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February Branch Meeting Information

When

February 2nd, 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

Juice, fluffy scrambled eggs, breakfast meat, blueberry blintzes, rosemary new potatoes, fresh fruit platter, scones, pastries including plain rolls, butter, preserves, coffee and tea.

Cost

\$14.00

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

Reservations

Deadline is Monday, January 28th at 9 p.m. Call Antoinette or email her. Please include "AAUW" in the subject line of reservations sent by email.

Remember: a reservation made is a reservation paid.

Educational Foundation Brunch Program

Saturday, February 2nd is the day for our annual Educational Foundation Brunch! We have several events planned for this branch meeting, so be sure to make a reservation to be there!

First, we are delighted to welcome Natalie Joy, an AAUW American Fellow studying at UCLA. The title of her talk is "*A Most Sacred Duty: Women in the Antislavery and Anti-Indian Removal Movements.*" Natalie's dissertation is an examination of the intersection of these two movements in the antebellum United States and the role of women in them. We look forward to learning more about this interesting historical topic!

The program on February 2nd will also 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. Be sure to join us in honoring our own! Please remember that a meal reservation is not necessary in order to attend the program portion of the meeting.

Karen Skoog, Educational Foundation Chair

Named Gift Selection Committee Meeting

The Named Gift Selection Committee Meeting composed of all past gift honorees will meet on Sunday, January 27th at 1:30p.m. at the home of Janice Belden. Suggestions for recipients may be given to Janice or Sue Angell if you are unable to attend.

To be eligible for nomination a branch member must (1) be a member of our branch for at least five years, (2) demonstrate leadership in AAUW, (3) show active participation in programs supportive of women and (4) continue to participate in branch activities.

Janice Belden

Ringling Out the Old Year, and Ringling in the New

The Jubilee Ringers and the Chapel Ringers helped our Branch get into the holiday spirit on December 4th, 2007. The performance of the Chapel Ringers is pictured.

Photo courtesy of Sheron Bealer



Branch Officers

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

President

Sue Angell

Program Vice President

Sue Greenfeld

Membership Vice President

Susan Kean

Recording Secretary

Doris Billings

Corresponding Secretary

Ann Farah

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President-elect

Dorothy Nordquist

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 Endowment Support

As is traditional for February, we ask your support towards the funding of our EF International Fellowship Endowment. On Page 5 of this newsletter you will find a coupon and a "heart" envelope for contributions to the International Fellowship Endowment. Either send your contribution and coupon to Karen Skoog in the envelope provided or bring them to the February 2nd brunch. Any amount is appreciated!

Special recognition is given to First and Second Century Clubs, which are gifts of \$100 and \$200, respectively. In addition, there is a Chocolate Club for donations of \$300 or more. You surely will want a cute little heart sticker for your nametag!

These gifts are tax deductible. The EF Committee is counting on the support of our members to help complete our Fellowship. Your yearly contributions will make a huge difference in the lives of the recipients of this Fellowship. Thank you!

Karen Skoog

Education Foundation Committee Chair

Local Scholarship News

The Audio Books on tapes or CDs are back in business. The \$5.00 rental goes to the Local Scholarship Fund. We also have tapes and CDs that men would like.

Your garage and closets are now cleaned out for the June Local Scholarship Yard Sales. Nancy will accept all donations that are in good condition. Call Nancy.

Mark your calendars for June 14th. That is the big day and we need a lot or help even though we work in shifts. There will be a work day to presort after the brunch on June 7th. Then we will be sorting and pricing the entire week before the sale. Please let Nancy or Ann Harding know when you can help.

Ann Harding

Pass Interest Group News and Thanks

The Pass Interest Group would like to thank all the branch members who volunteered their time and talents to make our Eighth Annual Math-Science Conference a success. A very special thanks to Leslie Priest who, using her computer, placed the girls into their workshops and printed the name tags.

In February we will be working on selecting the seventh grade girls who will be attending Tech Trek at University of California, San Diego this year. The cost for each girl is \$850 for the week-long camp. We hope to send four girls from the Pass Area this year. Due to the popularity of Tech Trek, selected alternates will not be able to pay their own way to camp. We feel that Tech Trek is a most worthwhile project. Tech Trek, UC San Diego is looking for AAUW members who would be willing to work as a dorm mother or serve in other capacities. The camp will be July 13th through the 19th this year. Contact Bessie Reece if you wish further information.

Bessie Reece

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, 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

California Cuisine and Conversation will meet this month on Sunday, February 10th. **Please note this date change.** Nancy and Bud Perry are hosting this month. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. Watch for e-mail updates. Email me or call for a food assignment.

Chair: Kim Roman

Prospective Member Coffee Time Again!

We will be hosting a prospective member coffee on Thursday, March 13th at 7 p.m. at the home of Susan Kean. Please send names and addresses of prospective members you would like to invite to Susan Kean or call me with their names.
Susan Kean
Membership Vice President

Yearbook Additions: New Members

See paper copy 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, Judith Fulton, Nancy Perry, Kathy Presnell-Best, 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.

Judi Jones

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 discussion groups will start Thursday, February 7th at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The study books came so soon that I was able to pass them out to the members at the branch meeting on January 5th. All but three people in each of the groups picked theirs up. If you did not get your book or if you haven't yet signed up, please call me and we will get together one way or another. We have two spots left in each group. I am looking forward to the new season with you.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

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

On February 27th Dorothy Richardson will lead the discussion on "Adult Children Returning Home." "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 February 12th in the University Club at the University of Redlands. Dr. Eric Anderson will speak about the South Pole Arctic. The cost is \$14.00 and reservations are due by February 7th.

The next meeting will be on March 11th, when Jeane Carter will speak about West Africa. Reservations for that meeting are due March 7th.

Chairs: Dorothy Richardson and Barbara Pike

Reading and the Rainbow

Date Alert: Because the Math-Science conference will be held on February 28th, we will meet on the third Thursday, February 21st. We will meet at the usual time, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Kathy Presnell-Best.

The Heart of the Matter by Graham Greene is our classic book for the year. Graham Greene was a prolific writer and one of the most widely read of 20th century authors. He was a novelist, short-story writer, playwright and journalist, and many of his works were made into films as well. His novels treat moral issues in the context of political settings. *The Heart of the Matter* is set in West Africa where Greene was posted while working for the Secret Intelligence Service during World War II. Pride, individualism, love and evil are woven together in Greene's inimitable style.

John Updike wrote "The three novels...*Brighton Rock*, *The Heart of the Matter* and *The End of the Affair*...all have claims to greatness; they are as intense and penetrating and disturbing as an inquisitor's gaze. After his modest start as a novelist under the influence of Joseph Conrad and John Buchan, Greene's masterly facility at concocting thriller plots and his rather blithely morbid sensibility had come together, at a high level and intelligence and passion, with the strict terms of an inner religious debate that had not yet wearied him."

We look forward to our usual stimulating discussion.

Reminder: Joyce Carol Oates is speaking at UCR at 8p.m. on Friday, February 8th.

Chairs: Pat Kruger and Kathy Toister

Interest Groups, Continued

Play Reading

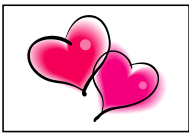
Join us for an evening reading the play *Vincent in Brixton* by Nicholas Wright. We will meet at Marcia Pifer's home on February 18th at 7:00 p.m. Call Marcia for directions.

Chair: Marcia Pifer

Recorder Group

We are changing our focus so it is 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. Please contact me for information on rehearsal dates and times.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher



EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION Contributions to our International Fellowship Endowment

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

Please make check payable to: **AAUW EF.**

Please mail this Karen Skoog in the enclosed envelope or bring this coupon and your payment to the February 2nd Branch Meeting. Thank you!

Gifts to the AAUW Educational Foundation are tax deductible.

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 March newsletter will be **February 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

February is traditionally Educational Foundation month. At the brunch we will be honoring this year's Named Gift Honorees. Come and join in greeting these well-deserving recipients. A donation is made in their names to the Redlands International Fellowship Endowment. Besides this presentation, an American Fellow from UCLA will be the speaker. Take time to read the article on the front page and come to enjoy her speech on February 2nd.

The EF committee has had a very successful year starting off with the theater party. The new fund raiser of recycled cell phones and ink jet cartridges will continue to keep Redlands AAUW green! All this happens because of Karen Skoog's and her committee's leadership. My Thanks to you!

Be sure to peruse the pages of this Branches and Twigs and join in all the various and fun activities.

Sue Angell

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