

# *Branches and Twigs*

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## **Educational Foundation Brunch Program**

Saturday, February 5th is our annual Educational Foundation Brunch! We have several events planned for this branch meeting, so be sure to be there!

First, we are delighted to welcome Chikako Takeshita, an AAUW American Fellow and Assistant Professor in the Department of Women's Studies at UC Riverside. The title of her talk is "**Blog-Roots: Women's Health Activism and an Embodied Sense of Self.**" Chikako's current research explores how health information on the Internet mediates women's embodied sense of self. She is also working on a book manuscript that traces the history of the intrauterine device, for which she was awarded the AAUW Fellowship Summer/Short-term Publication Grant. We look forward to learning more about these interesting and timely topics!

The program 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.

## **AAUW Funds Support**

As is traditional for February, we ask your support for AAUW Funds. Now that we have completed the funding of our branch's fellowship, funds donated will be sent in support of other AAUW Funds. Your Executive Board made a decision at the November Board Meeting to support AAUW California funds; for example, our branch has made a significant contribution to the San Jose AAUW Branch American Centennial Fellowship Endowment that was initiated by their branch this past year in honor of 100 years of their participation in AAUW. This is a \$200,000 endowment, which will be very difficult to fully fund from their branch alone in the time allotted for the funding. Our board will continue to stay abreast of current funds and make future decisions regarding which we will support with our contributions.

In this newsletter you will find a coupon and a "heart" envelope for contributions to AAUW Funds. Either send your contribution and coupon in the envelope provided or bring them to the February 5th 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. You surely will want a cute little heart sticker for your nametag!

These gifts are tax deductible. Your contributions make a huge difference in the lives of the recipients of AAUW Funds Fellowships and Grants. Thank you.

*Karen Skoog, Educational Foundation Chair*



# AAUW

## **February Branch Meeting Information**

### **When**

February 5th, 2011  
Social time: 9:00 a.m.  
Brunch: 9:30 a.m.  
Program: 10:30 a.m.

### **Where**

University of Redlands  
Casa Loma Room

### **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, linens, use of  
room, audiovisual equipment,  
and setup.

### **Reservations**

The reservation deadline for  
the February 5th meeting is  
Tuesday, February 1st.  
Please call 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.

#### **President**

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#### **Branch Website**

[www.aauw-redlands-ca.org](http://www.aauw-redlands-ca.org)

### **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.

## **Membership News**

Did you know that if a new member joins between Jan 1 and Mar 31, they pay only half of the membership fee or \$42.50? And if a member joins from Apr 1 through June 30, their \$85 membership dues are good for 15 months? For example, April 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. So it is never too late to join! When we think of the month of February, we think of friendship. What better way to celebrate friendship than to invite a friend to join you at an AAUW meeting, interest group, or our upcoming new member coffee at the home of Sylvia Lantz in Redlands. Please call or email Theresa Lantz with friend's names you wish to invite.

*Theresa Lantz, Membership*

## **The Redlands Math-Science Conference 2011**

Greetings to all! I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday, full of friends and family. It has been wonderful having some winter weather!

Our Math/Science Committee has been hard at work making plans for the upcoming conference, to be held on February 28, 2011 at the University of Redlands. We're very excited to be part of this amazing project! We still have plenty of arrangements to make, and plenty of work to do. There are still positions available for volunteers in several capacities, and we encourage all members to lend a hand in some way. How can you help?

- *Volunteer to be a guide on Conference Day*
- *Volunteer to help set up for the conference*
- *Help to assemble packets for the conference attendees on Feb. 19th*
- *Adopt-a-Girl (or more than one!) by making a donation to help with the cost of providing lunches and conference materials, or make a donation of any amount to the conference.*

This project is one of the most important contributions that our Redlands Branch of AAUW offers to the community, and to the future professional women of our area, so let's work together to make it another successful year for the AAUW Math/Science Conference! Contact Committee Chairperson Lorie if you would like information about how you can be of assistance, or if you have questions about the conference. We look forward to hearing from you!

*Lorie DeMarco, 2011 Math/Science Conference Chair*

## **Interest Groups**

### **Audio Book Lending Library**

Please remember to rent a CD for \$5.00 a month at the branch meeting. Proceeds go to the Local Scholarship fund. We are getting new CDs in each month.

*Local Scholarship Co-Chair: Ann Harding*

## Interest Groups, Cont.

### Book Cassette and CD Groups

With so many ways to listen to a great variety of books and thus double your "reading" time, take advantage of AAUW's audio book groups. The Book Cassette groups have been going for more than 10 years. Just think of the number of books we've been able to "read." Since a couple weeks of planning are necessary for each person to choose a book, phone the chairman now for immediate information. We are seeking new members. Our groups meet to discuss the books we want to read over the year so that all members get a say. 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). You have six weeks to "read" each book before passing it on to the same person each month on a regular schedule. For details, phone Nelda.

*Chairs: Nelda Stuck; Sally Trost*

### 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
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 1 p.m.	Coordinator: Nancy Earney
	3rd Monday, 1 p.m.	Coordinator: Sally Vaughn
Evening Couples:	1st Saturday, 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.

### California Cuisine and Conversation

California Cuisine and Conversation will meet this month in Highland. Our gathering will begin at 6:00 pm on Sunday Jan 30. Please note this is a new date due to the Super Bowl. Current members should watch their email for updates. We are a lively cooking group that meets once a month to sample recipes and visit. We are open to singles and couples. Contact Kim Roman for further information.

*Chair: Kim Roman*

### Great Decisions

The Study Books are here. If you haven't received yours please call or e mail me, and I will get it to you. The exciting discussions will begin for the evening group on Wednesday, February 2nd and for the afternoon group on Thursday, February 3rd. The first discussion will be on Haiti. The evening group meets at my home, and the afternoon group will meet the first time at the home of Sue Kovacevich,

*Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher*

### Local Scholarship

Did you get your closets, garage and cabinets cleaned out in January? Donate any usable, clean items to the Local Scholarship yard sale that will be held in June. Nancy Yowell is already accepting any donations. The CDs library is always available each month at the branch meeting. The rental is \$5.00 a month and the money goes towards the Local Scholarship fund.

*Ann Harding*

### February Thought for the Day

Jan Bell will provide the thought for the day at the February Branch Meeting.

### AAUW 2011 National Convention:

### Breaking through Barriers- Advocating for Change

Registration is now open for the 2011 national convention in Washington DC on June 16-19<sup>th</sup>.

Register at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) before January 21<sup>st</sup> for the best price.

Are you a published author? Apply to showcase your book at the convention.

## AAUW Dialog

AAUW has a very interesting and active blog called AAUW Dialog. Anyone interested in seeing what's on the mind of some of the folks at the National level should check out some of their recent posts:

- Justice Scalia: The Constitution Doesn't Protect Women
- Top 5 Things to Keep in Mind about the New Congress
- Wikileaks, Rape and Politics

See [blog-aauw.org](http://blog-aauw.org) for these and other thought-provoking items.

## Yearbook Update:

Nancy Perry

## Newsletter Correction:

The January Newsletter should have extended condolences to Kathy Toister on the passing of her mother. We apologize for this error.

## 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.

## Interest Groups, Continued

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

Our February meeting will be on the fourth Wednesday of the month, February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2011. We will meet at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Redlands, located on the corner of Fourth St and Fern. The meeting room is in the lounge which faces the parking lot at the back of the church. Join us at noon with your lunch and enjoy an opportunity to engage in some casual conversation, or from 12:30 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. when the scheduled topic of discussion occurs. We had a wonderful time in January when Ellen Schollenberger guided us on a journey of exploration that showed us ways of turning oppression into opportunities for women worldwide. This month we anticipate an equally stimulating session as Nelda Stuck asks us some probative questions in a special "round table" discussion. Nelda advises us to come prepared to posit a few questions of our own. Looking ahead, even more challenges await us as we ponder with her a "Book of Questions."

*Questions: Helen Webb*

### International Affairs

Topic...Democratic Republic of Congo; Date...Tues. 3/8/11; Cost...\$14; Social 11:30 a.m. Lunch 12:00p.m. University of Redlands' University Club  
For over thirty years Virginia Chapman and her husband lived in the D.R. of Congo where she taught English at a high school level. She has witnessed many changes in this area and felt their results, some good and others bad. Join the journey by making your reservation today.

*Chairs: Dorothy Richardson and Barbara Pike*

### Play Reading

Please call Marcia for the date, time and place of the next meeting.

*Marcia Pifer*

### Recorder Group

Join our band of Recorder Geeks on Monday Mornings from 9:00 to 12:00. In February we will be playing for a hospital in Yucaipa for their Valentine party.

*Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher*

### Reading and the Rainbow

**Please note early meeting date on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 2-17-11**

Our selection for this month will be the classic, *A Room with a View*, by E. M. Forster. This book has a film version which we will also be discussing. There are two films, one made in 1986, for regular distribution and the other, made in 2007, for TV. They are said to be quite different or at least to have different endings and it is believed that the earlier film is better. We ask that members view the 1986 version of the film prior to the meeting - invite your friends ! A reviewer notes that "the enduring delight of this tale of romantic intrigue is rooted in Forster's colorful characters, including outrageous spinsters, pompous clergymen, and outspoken patriots. Written in 1908, (the novel) is one of E.M. Forster's earliest and most celebrated works." The afternoon session at 1:00 PM will be at Sally Vaughn's. Gale Farrell-Suydam will co-host and Bobbe Monk will facilitate. The 7:00 PM sessions will be at Amber Costa's who will co-host as well. Lynne Reasoner will be the facilitator.

*Chairs: Pat Kruger; 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 5<sup>th</sup> Branch Brunch Meeting. Thank you!

Gifts to AAUW FUNDS are tax deductible.

## 2011 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: Olga Cupp

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15 donation to "ADOPT A GIRL"

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30 donation to "ADOPT TWO GIRLS"

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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## The President's Corner

A very special thank-you to Bessie Reece, MaryBelle Clark, Ann Harding and all of our volunteering members for making the Math-Science conference happen (again!) January 11<sup>th</sup> at Mt. San Jacinto College for 300 middle school girls. If you have not yet volunteered or participated in this annual event, it is not too late! Lorie DeMarco and her committee would love to hear from you for our Math-Science Conference event that will be happening at the University of Redlands on February 28<sup>th</sup>, where we will host 600 middle school girls. You can also volunteer by staying after our February meeting to help with 'stuffing envelopes' or by 'adopting a girl' to support this program (forms available in our Branches & Twigs).

Our February general meeting program will host our Palm Springs branch and celebrate this year's Named Gift Honorees with our Educational Foundation program.

And now I need to acknowledge the sad news that most of us have heard already about Edna Steinman, who passed away suddenly on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Our branch will certainly feel the void left behind with the loss of Edna, who was so visible and who contributed so much of her energy and passion to our organization. I would like to set aside part of our February program to commemorate Edna. At this time we do not have any details regarding a service for Edna, but we will send announcements out as soon as we know.

Think about our State Convention this spring, April 8 – 10 at the Irvine Marriott. The theme this year is, "Celebrating 90 Years of Memories". We have been making memories since 1947 as a branch. I think that we have a lot to contribute and to celebrate!

*Renae Reiswig*