

Branches and Twigs

Redlands Branch, AAUW

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Educational Foundation Brunch Program

Saturday, February 7th 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 Anke Biendarra, an AAUW American Fellow studying at UC Irvine, as our speaker. Anke works in German cultural studies with a focus on 20th and 21st century literature, film, and popular culture. Her current research project analyzes the aesthetic responses of a younger generation of writers to the challenges that globalization poses for the individual and society in post-unification Germany. She is also working on a book manuscript titled "Effects of Globalization on Contemporary German Literature." Dorothy Nordquist, Sue Greenfeld, and I had the pleasure of hearing Anke speak at the annual EF Fellows Luncheon in November. We look forward to learning more about this interesting topic!

The program on February 7th 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

Redlands Math-Science Conference

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. The Math-Science Conference could not take place without YOU. Please mark these dates on your calendars.

2/7 AAUW Branch meeting – Assemble letters after meeting

2/22 U of R Walk-through @ 1:00 p.m. OR

2/24 Alternate U of R Walk-through @ 3:00 p.m.

2/22 Packet assembly @ 2:00 pm University Methodist Church

2/26 CONFERENCE

Contact Judi Jones if you would like to participate.

Judi Jones, chair



AAUW

February Branch Meeting Information

When

February 7th, 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

Scrumptious Breakfast Bar:
including plain rolls, ham,
blueberry blintzes, scrambled
eggs, fruit juice, rosemary new
potatoes, fresh seasonal fruit,
assorted muffins and breakfast
pastries, coffee and 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 February 7th meeting is
Tuesday, February 3rd.
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

Dorothy Nordquist

Program Vice President

Sue Greenfeld

Membership Vice President

Dorothy Richardson

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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 Endowment Support

As is traditional for February, we ask your support towards the funding of our EF International Fellowship Endowment. In 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 it with you to the February 7th brunch. Any amount is appreciated!

Special recognition is given to First and Second Century Clubs, which are gifts of \$100 and \$200, respectively, and the Chocolate Club for donations of \$300 or more. Also, in honor of the 50th Anniversary for the Educational Foundation, recognition will extend to gifts of \$50. 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, Educational Foundation Chair

Named Gift Selection Committee Meeting

The committee to elect our 2009 honorees will meet Sunday, January 25th at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the home of Janice Belden. This committee consists of all members who have been honored in the past. To be eligible for nomination, a branch member must be 1) 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.

You are invited to submit nominations to the selection committee chair, Janice Belden or to a committee member prior to the January 25th meeting.

Janice Belden, Selection Committee Chair

Refresh, Revitalize, and Reconnect

Thomas Carlyle stated "our greatest business in life is not to see what lies dimly at a distance, but to do with what lies clearly at hand."

This too must have been the thinking in 1881 when American Association of University Women was formed to promote education and equity for women. Did you know such persons as astronaut Judith Resnick, Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, singer Pearl Baily, anthropologist Margaret Mead, Madame Currie, all received a fellowship from AAUW Educational Foundation?

Having said that Marie Mitchell and I would like and especially all our new members, to give us the names of any new prospective new members so that we could like invite them to our next Coffee Get Together. In life there is great joy in sharing and sharing a membership in the oldest women's organization with a history of advocacy and support of women's issues will not only enrich your life, and also give our branch continuance. Our Branch has for over 50 years been a network for self development and friendship and expanding all our horizons. Remember every member is a recruiter.

Dorothy Richardson, Membership Vice President

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 and 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

This month we will meet on SATURDAY January 31 at 6:00 PM. This is a one time change due to the Super Bowl game. Linda and Bruce Rowland will host. Please contact Kim Roman for reservations and to receive a food assignment. Members should bring their food items fully prepared and copies of their recipe to share with the group.

Chair: Kim Roman

The Local Scholarship Yard Sale

The Local Scholarship committee is collecting items for the June 2009 yard sale. If there are items that you are looking for please let Nancy Yowell know and if they are donated she will call you. AAUW members are very good customers. We are sure that you have now put on your schedule to clean out the garage, closets and the kitchen cabinets. Please donate them to this sale! The recipients are so deserving and their stories are very touching.

Ann Harding

Nominations for Branch Officers

If you are interested in nominating a member as a potential branch officer or being a candidate yourself, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee. Members of the Committee are Carolyn Krejci, Phyllis Limbourne, Edna Steinman, Sheron Bealer, Ann Harding, Renae Reiswig and Marilyn Sanden.

Descriptions of the duties of the officers and eligibility guidelines can be found in the 2008-2009 Redlands Branch Yearbook on pages 40 through 42. The election of branch officers will take place in April.

International Affairs

Almost every month we meet, not just to enjoy a delicious foreign meal and listen to such speakers at Carla Berlington, who in November told us of the horrors taking place today in Burma. Carla rescues boy and girl soldiers (5 years old and up) finds them a safe haven where they are fed, clothed, and comforted, while continuously under live fire.

But this group does even more; recently, we collected enough money to purchase from Heifer International a goat to be sent to an orphanage in Poland, which will give them milk, cheese, yogurt, protein and warmth from the hides.

To a small farm in Kosovo we were able to send 20 health chickens, providing them with food to stabilize the fight of hunger, and also an aid of a natural insect control. Last year, we were happy to send books and school supplies to an area in Kenya. And the year before that, we collected and boxed all kinds of goodies and sent them overseas to our soldiers.

Yes, we are definitely expanding our horizons as we roam this world seeking new knowledge. Come and join us.

Dorothy Richardson, Chair, International Affairs

AAUW Blogs

Would you like to know what AAUW members in other parts of the country are thinking about? Visit AAUW's Blog at blog-aauw.org and find out!

Interest Groups, Continued

Great Decisions

Great Decisions discussion groups will be starting the first week in February. The evening group will begin on Wednesday, February 4th at 7:00 o'clock and the afternoon group will begin on Thursday, February 5th at 2:00. Both of them meet at my house. The Study Books will be arriving on Friday, January 23rd together with the DVD. I will be in touch with you when I receive them so you can have your book to read before the first meeting. At last the long wait is nearly over. There are a few of you to whom I wrote notes because you are new members and you indicated you were particularly interested in Great Decisions and I haven't heard back from you yet. I really need to know which discussion group you would prefer. I'll see you very soon.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

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

"I Am..." will meet on February 25th – "Let's just talk" at Trinity Episcopal Church at noon.

Chair: Jane Dill

International Affairs

We will meet at 11:30 a.m. on February 10th in the University Club at the University of Redlands. Michael Phoenix will speak about Bhutan. The cost is \$14.00 and reservations are due on February 3rd.

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. 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

Our book selection for February will be *A Long Fatal Love Chase*, written by Louisa May Alcott. This book represents a major shift in our view of Alcott, known for her conventional and proper *Little Women*. *Love Chase* was considered too sensational to be published in her lifetime, despite numerous revisions.

We will meet at the home of Mary Neufeld at 7:00 on Thursday, February 19th.

Please note that this is an early meeting due to Math-Science on the fourth Thursday.

Chairs: Pat Kruger and Kathy Toister



**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 to Karen Skoog in the enclosed envelope or bring this coupon and your payment to the February 7th Branch Meeting.
Thank you!

Gifts to the AAUW Educational Foundation are tax deductible.

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.

**Catch the Wave at
Convention 2009**

Plans are underway for the 88th annual AAUW California Convention.

MISSION IN MOTION:
"Riding the Waves of Change"

Dates: April 24 – 26, 2009
Location: Hilton San Diego Mission Valley at 901 Camino del Rio South in San Diego, California

**National
Convention**

Put the 2009 AAUW National Convention on your calendar: June 26-28, 2009; St. Louis, Missouri. Registration opens December 1.

**B&T Submission
Guidelines:**

The deadline for the March newsletter will be **February 5th**. Send your articles for that issue to the co-editors Olga Cupp and Jennifer Hill 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

The month of February begins with the Educational Foundation Brunch, the presentation of named gift honorees and an opportunity to hear an EF fellow recipient studying in CA. It ends with our Math-Science Conference at the U of R on February 26th. Both of these events are not to be missed and require our support---financially and physically. I particularly extend an invitation to our many new members to participate for an AAUW experience that promotes education for women and girls. There are further details in this issue of the newsletter.

2009 brings exciting changes in the structure of our state AAUW with new bylaws being implemented as well as 16 directors elected to govern our CA organization in the future. This information, along with other up-to-date news, is available on their website at aauw-ca.org. To be part of this "new and improved" AAUW, please consider attending the state convention in San Diego on April 24-26. We would like to have a large group represent the Redlands Branch.

Kudos to Bessie Reece, Mary Belle Clarke, Ann Harding and their committee for outstanding efforts in producing the Pass Area Math-Science Conference for the girls of Banning and Beaumont on January 9th. The New Year is off to a stellar start!

Dorothy Nordquist

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