

Branches and Twigs

Redlands Branch, AAUW

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Women's History Month Speaker

"It is today that we must create the world of the future." *Eleanor Roosevelt*

Since March is Women in History month, we have invited Penelope Engard, Lecturer, to speak on the life of First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt. Her lecture series on Eleanor is usually 6 lectures in length, however, she will condense to some of the most entertaining and interesting aspects of Mrs. Roosevelt's life.

AAUW has an Eleanor Roosevelt Fund that contributes to ground breaking research and special education equity projects.

Please come and join us at the dinner meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 as Ms. Engard enables us to see into the life of one of the most admired and controversial women in world history.

Charlene Fink

Get-Acquainted Coffee

The Redlands Branch of AAUW cordially invites you to a Get-Acquainted Coffee on Tuesday evening, March 31, 2009, at the lovely Victorian home of Tammy Young.

The fun begins at 7:00 P.M. We hope you can take advantage of this opportunity to meet the Board members in a casual setting, as well as other women who have expressed an interest in joining AAUW.

Please RSVP by Monday, March 23, 2009 by contacting Dorothy Richardson or Marie Mitchell.

We are looking forward to sharing the evening with you.

Dorothy Richardson, Membership Vice President

Redlands Math-Science Conference

Redlands, February 26, 2009. Many thanks to our members for your support to our "Adopt-A-Girl" program, preparation work days and conference participation. The Math-Science Conference could not take place without YOU.

Judi Jones, chair



AAUW

March Branch Meeting Information

When

March 3rd, 2009

Social time: 5:30 p.m.

Brunch: 6:00 p.m.

Program: 7:00 p.m.

Where

University of Redlands
Casa Loma Room

Menu

Chef's Choice with a vegetarian entrée.

Cost

\$15.00

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

Reservations

The reservation deadline for the March 3rd meeting is Thursday, February 26th. Please call or email Antoinette Brenion. Please include AAUW in the Subject line of your email. If you want a permanent reservation, let her know.

Remember: a reservation made is a reservation paid.

Branch Officers

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

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Branch Website

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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.

Celebrating 50 years of AAUW Membership- Dorothy Richardson and Edna Steinman

It is our good fortune to have Dorothy Richardson, Membership VP and chair of International Affairs, as a 50 year member of AAUW. At our January meeting, we surprised her by presenting a framed certificate from national headquarters noting this achievement.

Dorothy started her career with AAUW in Battle Creek, MI, continued in Arcadia, CA, and for the last 26 years has been a constant presence and cheerleader for the Redlands Branch. Her words concerning membership are worth quoting. Dorothy described it as "an ongoing experience of self-development, sharing with others, listening to both sides of an issue while hopefully making the right decisions and helping women to grow to their fullest potential in all aspects of their lives."

We congratulate you, Dorothy, on 50 years with us, and we thank you for your continued contributions to our organization.

Dorothy Nordquist



Dorothy Richardson



Edna Steinman

At the February 7th Branch meeting, membership was excited to finally have the opportunity to recognize Edna Steinman for her fifty plus years with AAUW. Although this recognition was actually earned in 2004, through an oversight on the part of the National Office of AAUW in Washington, D.C., her certificate was not issued until last month. Congratulations and thank you for all you do, Edna!

Our Branch now has a unique fellowship of five members with 50 years or more with AAUW, including: Mary Lee Marelocke, Dorothy Richardson, Agnes Rogers, Edna Steinman and Catherine Waldrop. We are so proud!

In order to avoid any future complications with National, any member who anticipates reaching this plateau in the near future, is invited to contact Membership for a copy of the form to be filled out and sent to Washington. We will also be happy to assist in filling it out and answering any question that might arise.

Dorothy Richardson

100th Anniversary Celebration - San Gorgonio Branch of AAUW

The San Gorgonio Branch of AAUW would like to invite you to our 100th Anniversary Celebration. Please join us for this very special occasion. The event is on Saturday, March 7th, 2009 at 11:30 A.M for a cost of \$20. The location is the Arrowhead Country Club at 3433 N. Parkside Dr. in San Bernardino. RSVP by Sunday, March 1st, 2009.

Grace Baldwin, Event Chairman

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. If you have any books on tape or CD that you no longer listen to, please donate them to the Audio CD library so that they can be shared by others members. We also have some CDs that men would enjoy listening to. A list of all titles available for circulation is now available---stop by and pick one up!

Book Cassette and CD Groups

The Book Cassette group is seeking new members to join in this fun and educating time to read. One of our three groups started more than 10 years ago and has just begun its ninth cycle of circulation. The CD group begins its third round-robin July 1st. Some 30 members 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 a possible tax write-off).

Chairs: Nelda Stuck; Sally Trost

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 Celeste Beard
	1st Saturday B, 7 p.m.	Coordinator is Debbie Lewin
	3rd Saturday, 7 p.m.	Coordinator is Janice Belden
Duplicate Pairs:	2nd Saturday, 7 p.m.	Coordinator is Louise Schumann
Round Robin:	As arranged by the Players.	Coordinator is Louise Schumann

California Cuisine and Conversation

California Cuisine and Conversation will be meeting in Highland this month. Join us Sunday, March 1st at 6:00 P.M. Watch for email updates with the exact location. Contact Kim Roman for further information. Our group is dedicated to delicious food and friendly conversation. Singles and Couples welcome!

Chair: Kim Roman

Welcome Our New Members:

Joan Benson
Interest: Math-Science Conference

Ellen Bull
Interests: International Affairs

Jackie Meyer-Howk
Student: Crafton College
Interests: Math-Science Conference, Great Decisions

Kate Pretorius
Interests: Book Cassette, "I Am", International Affairs, Math-Science Conference

The Local Scholarship Yard Sale

REMINDER! June is the annual Local Scholarship yard sale. Please save all of your donations for the sale. Nancy Yowell is collecting now. We can also make arrangements for any large pickups. If there is an item that you are personally looking for, give Nancy a call and she will let you know if a specific item comes in. Donations are tax deductible: Nancy has forms available.

If you are going on a trip remember to pick up an audio CD for \$5.00 a month. The proceeds go into the Local Scholarship fund.

Ann Harding

Editorial Correction

We would like to apologize for an editorial mistake in last month's article about International Affairs. The article should have read "...To a small farm in Kosovo we were able to send 20 chickens..."

AAUW Blogs

Would you like to know what AAUW members in other parts of the country are thinking about? Visit AAUW's Blog at blog-aauw.org and find out!

Interest Groups, Continued

Great Decisions

Great Decisions is going strong in the midst of our discussions. By the 19th of February we will have finished the first three topics. The Thursday afternoon group voted to skip the week of the Math-Science Conference which would have been a discussion of the Arctic Age and do it the following week March 5th. Egypt, the Global Food Crisis, Cuba and Human Rights will be topics for March. All discussions meet at my house. Let me know if you would like to jump in. We have two more study books left.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

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

"I Am..." will meet on March 25th at Trinity Episcopal Church at noon.

Chair: Jane Dill

International Affairs

We will meet at 11:30 a.m. on March 10th in the University Club at the University of Redlands. Dr. Rowal Tamtya will speak about Malawi. The cost is \$14.00 and reservations are due on March 6th.

Chairs: Dorothy Richardson and Barbara Pike

Play Reading

We will meet on Monday, March 16 at 7:00 pm at the home of Sue Angell. We will read, "The Amen Corner" by James Baldwin. Come and join us.

Chair: Marcia Pifer

Recorder Group

The Recorder Group is an ensemble of recorder players who get together every Monday for practice from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and then have lunch together, usually outdoors on the patio. We play all sizes of recorders and we frequently give programs in all kinds of venues, such as retirement homes, club meetings, church groups, concert series, art shows and others. If you would like to have lessons or be in the group please sign up at the brunch or call me.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

Reading and the Rainbow

We will meet on Thursday, March 26th at 7:00 PM at the home of Kathy Presnell-Best. The book under discussion will be the anthology, *Inlandia*. As the title suggests, the subject of the book is the Inland Empire, and all of the writers have a connection to the area. Since it will be difficult to discuss the entire book, our facilitator, Lynn Reasoner, will choose entries that she believes will lend themselves to interesting discussion. We will advise you of them when we send out the email reminder. This book is amazing, with authors ranging from well-known Riverside writer, Susan Straight, to Steinbeck, Mailer and Joan Didion, as well as a number of lesser known writers and poets. With Lynn leading the discussion, it promises to be a remarkable evening.

Chairs: Pat Kruger and Kathy Toister

Bargain Hunters of a Special Kind

Do you know of anyone who likes a bargain better than yourself? One of my delights in life is getting a real bargain. Well, never let it be said Marie and I cannot be bargain givers. We hope all our present members will share the following news with our prospective new members.

After March 15, 2009, dues will be \$85 a year making the new prospective member paid up until June 30, 2010. In other words April, May and June 2009 are all free. A true bargain!

This is a great time for all our wonderful members to look around and bring another "you" to our Get Acquainted Coffee to be held March 31st in the lovely home of Tammy Young at 7 P.M.

Marie and I realize your friends are special, so if you would please give us their name and address, we will send them a friendly invitation to join us, so that we can share a little information about AAUW, have a cup of coffee and goodies, and enjoy a laugh or two in a casual atmosphere.

With smiles we will hopefully see you there!

Marie Mitchell and Dorothy Richardson, V.P.

Reaching out to Other Branches

Helping the Riverside AAUW Branch celebrate Educational Foundation's Golden Anniversary were Redlands members Edna Steinman, Grace Hart and Beverly Cox, along with guest branches from Corona (1) and San Geronio/San Bernardino (5). The January 17th luncheon had as its speaker AAUW Fellow Justine Lemos who is nearing completion of her Ph.D. in Anthropology at UCR. It is with great satisfaction and pride we see how our contributions to the Educational Foundation are used by such deserving scholars.

Hopefully, Redlands members will accept the invitation extended to us by the San Geronio/San Bernardino Branch in celebration of their **100th Anniversary** on Saturday, March 7th at the Arrowhead Country Club. (Please see full details elsewhere in this newsletter.) This is the branch from which the Redlands branch "sprung" 62 years ago, and they are looking forward to a good turnout to hear AAUW CA's Co-Presidents Judy Pfeil and Gloria Taylor. This will not only be a wonderful opportunity to meet other AAUW branch members, but to hear firsthand the new directions AAUW CA is moving. We should also learn of the latest plans for the State Convention in San Diego April 24-26th. **BE SURE AND WEAR YOUR REDLANDS BRANCH NAME TAG on March 7th!**

Beverly Cox

Please consider supporting the Time for Change Organization

At the January AAUW meeting, speaker Kim Carter touched our hearts with descriptions of hurdles and hardships facing homeless women and their children in our community – particularly women just released from incarceration. The nonprofit she founded, Time for Change, will host an open house at one of their transitional-housing residences in March and a gala awards luncheon April 30 at the Orange Show in San Bernardino. For more information, call Erin.

Ellen Timothy and Sue Greenfeld, VP Programs

Letter from the corresponding secretary

Please help me do my job! As corresponding secretary I send cards to members who are hurt or ill or have lost a loved one. Please contact me if you have any news.

Ann Farah

Catch the Wave at Convention 2009

Plans are underway for the 88th annual AAUW California Convention **MISSION IN MOTION** "Riding the Waves of Change" April 24 – 26, 2009 Hilton San Diego Mission Valley 901 Camino del Rio South, San Diego, California

National Convention

Put the 2009 AAUW National Convention on your calendar: June 26-28, 2009; St. Louis, Missouri.

B&T Submission Guidelines:

The deadline for the April newsletter will be **March 5th**. Please 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.

The President's Corner

Our branch program in March will feature Penelope Engard speaking on "First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt". This is an appropriate topic as we celebrate "International Women's Day" that same week. The former first lady would be proud of the success of recent legislature passed and signed into law to ensure women equal pay for equal work through the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act. AAUW, as an organization, was instrumental in this action and has been featured in a January 18th article of "Parade Magazine". We all can be proud of our connection to this ground-breaking moment.

On a local level, we also celebrated our own members with the selection of our named-gift honorees---congratulations to these special women. Speaking of special women, our annual Math-Science conference will have concluded under the capable hands of Judi Jones and her committee. Thank you to all of you who contributed financially and in person to the success of this event.

The nominating committee is meeting now to select a slate of officers for next year. Please consider saying "yes" to an office if you are called. It makes the committee's job much easier---plus you are ensured an experience that allows you to work with energetic, informed, caring women. I will attest to that!

Dorothy Nordquist

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