEM through her program Tech Savvy, a one-day conference designed to introduce middle school girls to the exciting opportunities available in STEM. This annual event is held at the University at Buffalo and has been embraced by the local community.

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AAUW Funds Seven Campus Action Projects

Renowned Programs Will Address Sexual Harassment in Middle and High Schools

WASHINGTON — The American Association of University Women (AAUW) has awarded \$28,000 in Campus Action Project grants to seven institutions across the country. The grants will fund programs that focus on addressing and preventing sexual harassment in middle and high schools during the 2011–12 academic year.

AAUW's newly released research report, *Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School*, found that during the 2010–11 school year, 48 percent of surveyed students in grades 7–12 experienced sexual harassment, including 56 percent of girls and 40 percent of boys. Of the sexually harassed students, 87 percent said it had a negative effect on them — from making it hard for them to study to making them not want to go to school. Twelve percent said they had missed school and 4 percent had changed schools because of the harassment. Most students thought their schools could do more to address and prevent sexual harassment through policies, education, and online resources. Visit *aauw.org* for the complete article.

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The President's Corner

Happy New Year to all Redlands AAUW members!

Our Theater Event "Flemming" was well attended and many thanks to the co-chairs: **Jessie Powell and Susan Shodahl** and their committee: Mary Jane Auerbacher, Kathy Best, Mary Dalton, Evelyn O'Prey, Nancy Perry, Karen Skoog, Feedback from the play members was we were a great audience.

Support our January meeting on an important topic for women "**Focusing on Facts of Planned Parenthood**" hosted by **Nancy Ruth White and Diane Landeros**.

Members of the board have been working to update and improve our AAUW Redlands Branch procedures:

- The newsletter committee chaired by Kay Dobbertin met and designed a new version of Branches and Twigs. It will be ready for the February issue. Members of the committee were: Sherri Kinsey, Marilyn Sanden, and Dorothy Richardson. After viewing the new look of our newsletter, the committee is open to any suggestions by other members.
- The "Long Range Planning" chair Patty Ahearn will be calling a meeting of her committee in Jan. to set new five year goals for our Branch. The committee: Susan Willis, Kathy Toister, Sue Angell, and Dorothy Nordquist. The results will be published.
- The Board approved the formation of a **Travel Group** at the November meeting. The first trip is planned for Feb. 2012 to Los Angeles. The co- chairs are Carol Ahuja and Marilyn Roach. Forty-two members responded to a survey that they would like to participate in a travel group. Sign up at the Branch meetings or online with one of the co-chairs.

Susan Willis