

# Branches and Twigs

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*AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research*



Kay Dobbertin

## The President's Corner

The Redlands Branch began 2014 with 78 members and guests attending our January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting to hear Betty Meltzer's interesting and informative program on the history of the Cahuilla Indians. Thank you to the 20 ladies who stayed after the meeting to assemble the letters for the Redlands STEM Conference applicants.

On January 9<sup>th</sup>, over 300 eighth grade girls from Banning and Beaumont had the privilege of attending the 14<sup>th</sup> Pass Area STEM Conference at Mt. San Jacinto College. Congratulations to Dee Riech, Bessie Reece, Joanne Nightengale, Mary Belle Clark, Ann Harding, Celeste Beard, Lois Preston, Carol Howard, Chris Skok and Pat Hazelwood for a successful event!

Would you have time to attend an interest group that you haven't been to this year? The calendar lists dates and times for our ongoing groups: California Cuisine & Conversation, International Affairs, Reading and the Rainbow and I Am, Therefore I Think and Great Decisions. I hope you are enjoying what AAUW has to offer.

Happy Valentine's Day to a special group of ladies!

## AAUW Named Gift Presentations

Please join us at our February branch meeting find out who are this year's Named Gift honorees.

## "Science is Not Some Big Mystery - It's Just a Way of Thinking"

Science can seem intimidating to some people, but that's usually because they think of science as an impressive store of technical and often obscure knowledge. Such is really not the case. Science is simply a way of thinking, asking questions of the natural world and then seeking testable answers to those questions. The science of paleontology - the study of ancient life - is no different, asking questions about our region's rock record and then striving to answer them. Paleontologist Eric Scott will present a talk discussing some of the questions, and their answers, on Saturday, 1 February 2014. He'll share images and observations about some recent discoveries of Ice Age fossils from the Mojave Desert, and what these finds mean to scientists working in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

-Dorothy Richardson

## February Branch Meeting Information

### When:

Saturday, February 1, 2014  
Social time: 9:00 AM  
Brunch: 9:30 AM  
Program: 10:15 AM

### Where:

University of Redlands  
**Casa Loma Room**

### Menu:

#### Breakfast Buffet

Chilled fruit juices; fluffy scrambled eggs with cheese; ham; French toast with syrups; cherry blintzes; rosemary new potatoes; sliced fresh fruit; assorted breakfast pastries and muffins with creamy butter and fruit preserves; coffee/tea

### Cost:

Members & Guests: \$16

### Reservations:

The reservation deadline for the February 1st meeting is Sunday, January 26th. Please call **Kathryn Brown** or email **rsvpmeeting@aauw-redlands-ca.org**

*Reminder: a reservation made is a reservation paid.*

### B&T Submission:

The deadline for the March newsletter will be **February 5<sup>th</sup>**. Send your articles to the editor via email to **news@aauw-redlands-ca.org** or by mail to Kay Dobbertin.

# Calendar of Events



## February

Sat., Feb 1	9:00 social 9:30 brunch 10:15 program	<b>Branch Meeting</b> <i>"Science is Not Some Big Mystery"</i> Speaker: Eric Scott NOTE: assemble STEM mailing after meeting	Reservations: Kathryn Brown rsvpmeeting@aauw- redlands-ca.org
Feb 3 - March 24	1 PM - 3 PM	<b>Great Decisions</b> Every Monday for 8 weeks	Sue Kovacevich
Feb 5 - March 26	7 PM - 9 PM	<b>Great Decisions</b> Every Wednesday for 8 weeks	Mary Jane Auerbacher
Sat., Feb. 8	6:30 PM	<b>Duplicate Bridge</b>	Louise Schumann
Sun., Feb. 9	6:00 PM	<b>California Cuisine and Conversation</b> <i>Hosts: Pam Ong and Les Kong</i>	Kim Roman
Mon., Feb 10	6:30 social 7:00 meeting	<b>AAUW Board Meeting</b> First Congregational Church	Kay Dobbertin
Tues., Feb 11	11:30 am-2 pm	<b>International Affairs: Bali</b> Speaker: Amak Agung Ayres Hotel	Barbara Jerrigan
Wed., Feb 12	1:00 PM	<b>Bridge</b>	Nancy Earney
Sat., Feb 15	7:00 PM	<b>Bridge</b>	Louise Schumann
Mon., Feb 17	1:00 PM	<b>Bridge</b>	Sally Vaughn
Wed., Feb. 19	10:00 AM	<b>Bridge Scramble</b> Benefits the Nancy Yowell Local Scholarship for reentry women Bethany Reformed Church 705 Cajon St.	Pat Belk
Thurs., Feb 20	1:00 PM	<b>Reading and the Rainbow</b> <i>Home</i> Host: Evelyn O'Prey	Pat Kruger
Thurs., Feb. 20	7:00 PM	<b>Reading and the Rainbow</b> <i>Home</i> Host: Amber Costa	Lynne Reasoner
Mon., Feb. 24	7:00 PM	<b>Bridge</b>	Cindy Perkins
Wed., Feb., 26	12:00 PM	<b>I Am, Therefore I Think</b> Facilitator: Linda Richards "Genetic Engineering" (focus on GMOS)	Ellen Schollenberger
Thurs. Feb., 27	3:00 PM	<b>STEM Conference volunteers</b>	Margee Fuller
Sat. Mar. 1	8:30 AM	Walkthrough at U of Redlands	
Every Monday	9:00 AM	<b>Recorder Group</b>	Mary Jane Auerbacher
		<b>Audio Book Exchange</b>	Nelda Stuck
		* These groups are community groups that are open to AAUW members	

### Branch Officers:

**President:** Kay Dobbertin   **Program Vice President:** Cathryn Oltman   **Membership Vice President:** Gail Anderson  
**Recording Secretary:** Amber Costa   **Hospitality:** Judy Racine and Toni Momberger   **Treasurer:** Heather Abushanab  
**Communications:** Leslie Priest   **President-elect:** Bessie Reece

## New Members

**Viktorija Norberg**

**Deborah Seibly**



## Yearbook Corrections

Karen Coates's correct phone number....

Bessie Reece's correct email....

Please send yearbook corrections to Linda Adams.

## Member News

In sympathy and friendship we send our condolences to three of our members: Susan Willis and Katherine Gifford on the loss of their mothers and Kathryn Brown on the loss of her mother-in-law.

## February 19<sup>th</sup> Bridge Scramble Fundraiser for Local Scholarship

We are happy to let you know we earned over \$1700 from our Christmas Boutique and that is thanks to all of you who purchased our gift items. Now, we are busily working on the **Bridge Scramble** we are hosting on February 19. I know there are many, many bridge players in our organization and I hope to hear from you in the next couple of weeks. The more participants we have, the more fun it will be! Sign-ups are \$35 which includes lunch, dessert, prizes and more. If you have a Bridge Scramble flyer, please fill it in and send it to me right away. If you don't have one give me a call and I can fill you in on the details. Don't play? Louise Schumann is giving lessons so come join us!

*-Pat Belk*

## Pass Area STEM Conference

The Pass Area STEM conference was held on Thursday, January 9th at Mt. San Jacinto College. Approximately 330 girls attended. The girls were welcomed to the conference by AAUW Redlands Branch President Kay Dobbertin and Becky Elan, Vice President for Business Services from Mt. San Jacinto College. Amber Price was the keynote speaker. Fifteen women with careers in STEM fields served as workshop leaders.



The Pass Area planning committee consisted of the following AAUW members: Dee Riech, Bessie Reece, Joanne Nightengale, Mary Belle Clark, Ann Harding, Celeste Beard, Lois Preston, Carol Howard, Chris Skok and Pat Hazelwood. Dee Riech had volunteered to serve as Chair this year but due to the illness of her husband she had to drop out. Everyone on the committee took on extra responsibilities to make this a very successful conference.

The college donated the use of their facilities and the conference was made financially possible by the following: Sun Lakes Charity Week, Banning Women's Club, Pass Patchers Quilt Guild, Elks Lodge, and Retired Teachers Association.

We also would like to thank Leslie Priest for formatting the badges and Renae Reswig for being a presenter at the Conference. Many additional AAUW members served as Facilitators for the day: Susan Willis, Kay Dobbertin, Theresa Lanz, Antoinette Brenion, Liz Kennedy, Sheron Bealer, and Debbie Lewin.

Our next project will be the selection of three girls to attend Tech Trek. These girls will be recommended to us by their school teachers, counselors, and principals. The girls will make out an application and write an essay. Our members will read the essays and determine a list of finalists to interview. This all must be done by the end of March.

*-Bessie Reece*

## AAUW CA State Convention

April 10, 11, 12, and 13, 2014

Marriott - Los Angeles Airport South

Join us for learning, meeting candidates, making new friends, greeting old friends, and having fun.

All members deserve the opportunity to attend.

*-AAUW CA*

## Nominating Committee

We are still looking for a few good women for next year's slate of officers. As you can imagine, we especially need to hear from people who might be interested in being our president elect. Please take a minute to think about this position. Check with those who have held the position. We have so many talented members any one of our own would be great for the job. Let me know if you would be willing to take it on.



*-Pat Belk*

## ***LUNAFEST®: Short Films By, For, About Women®***

LUNAFEST®, the fundraising film festival dedicated to promoting awareness about women's issues, highlighting women filmmakers, and bringing women together in their communities, will be hosted by AAUW Redlands Branch and the Zonta Club of Redlands.

All proceeds from LUNAFEST will benefit Zonta and AAUW's local scholarships for women in the community as well as the Breast Cancer Fund. Learn more about this event at [www.lunafest.org](http://www.lunafest.org)

- Friday, April 4, 2014, in the Esri Auditorium
- Doors open at 5:30 pm, Reception begins at 6:00 pm , SHOWTIME 7 pm
- Tickets are \$35 general admission, \$20 student admission with valid student ID
- Tickets available February 1, 2014
- Purchase online at <http://aauw-redlands-ca.org/lunafest/> or from Kay Dobbertin

### **Redlands STEM Conference News:**

Our next envelope stuffing is immediately after the 2/1 Saturday Branch meeting. Please join us if you can! A big thank-you for the following members who helped stuff envelopes after our January Branch meeting: Dawn Romo, Ann Leonard, MaryJane Auerbacher, Phyllis Limbourne, Leslie Priest, Melissa Walker, Marilyn Shankar, Renee Reiswig, Antoinette Brenion, Kathryn Brown, Amber Costa, Judy Gates, Valesca Lopez, Holly Olson, Elaine Brubacher, Nelda Stuck, and Bonnie Wallman.

- 2/1 after meeting      Assemble 2<sup>nd</sup> STEM mailing after branch meeting
- 2/27 @ 3:00 pm  
Or 3/1 @ 8:30 am      Walkthrough for STEM Conference @ U. of R.
- 3/1 @ 9:00 am      Packet Assembly for STEM Conference-University Methodist Church
- 3/6                      STEM Conference @ U. of R.

*-Margee Fuller*

### **Redlands Adult Literacy Theater Benefit May 8th:**

The Redlands Adult Literacy Program/CHAT is planning a literacy benefit at the Footlighters Theater on Thursday, May 8. Join us for an evening of fun as you enjoy a performance of "Pump Boys and Dinettes," described as a mix of "musical heartbreak and hilarity." Invite your family and friends to join you for appetizers at 6:30 p.m. on the Footlighters patio, followed by the performance which begins at 8:00 p.m. Tickets will be available at the April AAUW general meeting or through the mail order form in this issue. Tickets are \$25 and include an opportunity to win a special literary (of course) gift basket!

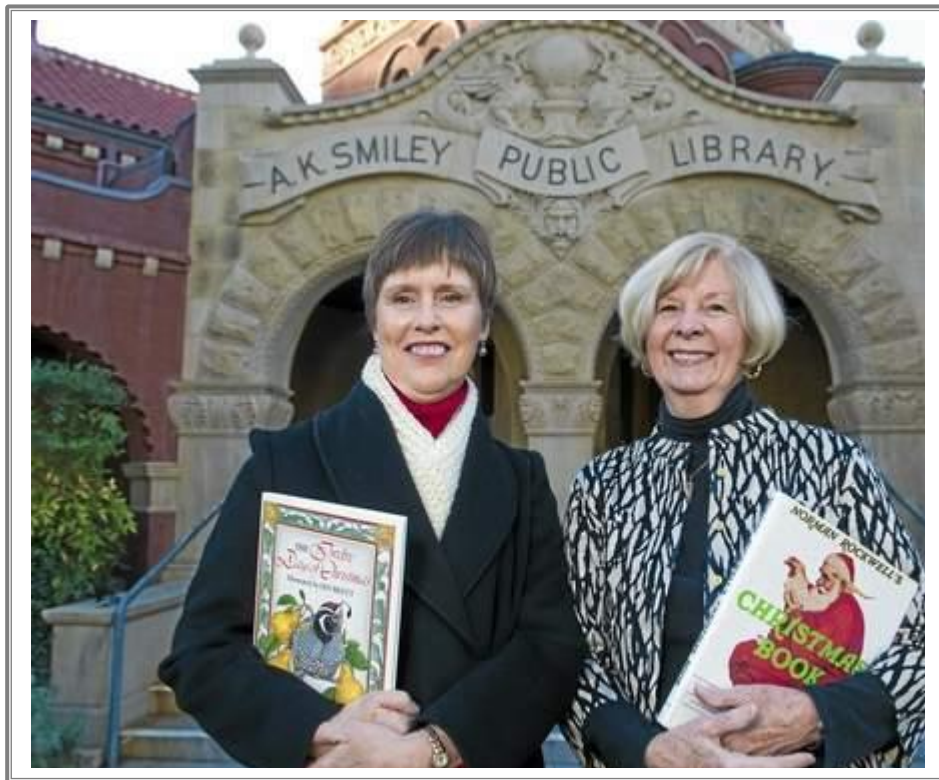
This is the first benefit held by the Redlands Adult Literacy Program/CHAT and we would love to fill the Footlighters Theater. Please help support adult literacy in our community by buying a ticket, making a donation to help defray reception costs, or donating a gift card to help with gift baskets. Over two-thirds of adult learners in our program are women – you can help change their lives by helping them improve their reading and writing!

If you have any questions or wish to make a gift basket donation, please contact Katherine Gifford or Trudy Waldron. Thank you for your support!

*-Katherine Gifford & Trudy Waldron*

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## Member news....Trudy Waldron and Kathrine Gifford

The Redlands Daily Facts recognized Adult Literacy Program with the following front page article on December 28<sup>th</sup> .  
“With the need for literacy tutors growing in the city, two women have dedicated a countless number of hours to ensure those demands are met. Trudy Waldron and Katherine Gifford head the Redlands Adult Literacy Program at the A.K. Smiley Public Library, which provides one-on-one tutoring in reading and writing to people age 18 and up. The group meets weekly at the library and at two other sites with learners they are assigned to in the hopes of tackling any needs their students would like to address, such as writing a greeting card or reading and filling out an employment application. ”...read more... <http://www.redlandsdailyfacts.com/social-affairs/20131228/pair-team-up-to-quarterback-redlands-adult-literacy-program>.

Congratulations and thank you Trudy and Katherine for your contribution to the community. Anyone interested in learning more about the program or volunteering, please contact Trudy and Katherine at [literacy@akspl.org](mailto:literacy@akspl.org).

## Legal Advocacy Fund

Amalia Lam ([lamm@aauw.org](mailto:lamm@aauw.org)) is now the national Program Manager from LAF. In a December 16 update she expressed AAUW's disappointment in the Supreme Court's decision to allow Texas' draconian abortion restrictions to take effect. She informed us that the Supreme Court will hear two contraceptive coverage cases, deciding whether the private religious belief of the owners of private companies allows them to deny contraceptive coverage to their employees in the companies' health insurance plans.

AAUW members nationwide are helping monitor educational institutions for their strict adherence to TITLE IX. Our March 4 meeting will cover exactly how TITLE IX was used by our guest speaker Kathy Bull in her case against Ball State. I met this very articulate woman at the AAUW national convention in New Orleans and was so impressed that I invited her to Redlands for our March LAF meeting. Come, listen, ask questions and contribute.

*-Jane Roberts LAF Chair*