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Branches and Twigs

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American Fellow to Speak of Ugliness

Tracy Sachtjen, a PHD candidate in the History and Women's Studies Department at University of California, Irvine, will be the speaker at the annual Educational Foundation brunch on February 3rd.

The title of her dissertation is "American Ugly". Ms. Sachtjen is investigating the historical production of so-called "ugliness". While feminists have long studied beauty and its embodiment in mainstream media and beauty pageants, she contends that how ugliness has historically existed as its own vexed designation of appearances has not been studied. Ms. Sachtjen hopes that her work will offer relief from current national obsessions with makeovers.

Ms. Sachtjen's background is in Women's Studies and History where she has taught courses in American popular culture and girlhood. She has worked in sexuality education and reproductive rights campaigns. Her goal is to become a professor of Women's Studies and History and eventually become an administrator. Ms. Sachtjen was born in Fairbanks, Alaska. She received her bachelor's degree from Smith College and worked in the Seattle area following graduation.

Janice Belden

Educational Foundation Co-Chair

Presentation of Named Gift Honorees

The program on February 3rd will include the presentation of named gift honorees. These individuals, recommended by past honorees, will be recognized for their outstanding service to AAUW and the community. Join us in honoring these deserving women. A meal reservation is not necessary in order to attend the program portion of the meeting.

Janice Belden

Educational Foundation Co-Chair

Location Reminder:

The location for the February Branch meeting is the University Club at the University of Redlands. The University Club is located in the Hunsaker University Center in the center of campus.

February Branch Meeting Information

When

February 3rd, 2007

Social time: 9:00 a.m.

Brunch: 9:30 a.m.

Program: 10:30 a.m.

Where

University of Redlands

University Club

Menu

Chilled fruit juice, Quiche Lorraine, Spinach and Artichoke Quiche, sausage links, rosemary new potatoes, sliced fresh fruit, breakfast pastries, coffee cake, rolls, creamy butter and preserves with beverages.

Cost

\$13.00

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

Reservations

Deadline is Tuesday, January 30th 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.

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.

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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 friendships.

EF International Fellowship Support Needed

AAUW's Educational Foundation is our country's largest nongovernmental foundation supporting educational equity for women and girls. The Redlands Branch has completed an American Fellowship and Project Endowment and is now currently working on completing an International Fellowship to further the goal of equity for women.

In this newsletter you will find heart envelopes for contributions to the 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 or more. Because our Redlands branch is celebrating our sixtieth anniversary this year, we are adding a special Anniversary Club for donations of \$60. These gifts are tax deductible. The EF committee is counting on the support of our members to help complete the Fellowship. Your yearly contributions make a big difference in the lives of the recipients.

Evelyn O'Prey and Janice Belden

Educational Foundation Co-Chairs

Local Scholarship Needs Your Stuff

REMEMBER YOUR NEW YEARS RESOLUTION! Clean out the closets and garage and save these treasures for the Scholarship Yard Sale in June. Remember the wonderful women that received the scholarships this year. They were so inspiring! Now with your donations we can provide more scholarships in 2007.

Nancy Yowell will have room for the items in her garage. Just call her.

Ann Harding

New Member Welcome and Member Coffee

We have a new member to welcome. Lynda Winter joined AAUW at our December branch meeting. She has recently relocated to Redlands from San Diego. Lynda received her M.S.W. from San Diego State. She is a retired clinical social worker who is now assisting her daughter in her home decor business. Lynda enjoys art, music, books, and gardening. She is interested in: California Cuisine, Great Decisions, "I Am, Therefore I Think," International Relations, and Travel. Please join me in welcoming Lynda to our branch.

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. You can use the form on page 5 to submit her information. 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.

Renaë Reiswig, Membership Vice President

Member News

Our branch extends condolences to Sharon Duerbig upon the passing of her mother Alyce Huber November 30th. She had lived with her daughter and son-in-law for the past six years after the death of her husband in 2001. They were both laid to rest December 27th in San Diego.

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

California Cuisine and Conversation will meet in Highland this month. Save Sunday, February 4th on your calendar. Our dinner will start at 6:00 p.m. Remember to bring copies of your recipe to share. Members should watch for email updates.

Chair: Kim Roman

Great Decisions

Great Decisions is ready to go! The study books and the video have arrived. We could begin our discussion sessions on Thursday, January 11th. I will be handing out the books at the branch meeting on January 6th. If you cannot come to the meeting please let me know and I will get your book to you some other way. I now have a new email address. We will start our sessions on the 11th if everybody can come then, if not it will be later. The first four sessions are Middle East, Climate Change, Mexico and Migration. I will let you know if we start on a different date.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

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.

For anyone who has not yet had a chance to "Adopt-A-Girl" and wishes to, there is still time. You can use the form on page 5 of the newsletter.

The Math-Science Conference could not take place without YOU.

Please mark these dates on your calendars.

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

Yearbook Additions

Please see the print version for this information.

Yearbook Updates

Auerbacher, Mary Jane
email: Please see the print version for this information.

Kean, Susan
email: Please see the print version for this information.

Yowell, Nancy
email: Please see the print version for this information.

Newsletter Submission Guidelines

The deadline for the March newsletter is February 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

Interest Groups, Continued

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

On February 28th Ellen Schollenberger will lead our discussion on the topic of "Overdosed America: How Drug Companies Compromise Our Health." "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 February 13th in the President's Room of the University Club at the University of Redlands. Guest speaker Dr. Lloyd Howard will present information about the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador. The cost is \$13.00 and reservations are due by February 8th.

The March 13th meeting topic will be Ireland with speaker Evelyn O'Prey. Reservations for that meeting are due by March 8th.

Chairs: Dorothy Richardson and Barbara Pike

Play Reading

For information about the next meeting of the Play Reading group, please contact Marcia. Come and enjoy a relaxing evening with us.

Chair: Marcia Pifer

Reading and the Rainbow

Reading and the Rainbow will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 22nd, at the home of Amber Costa. Call Amber for directions.

The discussion will center on *The Confederacy of Dunces* by John Kennedy Toole. The *Washington Post* described Toole's book as "a corker, an epic comedy, a rumbling, roaring avalanche of a book." *The Chicago Sun-Times* described the hero of this incomparable comic classic, Ignatius J. Reilly, as "huge, obese, fractious, fastidious, a latter-day Gargantua, a Don Quixote of the French Quarter. His story bursts with wholly original characters, denizens of New Orleans' lower depths, and incredibly true-to-life dialogue."

Coming up in March: *The Passion of Artemisia* by Susan Vreeland.

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

Recorder Group

The Recorder Group is starting out on a whole new program of music now that Christmas is over, so this would be an ideal time to come in so you could start learning it with us. We meet on Tuesday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. at my home.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

San Gorgonio Pass Interest Group

The Pass Area will be having a program on "Our Favorite Vacations". This will be a relaxed meeting after all our work on the Math Science Conference in January. It will be held at the home of Mary Belle Clark on February 8th at 12:00. Lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Mary Belle Clark. Guests are welcome.

Reach Out to Prospective Members

If you have a friend whom you would like to invite to become a member, please give her name, address and telephone number to Renae Reiswig. You can submit her information to Renae by bringing this form to a Branch Meeting, or via:

Phone

Mail

Email

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

MGM: Members Get Members!

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.

Association News

As we look toward the future, let's pause for a moment and celebrate our past by visiting the following areas on the Association Web Site www.aauw.org:

- AAUW's 125th Anniversary Celebration Center.
- The AAUW Online Museum.

Let's not forget our passion about education and equity:

- Visit the AAUW Member Center often to get up-to-date information on AAUW events and activities.
- Celebrate the successes of our Educational Foundation, Legal Advocacy Fund, and Leadership and Training Institute.
- Reflect on some of AAUW's policy achievements in 2006.

And together, let's make a resolution to take action in 2007:

- Join AAUW's Action Network.
- Attend the 2007 AAUW Annual Convention and participate in plans for AAUW's future.
- Encourage others to join AAUW and help spread our passion.

Excerpted from an AAUW email titled "AAUW---Happy New Year."

The President's Corner

Foreign affairs continue to intrigue us in the daily news. Generally it is not good news these days, and we certainly do not feel at ease as we try to understand what the political landscape, government officials and news organizations serve us. As you plan your 2007 AAUW activities, take advantage of Great Decisions and International Relations to understand more about our world today. There is nothing as valuable as an informed, enlightened citizen willing to share an educated opinion as a conversation starter.

Some of our Branch members will attend the Southern California Legal Advocacy Fund Luncheon on January 27th. If you are interested in carpooling contact me.

Sheron Bealer

*"The real distinction is between those who adapt their purposes to reality
and those who seek to mold reality in the light of their purposes."
Henry Kissinger (1923 -)*

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