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WOMEN

March Branch Meeting Information

When

March 1st, 2007

Social time: 9:00 a.m.

Brunch: 9:30 a.m.

Program: 10:30 a.m.

Where

University of Redlands
Casa Loma Room

Menu

Juice, scrambled eggs,
home fried potatoes,
sausage patties, biscuits
and gravy, fruit platter,
assorted pastries, coffee
and tea.

Cost

\$12.00

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

Reservations

Deadline is Monday,
February 25th at 9 p.m. Call
Antoinette Brenion or email
her. Please include "AAUW"
in the subject line of
reservations sent by email.

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

Women's History Month Speaker

Join us in the celebration of Women's History month. Sandy Schaublin, Direct Services Coordinator for San Bernardino County Sexual Assault Services, will be our speaker. She has a long and varied history of working with women and helping them cope with the after effects of sexual assault in both the physical and emotional senses. This dynamic woman has lots to share to help in understanding the various forms of violence against women.

This event is also endorsed by the city of Redlands Human Relations Commission whose mission is to promote understanding and acceptance among cultures and individuals for the purpose of effecting improved human relations.

Antoinette Brenion

Ellen Schollenberger Named Woman of the Year

Congratulations to Ellen Schollenberger who was named 2007 Redlands Woman of the Year at the Chamber of Commerce installation dinner on January 9th. The tradition of naming a Redlands Woman of the Year began in 1959 when the Soroptimist International of Redlands named Mary Kimberly Shirk as the first recipient.

Sheila Cannon, one of the Soroptimist awards presenters, described Ellen as "the epitome of the modern, capable executive multi-tasking through life." Cannon mentioned that Ellen's more than 40 years service in a broad array of Redlands community organizations and projects earned her the award.

The AAUW Redlands Branch nominated Ellen for this honor. Our branch is fortunate to have Ellen Schollenberger among our many members who make Redlands a special place to live.

Amber Costa

A Letter from Ellen

Dear Sue and Members of AAUW,

Thank you all so very much for nominating me as Woman of the Year. It was a great honor and tremendous surprise. I appreciate all the efforts of Amber Costa, Sheron Bealer and Mary Dalton in making this happen. The bouquet is magnificent. It was wonderful to see the names of so many AAUW members on the list of previous honorees. What a marvelous organization. With gratitude to all.

Most sincerely,
Ellen



Branch Officers

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

President

Sue Angell

Program Vice President

Sue Greenfeld

Membership Vice President

Susan Kean

Recording Secretary

Doris Billings

Corresponding Secretary

Ann Farah

Treasurer

Gwen Wysocki

President-elect

Dorothy Nordquist

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



2008 Named Gift Honorees

On the left: Kathy Toister.

On the right, (from left to right): Betty Meltzer, Diane Hurd, and Gwen Wysocki



Congratulations to our 2008 Named Gift Honorees!

These remarkable women were recognized at the annual Educational Foundation Brunch. All have generously donated their time, treasure, and talent to our branch and AAUW endeavors at large. Well done, ladies!

Kathy Toister is currently co-chair of the Reading and the Rainbow interest group. She has organized the branch's participation in the Holiday Home Tour for the YMCA, and serves as the Guide chair for the Math-Science Conference. In previous years, Kathy has coordinated the Family Service Adopt-a-Family program participation for our branch. She is one of thirteen children, ALL of whom graduated from college, even though their parents had been unable to go. Wow!

Betty Meltzer has been an active member of our branch for many years. She helped to organize the library program at Orangewood High School, drawing on her expertise in Library Science. Betty has also served as co-chair of Public Information for our branch and she has been involved with the Math-Science conference. Interestingly, she is a free-lance writer, contributing articles for the Redlands Daily Facts and the Beaumont Record Gazette.

Diane Hurd has been the Yearbook editor for the past two years. She participated in the Great Decisions and International Relations interest groups. Diane works at the Orangewood High School Library, and has been involved with the Math-Science Conference as a guide and as a liaison with the Yucaipa press.

Gwen Wysocki is currently serving her second year as our Treasurer, a labor-intensive board position! She has been involved with California Cuisine in years past. Gwen also worked very hard to develop a new interest group to provide tutors for the Adult Literacy program at Smiley Library in Redlands. She also regularly attends all branch and board meetings. All this while working full time! Awesome!

Our branch is currently working toward funding an International Fellowship Endowment. We contribute a sizeable amount of money each year, given in honor of the Named Gift Honorees. The EF Committee would like to thank all of our members who have donated to this fund, and to especially thank our honorees for their service to our branch.

Karen Skoog, Chair, Educational Foundation

Member News

Sincere condolences are extended to Ellie O'Brien and members of her family upon the January 29th passing of her mother, Ruth McConville, a 34-year resident of Redlands.

Beverly Cox

Send Names to Invite to the Next Prospective Member Coffee!

We will be hosting a prospective member coffee on Thursday, March 13th at 7 p.m. at the home of Susan Kean. Please send names and addresses of prospective members you would like to invite to me via email or call me with their names.

Susan Kean, Membership Vice President

Local Scholarship News

Please mark your calendar for Saturday June 14th and the week prior to the 14th. The preparations for the Local Scholarship Yard Sale will be in full swing. Many hands make the process of sorting and pricing much easier and faster. Sign up sheets will be passed around in April and May.

Now is the time to clean out your closets and garages and donate all of the GOOD and CLEAN items to the sale. Nancy is accepting all donations. If you need something picked up call Nancy or Ann Harding and arrangements will be made for a pick up.

Audio Books on tapes and CDs are back in business! The rental is \$5.00 and proceeds go to the Local Scholarship Fund. Each month we get in new CDs so be sure and see us at the back of the room. There are some good tapes and CDs that men would enjoy.

Ann Harding

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. A list of all titles available for circulation is now available---stop by and pick one up!

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 on a specific schedule every six weeks. At the conclusion, members meet to discuss the books and to choose their new cycle. 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 book-on-tape rental table (with those funds going for scholarships), or donates the book to Smiley Library (for possible tax write-off). The cassette groups conclude March 2008 and August 2008, so those AAUW members who want to be part of the next go-around should let Nelda Stuck know so they can be incorporated in all the planning. The CD group concludes May 2008 under the chairmanship of Sally Trost, so contact her if you are only in the modern/future world with your car or home player systems and only want to listen to CDs. We thank Kay Dobbertin for taking care of the finances from our kitty fund and ordering any replacement tapes!

Chairs: Nelda Stuck and Sally Trost

LAF Plaintiff Settles Suit with U. of Colorado at Boulder

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund is pleased to recognize an important victory in the ongoing battle to prevent sexual harassment and assault on university campuses with the settlement agreement between Lisa Simpson and the University of Colorado at Boulder (CU). The settlement agreement provides \$2.5 million to Simpson and requires that the university create a new position in the Office of Victim Assistance and hire an independent adviser to monitor the school's compliance with federal sex discrimination laws. Simpson requested a lower settlement amount in exchange for the new personnel.

"From the beginning of this case, Lisa Simpson's goal was to do everything she could to increase the safety of all students on campus and prevent what happened to her from happening again," said Simpson's attorney, Kimberly Hult.

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund adopted the case in February 2005 and provided over \$35,000 in financial support.

"The wide-ranging and continuous support of the AAUW has been very important to Lisa and her legal team throughout what was a long and difficult battle," said Hult.

See

www.aauw.org/About/newsroom/ for the full press release.

California State Convention

I'll be attending the California State AAUW Convention April 4-6 at the Doubletree Hotel in Rohnert Park, CA. I'll be on an international panel from 11:00 am to 12:30 p.m. on Sunday April 6. My main subject will be gender inequality worldwide. I hope some other people from our chapter will go. We could share a hotel room. Contact me if you are interested.

Jane Roberts

2008 AAUW California Convention

It's All About THE MISSION April 4-6, 2008

An AAUW LEADER

Focuses on THE MISSION:

**L Leadership
E Education
A Advocacy
D Diversity
E Equity
R Research**

See <http://www.aauw-ca.org/index.htm> for a thought provoking article entitled "What is the Mission of AAUW and Convention details."

Interest Groups, Continued

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 is Patsy Miller
	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 at the home of Pamela Ong and Les Kong this month. Our dinner will start at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 2nd. Please contact Kim Roman by phone or e-mail for a reservation and food assignment. **Members should note our April date has been changed to the 13th.**

Chair: Kim Roman

Great Decisions

Great Decisions discussion groups will continue meeting on Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The meetings are at my home. As a reminder, here are the remaining topics for March: Week 5. U.S. Defense and Security Policy; Week 6. Latin America Shifts to the Left; Week 7. U.S.-China Trade Policy; Week 8. Private Philanthropy. I am looking forward to our discussions.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

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

On March 26th Helen Webb will lead the discussion on "Because They Hate." "I Am" meets 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

We will meet at 11:30 a.m. on March 11th in the University Club at the University of Redlands. Jeane Carter will speak about West Africa. The cost is \$14.00 and reservations are due by March 7th.

The next meeting will be on April 8th, when Padmini Davamony will speak about Sri Lanka. Reservations for that meeting are due April 3rd.

Chairs: Dorothy Richardson and Barbara Pike

Interest Groups, Continued

Pass Area Interest Group

The Pass Area Group will soon be busy getting the Tech Trek applications out to the schools, reading essays, and interviewing girls. This is always a most rewarding experience. We are hoping to send four girls this year. We sent six girls last year but will not be able to do so this year. The cost per girl has risen from \$750 to \$850 (\$50 is paid by the parents). In the past, girls who were chosen as alternates were able to pay their own way to camp, but that will not be the case this year because Tech Trek has gotten so popular and space is limited. Anyone interested in this program, please contact Bessie Reece, Ann Harding or Mary Belle Clark.

Recorder Group

We are changing our focus so it is a good time for those of you have been thinking of joining the group to get in on the ground level and learn the new music with us. We would love to have more players. Please contact me for information on rehearsal dates and times.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

Reading and the Rainbow

Reading and the Rainbow will meet on March 27th to discuss the 2006 Pulitzer Prize winning novel, *March*, by internationally bestselling author, Geraldine Brooks.

From Louisa May Alcott's beloved classic *Little Women*, Geraldine Brooks has taken the character of the absent father, March, who has gone off to war leaving his wife and daughters. In Brooks' telling, March emerges as an idealistic chaplain in the little known backwaters of a war that will test his faith in himself and in the Union cause as he learns that his side, too, is capable of acts of barbarism and racism. As he recovers from a near mortal illness, he must reassemble his shattered mind and body, and find a way to reconnect with a wife and daughters who have no idea of the ordeals he has been through.

His experiences will utterly change his marriage and challenge his most ardently held beliefs. Riveting and elegant as it is meticulously researched, *March* is an extraordinary novel woven out of the lore of American history.

FYI: you can hear an NPR interview with the author (by Melissa Block), by going to her official author's website, click on *March*, and then click the link to the interview.

Our meeting will be held at the usual time of 7:00 PM at the home of Kathy Toister. Kathy will send directions prior to the meeting or call her, if questions.

We look forward to a great discussion of another outstanding book.

Chairs: Pat Kruger and Kathy Toister

Nominations Needed

If you are interested in becoming a branch officer or would like to nominate someone else, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee. Our 2008-2009 officers will be elected at the April branch meeting.

Newsletter News

I am delighted to announce that Olga Cupp has agreed to help put together the Branches and Twigs. She will contribute not only her talent, but also her fresh perspective as a new member.

Branch Website Submissions

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

B&T Submission Guidelines:

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

Please note: if you send your information by email and do not receive an email back from me within a day, please call me. I may not have received your email.



The Redlands Math-Science Conference is Feb 28th!

The President's Corner

Congratulations to Redlands Branch Named Gift Honorees who were introduced at the February 2nd branch meeting.

Diane Hurd, Betty Meltzer, Gwen Wysocki and Kathy Toister are the 2008 recipients. All four who have been members of AAUW for five or more years are so well deserving of this honor. They have worked faithfully to make this branch the great organization that it is.

Within the pages of the March Branches and Twigs is the announcement of another member who works tirelessly for this branch and makes the Redlands area a much better place in which to live. Ellen Schollenberger is this year's Redlands' Woman of the Year. Congratulations, Ellen!

The Redlands Math-Science Conference is just two days before the first of March. Judi Jones and her committee have spent the whole year planning this event. Eighth grade girls from the Redlands and Yucaipa area will benefit greatly from their experience on February 28th.

The Pass area Math-Science Conference was in January. Over 300 8th grade girls from Banning and Beaumont attended this event. The amount of work that goes into this conference is greatly appreciated and the girls benefit so much.

Can you imagine 900 girls have had their academic lives changed by the speakers and volunteers? My thanks to everyone who shared their days with them. Well Done!!

Sue Angell

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