

# *Branches and Twigs*

Redlands Branch, AAUW

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## **“A Day in the Life of Mary Todd Lincoln”**

Can you guess which First Lady I am writing about? She was born into a family of high social standards, wealth, and was better formally educated than many of the men in her time. Also known to be flirtatious, impulsive, passionate, and strong-willed. Please join Marian Bell who will transform herself into Mary Todd Lincoln, sharing her thoughts, emotions regarding her husband, their children, and the U.S. Government

*Coordinators: Dorothy Richardson and Marilyn Sanden*

## **Math-Science Conference Home Stretch!**

The Math-Science committee is on track for our March 1, 2012 conference. We are still looking for some assistance on the day of the conference. Contact Patty Ahearn to become a guide or Ellen Schollenberger to be a facilitator. If you plan to be a guide the day of the conference, please try to attend one of the conference walk through events, where you will get a very good overview of the expectations for the conference day.

- Feb 4 (Sat) Stuff envelopes after the regular AAUW Redlands meetings- Casa Loma Room
- Feb 23 (Thurs) Conference Walk Through – meet in front of Casa Loma
- Feb 25 (Sat) Conference Walk Through – meet in front of Casa Loma
- Feb 25 (Sat) Assemble packets at University Methodist Church after the Walk Through Event
- March 1 (Thurs) The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Math-Science Conference at the University of Redlands!

Thanks to everyone for their hard work this year. It appears that this will be another terrific AAUW event!

## **Adopt-a-Girl for the 2012 Math-Science Conference**

On March 1<sup>st</sup>, we will host 600 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls at our annual Math-Science Conference. Your donation of any amount will help make this event truly memorable for these young women. Visit the Math-Science ADOPT-A-GIRL table at the monthly meeting, or use the coupon on page 5 to make your pledge. A mere \$15 will cover the cost of lunch for one girl.



## **February Branch Meeting Information**

### **When**

February 4th, 2012  
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, french toast, ham, cherry blintzes, rosemary new potatoes, fresh seasonal fruit, assorted muffins, and breakfast pastries, creamy butter and fruit preserves, coffee, tea.

### **Cost**

\$17.00

### **Reservations**

The reservation deadline for the February 4th meeting is Tuesday, January 31st. 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**  
Susan Willis

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Patty Ahearn

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Theresa Lantz

**Recording Secretary**  
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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.

## February Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Contact person
Wed. Feb.1 1PM	<b>Bridge</b>	Evelyn O'Prey,
Wed. Feb.1 7PM	<b>Great Decisions</b>	Mary Jane Auerbacher,
Thurs. Feb.2 2PM	<b>Great Decisions</b>	Sue Kovacevich,
Sat. Feb.4 9AM	<b>Program Meeting</b> <i>"A Day in the Life of Mary Todd Lincoln"</i>	Patty Ahearn
Sat. Feb.4 After the meeting	<b>Stuff envelopes for Math-Science Conference</b>	Leslie Priest,
Mon. Feb.6 9AM	<b>The Recorder Group</b>	Mary Jane Auerbacher,
Mon. Feb.6 7PM	<b>Bridge</b>	Nancy Earney,
Wed. Feb.8 1PM	<b>Bridge</b>	Nancy Earney,
Wed. Feb.8 7PM	<b>Great Decisions</b>	Mary Jane Auerbacher,
Wed. Feb.8 6PM	<b>California Cuisine</b>	Kim Roman,
Thurs. Feb.9 2PM	<b>Great Decisions</b>	Sue Kovacevich,
Sat. Feb.11 7PM	<b>Duplicate Bridge</b>	Louise Schumann,
Mon. Feb.13 9AM	<b>The Recorder Group</b>	Mary Jane Auerbacher,
Tues. Feb.14 11:30AM	<b>International Affairs</b>	Dorothy Richardson,
Wed. Feb.15 7PM	<b>Great Decisions</b>	Mary Jane Auerbacher,
Thurs. Feb.16 2PM	<b>Great Decisions</b>	Sue Kovacevich,
Thurs. Feb.16	<b>Travel Group</b>	Marilyn Roach,
Sat. Feb.18 7PM	<b>Bridge</b>	Louise Schumann,
Mon. Feb.20 9AM	<b>The Recorder Group</b>	Mary Jane Auerbacher,
Mon. Feb.20 1PM	<b>Bridge</b>	Sally Vaughn,
Wed. Feb.22 12PM	<b>I Am, Therefore I Think</b>	Ellen Shollenberger,
Wed. Feb.22 7PM	<b>Great Decisions</b>	Mary Jane Auerbacher,
Thurs. Feb.23 1PM	<b>Reading and the Rainbow</b>	Pat Kruger,
Thurs. Feb.23 2PM	<b>Great Decisions</b>	Sue Kovacevich,
Thurs. Feb.23 3:30PM	<b>Walk Through (Math-Science)</b>	Leslie Priest,
Thurs. Feb.23 7PM	<b>Reading and the Rainbow</b>	Kathy Toister,
Sat. Feb.25 9AM	<b>Walk Through (Math-Science)</b>	Leslie Priest,
Mon. Feb.6 9AM	<b>The Recorder Group</b>	Mary Jane Auerbacher,
Mon. Feb.27 7PM	<b>Bridge</b>	Cindy Perkins,
Wed. Feb.29 7PM	<b>Great Decisions</b>	Mary Jane Auerbacher,
Thurs. March 1	<b>Math-Science Conference</b>	Leslie Priest,
	<b>Audio Book Listening Group</b>	Nelda Stuck

## Interest Groups

### Audio Book Listening Group

We have three Audio Book Listening Groups going with some 30 total participants. The next group to begin its round-robin starts in March. All who are interested in joining a group by meeting with us to help pick out the books we all want to hear (and then purchasing the one you suggest and are assigned - which you get back in 18 months), should contact Nelda Stuck for details

*Chairs: Nelda Stuck; Sally Trost,*

### Bridge

For information on the Bridge Interest Group please see calendar in this issue.

### California Cuisine and Conversation

California Cuisine & Conversation will be dining out this month! Save the Date- Wednesday, February 8th at 6:00 PM. Please watch for email updates about this midweek gathering.

*Chair: Kim Roman*

### Great Decisions

The Great Decision Study Books and Videos are here and are being passed to those who signed up. If you have not yet received yours please let me know. We will start the evening discussion group at 7:00 on Wednesday, February 1st and the afternoon group on Thursday, February 2nd at 2:00. The evening group will meet and Susan Kovacevich will let you know where the first afternoon group will meet. It will be an exciting time as the first two discussions zero in on the Middle East.

*Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher*

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

This stimulating discussion group meets on Wednesday, February 22nd, when Sharlene Lund facilitates a discussion on the "Book of Ethical Questions." We gather at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Redlands, on the corner of Fourth and Fern, in the lounge facing the back parking lot of the church. Come at noon with your lunch; the discussion takes place from 12:30 until 2:00 pm. Meetings are usually held the 4th Wed of the month, and guarantee a lively discussion. Please join us!

*Chairs: Ellen Schollenberger, and Sharlene Lund,*

### International Affairs

Tuesday, February 14, 2012...University Club, University of Redlands, Price \$16, Social 11:30 a.m. Lunch 12:00 p.m. Followed by Speaker.

For reservations please call either, CH: Dorothy Richardson, or Barbara Pike.

*Chairs: Dorothy Richardson, and Barbara Pike,*

## February Thought for the Day:

Will be provided by Sylvia Lantz at the February meeting.

## Membership News

How are you doing on your New Year's resolutions? One I know you will be successful at is increasing our membership for 2012! It is February already! Why not extend the gift of friendship and fellowship and invite a friend to attend an AAUW meeting. We have so many to choose from. Our Prospective Member Coffee is coming up next month, on Thursday, March 22, at 7:00 p.m. If you have names of prospective members to invite, please let me know, so that I can extend a personal invitation.

*Theresa Lantz  
Membership*

## AAUW California Convention

April 13-15, 2012

Santa Clara Marriott Hotel  
2700 Mission College Blvd  
Santa Clara

## Welcome New Member

Joanne Mogis.

## AAUW Education Foundation Night at the Theater

### Revenue

Ticket Sales 115 x \$20:

\$2,300.00

Opportunity Drawing 108 x

\$5: 540.00

Donations 759.00

Total: 3,599.00

### Expenses

Footlighter Fee 1,000.00

Wine & Gift Card for

Opportunity Basket 108.69

Paper Goods 35.19

Cheese & Crackers 74.73

Flyers 12.06

Total: 1,230.67

Net Profit \$ 2,368.33

*Note that items that were donate; wine for the event & many of the gift basket items are not included in the amounts above.*

## B&T Submission Guidelines:

The deadline for the March newsletter will be **February 5th**. Send your articles for that issue to the editor via email:

olgacupp@gmail.com. If you do not have email, you can submit a printed article by mail to Olga Cupp at PO Box 452, Redlands, CA 92373.

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## Interest Groups, Continued

### Reading and the Rainbow

In February, we will meet to discuss the classic, *Cold Comfort Farm*, by Stella Gibbons. First published in 1932, in Britain, it is described as "a viciously funny ...parody of the rural novel...which tells the story of Flora Poste, a young London socialite who finds herself confronted with a long-estranged branch of her family, the Starkadders, after her parents death. The novel is peopled with a cornucopia of fantastic characters, from brassiere-collecting Mrs. Smiling, to the tiresome Mr. Mybug and the wonderful menagerie that is Cold Comfort Farm itself....The targets of the biting satire range from the social machinations of Austen to the melodramatic doom of Hardy and the overblown romanticism of Lawrence. The irreverence and sheer wit of the book are endlessly engaging." Add to that the cover illustrations by Roz Chast and the introduction by Lynne Truss (author of *Eats, Shoots and Leaves*) and we have something for everyone!

Unfortunately, what we don't have is a facilitator for the afternoon group so we will be cancelling that session. The evening group will meet at 7. Pat and Kathy will co-host and Lynne Reasoner will facilitate.

*Chairs: Pat Kruger, and Kathy Toister*

### Recorder Group

We are starting all new music right now, specializing in Alto fingering so that we can branch out and take in some Baroque Sonatas. This is a perfect time to join if you have not yet tried it. We welcome new players. We meet on Monday mornings.

*Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher,*

### Travel Group – Day Trippers

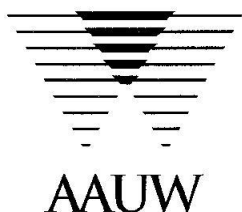
The Day Trippers first outing is February 16, 2012, with ACT Tours of Palm Springs.

We will be joining their tour "Highlights of Los Angeles", with pickup at 9:15 a.m. in front of the Union 76 gas station at Ford and the 10 Fwy. Parking is in the LA Fitness lot. The tour is sold out; however, they informed me there are always cancellations. If you are interested, give them a call at 1-888-605-8280 or 760-322-1247. Please share any ideas for interesting and fun day trips with Marilyn and Carol.

*Chair: Marilyn Roach,*

## Member News

**All members please call Dorothy Richardson our corresponding secretary when you hear any news – such as sympathy, congratulations or birthday of another member, so we can get a card out to them.**



**Math-Science Conference • March 1, 2012**  
**Adopt-a-Girl Pledge/Donation Coupon**

Benefactors \$500 - \$999  
Patrons \$300 - \$499  
Friends \$100 - \$299  
Adopt-a-Girl (pays for 1 lunch) - \$15

I/We: Pledge  Donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the 2012 Math-Science Conference.

*(Early receipt of your pledge is appreciated for budget planning)*

Donors will be acknowledged in the Conference Program and on the AAUW website unless you request otherwise.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Send pledge/donation to:**

**AAUW Math-Science Conference  
P.O. Box 7678  
Redlands, CA 92375-0678**

## **AAUW FUNDS Support**

February is almost here and our annual presentation of the Named Gift Honorees. These individual, recommended by past honorees, will be recognized for their outstanding service to AAUW and the community at our February meeting. Be sure to join us in honoring our own.

Each year we have been very lucky to be able to honor at least 3 members of our branch and support AAUW Funds. This year and last our board and branch has supported the San Jose AAUW Branch American Centennial Fellowship Endowment for \$200,000 in honor of 100 years of their participation in AAUW.

We hope all of you will continue to support AAUW Funds by making a donation to these extremely worthwhile projects and continue our tradition of having our three Named Gift Honorees. All donations are welcome but we give special recognition (a heart sticker for your nametag) to the following: \$100, \$200 or join the Chocolate Club for \$300.

Please mail your donation to Jessie Powell, or bring your donation to the February meeting. *Your donation is tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.*

Thank you for your support,

*Jessie Powell & Susan Shodahl, Co-Chairs of Education Foundation Committee*

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## The President's Corner

We are in the process of continuing the relationship we have generated with the young women of the University of Redlands. These young women have been attending our general meeting and are now invited to be part of our new Public Policy discussion group on the campus of University of Redlands. Be supportive of our young women and be part of this campus outreach. **For information on this Public Policy discussion group, contact Krystal Roberts or Sherry Kinsey.**

**Thank you to our members in the Banning/Beaumont area: Bessie Reece, Mary Belle Clark, Ann Harding and their volunteers who made a great Math/Science conference on January 12<sup>th</sup>.** I personally know a student Bridgett Bennecke from Cherry Valley who attended this conference 2 years ago. She was so impressed with the speakers and the event that she is majoring in math and science classes in high school and will graduate a year ahead of her schedule.

The Redlands Math/Science conference will be on March 1<sup>st</sup> for 600 girls. Contact chair Leslie Priest or committee members to volunteer for this outstanding event. You will be proud to be part of AAUW Redlands and this event.

Please review your 2011 Yearbook to see the 148 names of the "Fellows" of the Redlands Educational Foundation. Recipients are selected by previous honorees and presented at the February meeting. Please make a big effort at our February general meeting to recognize and thank our new and past Fellowship honorees for all they do for Redlands AAUW.

**The February program is Marian Bell, Impersonator, "A Day in the Life of Mary Todd Lincoln" coordinated by Marilyn Sanden and Dorothy Richardson.**

This year our AAUW convention will be in Santa Clara from April 13-15<sup>th</sup>. The theme is "Explore AAUW." **Our own member Jane Roberts will speak on "A Global Challenge and Moral Dilemma."**

*Susan Willis*