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Branches and Twigs

Redlands Branch, AAUW

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Women's History Month Celebration

AAUW in sponsorship with the Human Relations Commission of the City of Redlands and the Zonta Club of Redlands is proud to honor the month of March as Women's History Month. This month to honor women began on March 8, 1857 when garment workers in New York City staged one of the first organized protests by working women. In an effort to add women's history into curricula, a Women's History Week was initiated in 1978, and by 1981 became a national event. In 1987, the National Women's History Project petitioned Congress to include all of March as celebration of women.

To assist in our education of women's history, Dr. Jennifer Nelson, Assistant Professor of the Women's Studies program at the University of Redlands, will be our special guest speaker. Dr. Nelson graduated from Brown University in 1989 with a BA in Semiotics/Modern Culture and Media. After graduation she moved to New York City and became a high school teacher and a reproductive rights activist. In 1991 she started graduate school at Rutgers University. She earned her Ph.D. in United States history with a minor in women's history in 1999. Her book, *Women of Color and the Reproductive Rights Movement*, was published by NYU Press in 2003. Her most recent research is on African Americans and public health and on the Black Women's Health Movement. She has a forthcoming article in *The Bulletin of the History of Medicine* titled "Healthcare Reconsidered: Forging Community Wellness among African Americans in the South."

In addition, the City Council of Redlands will be presenting a proclamation of recognition of March as Women's History Month at 3 p.m. on the same day, March 6, 2007. All members are encouraged to attend one or both of these events.

Sue Greenfield

March Membership Coffee and New Member

Our second and last prospective member coffee for this year will be on Thursday, March 15, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Sue Angell. Please send any names of friends whom you would like to invite to Renae Reiswig.

Please join us in welcoming our newest member. Sue Gorman has belonged to AAUW National for 15 years and has recently moved to Beaumont. Sue received her B.S. at Rosary Hill College in New York and her M.S. in Ed. at US International U. in San Diego. Sue is a retired teacher from the Rialto Unified Schools. She is interested in the San Geronio Pass Group and the Travel Group.

Renae Reiswig, Membership Vice President

March Branch Meeting Information

When

March 6th, 2007

Social time: 5:30 p.m.

Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Program: 7:00 p.m.

Where

University of Redlands
Casa Loma Room

Menu

Gulf Coast Buffet:

Panama City seafood salad and Citrus Caesar salad, Louisiana vegetable jambalaya, Jamaican jerk chicken, Cajun dirty rice, seasonal fresh vegetable, rolls, butter, key lime pie and beverages.

Cost

\$22.00

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

Reservations

Deadline is Tuesday, February 27th at 9 p.m. Call or email Antoinette Brenion. Please include "AAUW" in the subject line of reservations sent by email.

Remember: a reservation made is a reservation paid.

If you have automatic reservations and cannot attend, let us know. If not, you will be billed for the meal. If you do not pay the bill, your automatic reservation will be cancelled.

Branch Officers

Your Branch officers are available to help members and to answer questions. Please call them.

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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 Named Grant Honorees Presented

Congratulations to our 2007 Named Grant Honorees. The Redlands Branch certainly appreciates the many hours they donate to AAUW related projects.

Jane Dill is a past president of our Redlands Branch. In addition she chairs the "I Am, Therefore I Think" interest group. All of this in spite of just belonging to our Branch for a little over five years. Many thanks for a job well done, Jane.

Doris Billings has been our Branch secretary for most of the last four years. She attends almost all branch meetings and board meetings in this capacity. She is also a regular member of International Relations and the Play Reading Group.

Dorothy Nordquist has been a board member for almost all of her full five years as a Branch member. She served first as chair of Adopt the Family and now is our corresponding secretary. She has been a very active member of many of the Branch's committees, especially membership, Educational Foundation and nominating. She is a member of International Relations and is an active bridge player in many of our bridge groups.

Each year a sum of money is sent to the National Education Foundation in honor of the named grant honorees. This amount is used for the Redlands International Foundation that was begun in 2002.

The EF committee would like to thank all of our members who donated to this Educational Foundation fund.

Janice Belden and Evelyn O'Prey

Co-Chairs, Educational Foundation

Member News

Our Branch is saddened to report the loss of three former members. Ruth Barnes, a 20 year member of our branch (1978 through 1998), passed away January 11th. In 1988 she was recognized as a Named Gift Honoree. No one who attended the 1993 EF luncheon will ever forget her humorously written and delivered presentation naming Celeste Beard as a new honoree! Ruth was a truly generous and loving member of AAUW. When she decided she could no longer be a member of our branch, she wrote a check for the amount of dues that year, and directed that the sum be given to someone unable to pay her dues. That sum was divided between two members in need. Thankfully, Ruth was able to attend our EF Brunch last year to see again her many friends.

Mary Sobers, 99, passed away January 12th. A graduate of Wellesly and the University of Michigan, she was a San Bernardino County planner for 10 years and helped pick out the site for Cal State, San Bernardino. As long as she was able to get out, this 28 year member (1973-2001) was a loyal attendee of our monthly meetings, as well as being an avid bridge player.

January 15th saw the passing of Jane Corwin, Redlands Woman of the Year for 2002. A 31-year teacher in Redlands elementary schools she, along with her husband Ken, were strong supporters of the University of Redlands. A branch member from 1994 through 2006, she was a moderator of the annual 8th grade girls' Math-Science Conference. The January 21st *Redlands Daily Facts* carried a most impressive write-up of the contributions and achievements of this remarkable lady.

The branch sends its hopes for a full and speedy recovery to Margaret King. Margaret, who is seriously ill, was the first President of the Arcadia Branch of AAUW, and was a 1995 Fellowship Named Gift recipient.

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 a deserving woman returning to college. A list of all titles available for circulation is now available---stop by and pick one up!

Librarian: Louise Schumann

Book Cassette Group

The Book Cassette Group currently has one CD and two tape-cassette round robins going involving 30 members and spouses. We rotate chosen books every six weeks. At the end of the schedule, members meet to discuss the books and to choose the new cycle. Each member purchases a book-on-tape or CD and receives the book back at the end of the cycle. The next cassette group begins in March. Now is the time to phone for information about joining.

Chair: Nelda Stuck

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 position is open
	1st Saturday B, 7 p.m.	Coordinator is Deborah Lewin,
	3rd Saturday, 7 p.m.	Coordinator is Janice Belden,
Duplicate Pairs:	2nd Saturday, 7 p.m.	Coordinator is Louise Schumann,

California Cuisine and Conversation

California Cuisine and Conversation will meet on Sunday March 4th at the home of Pam Ong and Les Kong. Our dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. Please bring your food items fully prepared and ready to serve. Serving utensils should also be included. Please bring copies of your recipe to share. RSVP to Kim Roman by phone or email.

Chair: Kim Roman

Great Decisions

The discussion groups will not meet on March 1st since that is the day of the Math Science Conference. They will continue the next week on Thursday, March 8th. This will be the concluding session for the afternoon group. They will be discussing how to help the endangered children of the world. On that day the evening group which meets at 7:00 p.m. will discuss War Crimes. On March 15th the topic will be Central Asia and the question, can we promote democracy in the region without endangering our supply of oil. The discussion on Endangered Children will conclude this group on March 22nd.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

Redlands Math-Science Conference

A **HUGE** "Thank You" for everyone who continues to participate in this branch project.

The Math-Science Committee and 600 Eighth grade girls appreciate your many contributions.

THANKS FOR:

- Assembling letters (1/6 and 2/3) and packets (2/25)
- Working as guides, facilitators, lunch hostess, press liaisons, etc. at the conference
- Supporting "Adopt-A-Girl"

CONFERENCE "COUNT DOWN"

Thursday 2/22 U of R Walk Through
3:30 p.m.

Meet in front of Casa Loma Room
OR

Sunday 2/25 Alternate U of R Walk Through
1:30 p.m.

Meet in front of Casa Loma Room

Sunday 2/25 Packet assembly
3:00 p.m.

University United Methodist Church
940 East Colton Avenue

Thursday 3/1 CONFERENCE

CLEAN OUT YOUR GARAGE!

Clean out and donate the items you don't need to the **LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP** yard sale to be held in June. If there are items that men could use, they are popular items at the sale.

When you hear the stories of the scholarship recipients it really inspires one to give.

Contact Nancy to make arrangements for storing the items in her garage.

Yearbook Addition

Please see the print version of the newsletter for this information.

Yearbook Update

Yount, Beth R.
(Beth's name was listed as Yont in the December issue of the newsletter.)

Newsletter Submission Guidelines

The deadline for the April newsletter is March 5th. Send your articles for that issue to the editor, Jennifer Hill, via email or by mail.

Website Submission Guidelines

If you have something that you would like to submit to our branch Website, please send it via email to webmistress@aauw-redlands-ca.org

Interest Groups, Continued

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

On March 28th Janice Belden will lead our discussion on the topic of "The Eroding of Our Constitutional Freedoms." "I Am" meets in the large room off the parking lot at Trinity Episcopal Church. Bring your lunch at noon and/or join us for good talk from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Chair: Jane Dill

International Relations

The International Relations Interest Group will meet at 11:30 a.m. on March 13th in the President's Room of the University Club at the University of Redlands. Evelyn O'Prey will present information about Ireland. The cost is \$13.00 and reservations are due by February 8th.

The April 10th meeting topic will be Libya with guest speaker Jemme Carter. Reservations for that meeting are due by April 6th.

Chairs: Dorothy Richardson and Barbara Pike

Play Reading

For information about the next meeting of the Play Reading group, please contact Marcia. Come and enjoy a relaxing evening with us.

Chair: Marcia Pifer

Reading and the Rainbow

We will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 22, at the home of Mary Stewart. Call Mary for directions.

We will discuss *The Passion of Artemisia* by Susan Vreeland. Like her bestselling debut, *Girl in Hyacinth Blue*, Vreeland's second novel, *The Passion of Artemisia*, traces a particular painting through time: the post-Renaissance painter Artemisia Gentileschi's violent masterpiece, "Judith." The painting serves as a touchstone, foreshadowing Artemisia's rape the trial that followed; the early days of her hastily arranged marriage; and her eventual triumph as the first woman elected to the Accademia dell' Arte in Florence. Vreeland deftly works history and politics into the background, keeping her focus on Artemisia and her family. Vreeland's vision may be as close as we can come to understanding the anger and ambition that kept this talented woman at the doors of the Accademia, demanding entrance, in a time when respectable women rarely left their homes.

Coming up in April: *The World is Flat* by Thomas Friedman

Co-chairs: Amber Costa; Anne Derfer; and Ellen Schollenberger

Recorder Group

The Recorder Group has changed its practice times. We now meet on Mondays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. After the practice sessions we have lunch together. Everyone brings a sandwich and we take turns bringing a salad or a dessert. I hope you will find this a more convenient time to join us.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

San Gorgonio Pass Interest Group

Please contact on of the co-chairs for information about the next Pass Area meeting.

Co-chairs: MaryBelle Clark, and Joanne Mercier

Redlands Branch AAUW Membership Renewal

Dues are payable from April 1, 2007 and become delinquent July 1, 2007. One randomly-drawn membership renewal received during this time period will receive a Turkish cut-glass vase.

Enclosed are my dues for the coming year in AAUW (July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008) of \$_____

Regular Members	\$85	Dual Members	\$24
Associate Members	\$85	Association Life Membership	\$900
Student Affiliates	\$30	Association Life Member	\$40

(Must be attending as an undergraduate) (State and Branch portion only)

Make checks payable to AAUW-Redlands Branch – PLEASE PRINT clearly

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Address: _____

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If you would like your e-mail address or FAX number also listed, please print below:

**Any corrections for the Branch yearbook: new degrees, changes in name, address, phone, spouse, e-mail address?
Please check the 2006 – 2007 yearbook as a reference.**

I am interested in the following committees: (please check)

Educational Foundation Committee. The AAUW Education Foundation provides fellowships and grants to women for education, research, and community programs. The Redlands branch raises funds through donations, the annual theater party, and cutlery sales.

Legal Advocacy Committee. The Legal Advocacy Fund promotes equality for women in higher education and fosters institutional change through support of appropriate sex discrimination lawsuits. Funds are raised through donations and an annual fund raising project.

Local Scholarship Committee. The Redlands Branch of AAUW provides local scholarships to women who have some previous college experience but whose schooling has been interrupted and now wish to continue with their academic pursuits. Funds for the scholarships are raised at the annual yard sale.

Math-Science Committees

Redlands Area **San Geronio Pass Area**

The Math-Science Committees present one day conferences for 8th grade girls in January. The speakers relate the need for math and/or science in their particular field and encourage the girls to continue their math and/or science studies in high school.

Membership Committee. The committee organizes and hosts September membership brunch and prospective membership coffees during the year. The committee plans and carries out a mentoring program for new members.

Program Development Committee. The committee develops programs for the coming year by contacting speakers, writing newsletter articles describing the program, and introducing the speakers at the meetings.

Public Policy Committee. The committee disseminates information from AAUW on Federal and State public policy initiatives and promotes voter education.

I am interested in volunteering time to the following AAUW Projects: (please check)

Librarian at Orangewood High School for 2 ½ hours weekly, every other week or as a substitute.

Math-Science Conference for preparation and/or conference day

Redlands

San Geronio Pass

Local Scholarship yard sale for preparation and/or yard sale day

Hosting for the YWCA Home Tour for 2 hours one Sunday

Ushering at the Redlands Bowl once or twice in summer

Mail to Mabelle Nazikoglu

(Please use the self-addressed envelope in the March newsletter)

The President's Corner

Where is your advocacy today?

I am beginning to ponder this thought. Recently I heard a woman wrestler speak about her college varsity wrestling experience. Since she inquired about the program before enrollment, it was quite a shock six months into varsity play that the women's team was nullified and the three women were advised to form a club team (which you can read as “cover your own expenses as the University won't support you”).

Next we heard our February speaker discuss the current popularity for surgical procedures to drastically change woman's bodies. Is the focus really on self-improvement or could the underpinnings really amount to women who do not perceive they have a choice in their life, who know they are unhappy but know no other way to search for the esteem and self satisfaction they crave?

Are there common points in these real world examples? How can AAUW help? Can we work together to become an agent of change for women? How can you help AAUW be an effective leader in the lives of women? Where is your advocacy today?

Sheron Bealer

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