

Branches and Twigs

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AAUW-Funds Brunch Program

(Formerly Educational Foundation)

Saturday, February 6th is the day for our annual AAUW-FUNDS (formerly the 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 Dr. Karen Wilson, Assistant Director of the Gluck Fellows Program of the Arts at UC Riverside, as our speaker. Dr. Wilson is a singer-storyteller, historian, and teaching artist. Her scholarship addresses the history and culture of Africans and their descendants in the Americas. She is particularly interested in the cultural continuities, discontinuities, and transformations of African Diasporic culture and charts these changes over time in story, song, and dance. Her presentation for us will focus on the roles of women in her studies. It should be an extremely interesting presentation including storytelling and song. You will not want to miss it!

Please note that we are taking a departure from our past tradition of inviting an AAUW Fellow for this meeting. There are a couple of reasons for this. First, AAUW-CA is only able to provide us with assistance in locating a fellow every other year, and this is not our year. Even with their help, we have limited say in which fellow we may invite and what the topic of that fellow's studies involve, and in some instances, those topics have been esoteric, to say the least! Secondly, Dr. Wilson came HIGHLY recommended, has a reputation as a fabulous presenter, and it seemed appropriate to schedule her visit during Black History Month. We hope that you will embrace this break from tradition and enjoy Dr. Wilson's visit with us!

The program on February 6th 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, AAUW-FUNDS Chair

Membership

The Membership of AAUW is growing as a result of the partnership between all of us. A number of the members have brought friends into our family and all have been enriched. Call me or email me and together we will be a rich source of enrichment and friendship.

Mary Jane Auerbacher, Chair



AAUW

February Branch Meeting Information

When

February 6th, 2010

Social time: 9:00 a.m.

Brunch: 9:30 a.m.

Program: 10:30 a.m.

Where

**NOTE: this is not our regular location*

University of Redlands

University Club

Located on East Colton Ave between University Street and Grove Street. Parking is available across Colton Ave behind the tennis courts and in the parking lot on the corner of Colton Ave and Grove St. Ride sharing is encouraged.

Menu

Sumptuous Breakfast Buffet: assorted chilled fruit juices, fluffy scrambled eggs, ham, cherry blintzes, rosemary new potatoes, fresh seasonal fruit, assorted muffins, and breakfast pastries, creamy butter and fruit preserves, coffee, tea.

Cost

\$16.00

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

Reservations

The reservation deadline for the February 6th meeting is Tuesday, February 2nd. 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.

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.

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, located at 940 E Colton Ave. Redlands.

3/3 CONFERENCE!!!

2010 AAUW Math/Science Conference Adopt-a-Girl Program

If you haven't volunteered to assist our branch for the Math Science Conference (or even if you have...), here's your chance!

The total cost of putting on the conference is approximately \$8,000, which covers the cost of materials, lunches, postage and other supplies. This averages out to about \$15.00 per girl. Since all of the money necessary to hold this conference comes from donations, we are offering AAUW members as well as community members the opportunity to help in a very tangible way.

If you would like to "adopt a girl" by donating \$15.00 or more to this worthy program, please contact: **Lorie DeMarco** or **Sharon Pavlovich**, Co-Chairs, or **Evelyn O'Prey**, Treasurer.

A huge thanks goes out to all of you who have already given your donation to the Adopt-a-Girl program. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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

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; Sally Trost (CD Group)

Interest Groups, Continued

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 is shooting for an evening out at The Gourmet Detective dinner theater on Jan 23. Our February meeting will be on the 14th. This date change is due to the Super Bowl. Current members should watch for e-mail updates.

Chair: Kim Roman

Great Decisions

The Great Decisions study books and videos are here. I will be giving out books to all who signed up. I need to know which discussion group you want to be in so I can make the charts showing the topics and which one you want to be the leader of or when you would like to bring the refreshments. The group discussions start on Wednesday evening, February 3rd at 7:00 which is my home and on Thursday afternoon, February 4th at the home of Kay Dobbertin. I have spent an interesting and enjoyable vacation reading the study book and found it extremely timely as usual. It will be great to share it with you.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

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

Our second meeting of the New Year is on February 24, 2010, which is our usual meeting day, the 4th Wednesday of the month. We meet at Trinity Episcopal Church, located on the corner of Fourth St. and Fern in a classroom off the church's back parking lot. Many of us meet at 12:00 p.m. to chat while we eat our "brown bag" lunch, but you are welcome to join us from 12:30 p. m. until 2:00 p.m. when Cathy Jordan will be leading an inspiring discussion on how fitness can be our friend! Given Cathy's background as a physical education teacher, as well as her delightful sense of humor and boundless energy, she should be more than able to motivate each of us! Great topic to share with a friend...see you there! Questions:

Helen Webb

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is actively working to complete the candidate slate for the 2010-2011 Elective Branch Officers. Please consider serving in a new role yourself or nominating a new candidate for branch leadership. The positions to be filled for this year are President-elect, Membership Vice-President, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. Candidate names will be announced in March and election will take place in April.

Please provide nominee names to committee members now: Ann Harding, Renae Reiswig, Marilyn Sanden, Jan Bell, Susan Willis, Sue Angell, Sheron Bealer

Yearbook Corrections

See printed version for this information

B&T Submission Guidelines:

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

Do you know...

someone who should be honored for service to AAUW? Past named gift honorees will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 27, 2010, at Karen Skoog's home to select the honorees to be revealed at the February 6 branch meeting. To be honored, a person must have been a member of the Redlands Branch for at least 5 years. To make recommendations, or for more information, contact Karen Skoog.

A letter from Jane Roberts

In December, I had *two amazing experiences*. The *first* was passing through security at the State Department in Washington DC to meet with Dr. Ely Adashi to converse about our film proposal to get the whole world talking about gender inequality. He is in the office of Melanne Verveer who heads up Women's Global Issues. The *second experience* was speaking about 34 Million Friends (www.34millionfriends.org) to a group of Americans of Turkish origin at the Turkish consulate in New York City. On December 21 Hillary Clinton gave an important address about women's global health and reproductive rights and said that the US would live up to the Cairo Program of Action (1994). If by any chance you have my book, you can look this up.

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Interest Groups, Continued

International Affairs

Topic: Holland. February 9, 2010. 11:30 a.m. social, 12:00 p.m. lunch and speaker U of R, University Club. Cost \$14

In January we were privileged to hear Mariya Babyna tell us about the Ukraine, where she held the title of Doctor, however when she arrived in the USA she found she would be required to re-qualify for that title. Being a person with great determination and strength, she has taken a job much beneath her former title of Doctor, and is concentrating on regaining her Doctor's title in the USA. It was this same attitude which held her together in times where many would have perished.

In February we will have our own Hetty Doesburg who has lived the majority of her life in Holland, part of which was under Nazi rule. She will stir your heart with stories of yesterday and today in Holland.

Please don't forget to make your reservation.

Chairs: Dorothy Richardson and Barbara Pike

Play Reading

We will read "Painting Churches" by Tina Howe on Monday, February 15th at 7:00 p.m. Please call Marcia for the place. You are invited to join us for an evening of entertainment.

Chair: Marcia Pifer

Recorder Group

The Recorder Group will be playing a program for a PEO chapter in February so we are busily getting it ready. We need a person to play the dancing man with us for a March by Leopold Mozart. We need someone who could come and rehearse with us a couple of Monday mornings. If this sounds like fun to you please call me.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

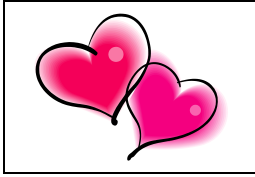
Reading and the Rainbow

NOTE EARLIER MEETING DATE ON 2-18

In February, we will be reading and discussing *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford. The novel has its genesis in the author's discovery that his father wore a button saying "I am Chinese" during the time of the Japanese internment after Pearl Harbor was attacked. Garth Stein says about the book, that it is "a tender and satisfying novel set in a time and a place lost forever. *Hotel....* gives us a glimpse of the damage that is caused by war – not the sweeping damage of the battlefield but the cold, cruel damage to the hearts and humanity of individual people."

We will again have two sessions, one in the afternoon and one at the usual time of 7:00, on Thursday, 2-18, an earlier date this month to accommodate Math-Science (which was later changed to March.) The evening session will be at the home of Adrian Gram. Adrian is a new member and she is not listed in your book. We will send a reminder notice with directions. As of this writing, we don't have a location for the afternoon session but will notify you when that information is available. We are still looking for people who can host and co-host for the next few months so please call or email Pat or Kathy with your availability. Thanks to all who have already stepped up.

Chairs: Pat Kruger and Kathy Toister



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

Please mail to Karen Skoog in the enclosed envelope or bring this coupon and your payment to the February 6th Branch Brunch Meeting. Thank you!

Gifts to AAUW FUNDS are tax deductible.

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"

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Contributors of \$100 or more will be thanked by name in the Math-Science Conference program.

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The President's Corner

Wow, the Pass Group did it again! I was overjoyed to welcome about 300 eighth grade girls on behalf of the Redlands Branch of AAUW to their Math Science Conference at San Jacinto Community College. It is fun to see so many young women excited and busily going from session to session during the morning. I was lucky enough later to get to be the facilitator for Judge Myrle Petty again. Last year she was a motivational speaker. She was back again this year and just as interesting.

If you haven't signed up to help at the University of Redlands, NOW is your chance. Just by staying late again after the February meeting you can have another opportunity to participate in helping 600 girls learn about careers in Math and Science and make good choices that will help them be better prepared for whatever future they end up following.

Thanks to Sue Angell and the Program Committee for an interesting glimpse into genetic studies at our January Branch meeting. If you miss the February meeting, you WILL be sorry. Dr. Karen Wilson is fantastic! I've heard her and am coming back for more! See you all there!

Kathy Presnell-Best