

Branches and Twigs

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Women of the Wild West

Tuesday, March 2 is the date of our next dinner meeting in the Casa Loma Room where we will hear from Penelope Engard, President of the Historical Society in Hemet, speaking on the topic *Women of the Wild West*.

Several names come to mind when we hear that topic, such as Calamity Jane, Lola Montez, Cathy Williams, Nellie Cushman and Annie Oakley. Well, since March is Women in History month, we've invited back this speaker from last year who spoke to us about Eleanor Roosevelt.

Questions come to mind about these women who set forth and became some of the first settlers out here in our local land such as: what was their motivation to head west, what travails and tragedies did they encounter, and how did they manage to survive in the harsh environment and hostile surroundings? Did they themselves become members of these Wild West lifestyles? Be sure and come to the dinner and hear for yourselves the intriguing answers.

Charlene Fink, Coordinator

Redlands Math-Science Conference

The Math-Science Conference is almost here. Many thanks to our members for your continued support to our "Adopt-A-Girl" program, preparation work days and conference participation, but we still need your support to get to Conference Day! Please mark these dates on your calendars.

- 2/25 U of R Walk-through @ 3:00 p.m. OR
2/28 Alternate U of R Walk-through @ 1:00 p.m.
2/28 Packet assembly @ 2:00 pm University Methodist Church
3/3 CONFERENCE

Judi Jones

New Member Coffee

On March 23rd there will be a New Member Coffee at the home of Janice Belden. That would be a great opportunity for all our AAUW family to invite new people to get acquainted and learn what we are all about. Please send me the name of people with their addresses and I will send them an invitation. You can use the coupon from page 5 to provide their information.

Mary Jane Auerbacher, Membership VP



AAUW

March Branch Meeting Information

When

March 2nd, 2010

Social time: 5:30 p.m.

Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Program: 7:00 p.m.

Where

University of Redlands
Casa Loma Room

Menu

Chef's Choice Dinner Buffet: chef's choice main entree, vegetarian entree, and starch, mixed green salad with Ranch and Italian dressing, fresh seasonal vegetables, dinner rolls and creamy butter, key lime cheesecake, coffee and tea.

Cost

\$16.00

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

Reservations

The reservation deadline for the March 2nd meeting is

Thursday, February 25th.

Please call or email 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.

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Branch Website

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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.

AAUW Branches Encouraged to Take Part in Half the Sky LIVE

On March 4, 2010, CARE (a leading humanitarian organization fighting global poverty) will present *Half the Sky LIVE* in movie theaters nationwide. Inspired by the best-selling book, *Half the Sky LIVE* will celebrate International Women's Day with musical performances, celebrity commentary, and the world premiere of *Woineshet*, a powerful short film directed by Academy Award® Winner Marisa Tomei.

A letter from Sherry Ludwig, AAUW CA Director for International Advocacy

“Dear Presidents and International Advocacy Chairs,

As we approach International Women's Day next month, we have a heightened sense of awareness of the ever-present issue of global domestic violence and other forms of violence against our sisters abroad. Whether she is living in a nation of conflict or a nation at peace, the conditions in the developing world and the cultural norms that exist allow for unique circumstances and challenges to her spirit and person.

Despite these differences, one theme remains the same.... violence against women and the girl child. Some of these women and girl children endure overwhelmingly horrible physical abuses and perhaps even death, which is confronted so honestly by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn in their latest book, “Half the Sky”. It is also the theme of the CARE event to be telecast in CA on Thursday, March 4, at 7:30. This is a one night only event and will serve as inspiration for a lifetime of service. Visit www.halftheskylive.com for a list of theaters in your area.”

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. 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 groups are seeking new members to join in this fun and educating time to read. Our groups meet to discuss the books they “read” over the year and to choose the books they all want to hear. 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 CD rental table (with those funds going for scholarships), or donates the book to Smiley Library (for a possible tax write-off). Our CD Group chaired by Sally Trost completes their cycle the end of November, so phone her now to be included in their planning. In our round-robin schedule we allow 6 weeks for each book.

Chairs: Nelda Stuck; Sally Trost (CD Group)

Interest Groups, Continued

Bridge

The bridge groups are underway! There is still space available in some of the groups, and there has been interest in starting another daytime group. Call the coordinator if you are interested in the groups listed.

Daytime: 1st Wednesday, 1 p.m. Coordinator: Evelyn O'Prey

3rd Monday, 1 p.m. Coordinator: Sally Vaughn

Evening Couples: 1st Saturday A, 7 p.m. Coordinator: Celeste Beard,

1st Saturday B, 7 p.m. Coordinator: Debbie Lewin

3rd Saturday, 7 p.m. Coordinator: Louise Schumann

Evening: 4th Monday 7 p.m. Coordinator: Nancy Earney

Duplicate Pairs: 2nd Saturday, 7 p.m. Coordinator: Louise Schumann

The two daytime groups already have fixed tables and are only accepting substitutes. If you are interested in being a part of a third daytime group that would meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month call Louise Schumann.

Chair: Louise Schumann

California Cuisine and Conversation

California Cuisine is set to meet on Sunday, March 7. Our dinner's location will be determined at a later date. Watch for a potential dining out experience if a host home is not found! Bon Appétit!

Chair: Kim Roman

Great Decisions

Great Decisions is off to a fine start. If you still need a study book call me and I will order some more books from the Foreign Policy Association. I have given out all the extra books that I ordered. Anyone can come to the evening group or the afternoon group whenever it is more convenient for you no matter which one you have signed up for. The evening group meets on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. (No meeting on March 3rd.) The afternoon group will meet on Thursday afternoon at 1 p.m. (No meeting on March 4th.) Please contact Sue Kovacevich for location. The topics for March are March Global Financial Crisis, Eastern Europe and Russia, the Persian Gulf and lastly, Peace Building and Conflict Resolution.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

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

Our March meeting is on Wednesday, March 25, 2010. The meeting will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church, located on the corner of Fourth St. and Fern in a classroom facing the church's back parking lot. You may join us with your "brown bag" lunch at 12:00 p.m. for a chance to visit, or just for the discussion, which will begin at 12:30 p.m. and conclude promptly at 2:00 p.m.

The topic for this month, led by Marie Mitchell, is "What's on your mind?" This is our, once a year, "Open Forum", wherein each participant gets a chance to generate a dialogue on something they've been particularly interested in, or feel passionate about. Do join us for a stimulating couple of hours... and of course, feel free to bring a friend.

Helen Webb

Local Scholarship

It is almost spring housecleaning time. Save your items for the Local Scholarship yard sale to be held in June. Nancy Yowell is taking your clean and in good working condition items. In the mean time RENT a CD for \$5.00 a month. The proceeds go towards the Scholarship fund. A table is set up each month at the Branch meeting. Any questions call Nancy or Ann Harding.

B&T Submission Guidelines:

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

Welcome New Members

Jill Becotte
Interests: Book Cassette Group, California Cuisine, and International Relations

Marlene Carlise
Interests: California Cuisine

Vernice Chapman
Interests: Book Cassette, California Cuisine, and Play Reading

Ann Leanard
She wants to help with the Math Science Conference

Julie Philip
She wants to help with the Math Science Conference

Gale Farrell Suydam
Interests: Great Decisions, Reading and Rainbow and Legal Advocacy

Terrill Levinson Wickham
Interests: California Cuisine, Local Scholarship, Orangewood Library, the Educational Foundation, Legal Advocacy and Program Development

Interest Groups, Continued

International Affairs

China

When: Tuesday, March 9, 2010, 11:30 a.m. Social, 12:00 p.m. Lunch and Speaker.
Where: University Club, University of Redlands, Charge: \$14.00
The speaker in March is AAUW's own, Ellen Bull. Ellen has first hand knowledge of that famously historic country of China, with its complex history and society. We look forward to hearing about the China of yesterday, and the China of today. Reservations are required. Please call Barbara Pike.

Chairs: Dorothy Richardson and Barbara Pike

Play Reading

Please call Marcia for the date, time and place of the next meeting.

Chair: Marcia Pifer

Recorder Group

The Recorder Group is busy putting on programs. On February 10th we will be playing for the birthday party at Plymouth Village. On the 15th we will be playing for Chapter VP of the PEO Sisterhood for their evening meeting.

We have a new member, Emalee Whitlock. She will be playing the alto recorder and also singing some of the Madrigals. We also have a new percussion instrument, a wooden character who will be dancing some of the numbers.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

Reading and the Rainbow

In January, we split our group into two sessions, one in the afternoon and the usual one, in the evening.

We are happy to report that the split went very smoothly and we once again are able to have the quality of discussion that we have come to expect. Our thanks go to our flexible and congenial members!

In March, we will again try something new when we both view the film and read *The Reader* by German author Bernhard Schlink, a professor of law in addition to being a writer. The novel was a best seller in both Germany and the US and the film adaptation received several Academy Award nominations.

Schlink's main theme is how his generation, and indeed all generations after the Third Reich, have struggled to come to terms with the crimes of the Nazis. We shall see how each medium addresses this issue, and compare and contrast the potency of the message.

The afternoon and evening sessions will both be held at the home of Ann Derfer. The afternoon session will be at 1:00 and the evening, at 7. Members are asked to rent the DVD before the meeting. We will email directions with our meeting reminder. Please call or email Pat or Kathy if you have questions.

Chairs: Pat Kruger and Kathy Toister

Art Association Krikorian spring film series schedule:

"An Education" 3/9 and 3/11

"Coco Before Chanel" 4/13 and 4/15

"Everlasting Moments" 5/11 and 5/13

All Tues. showings are at 7:00 PM, all Thurs, at 2:30 PM. The price is now \$12 with profits to benefit the Margaret Clark Art Education Endowment Fund.

Do you have someone who you think might be interested in joining the Redlands Branch of AAUW?

Please give her name, address and telephone number to Mary Jane Auerbacher

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

2010 Redlands Math-Science Conference

Would you like to "ADOPT A GIRL"...or two...or more to support this Redlands Branch project? If so, donations will be gratefully accepted at branch meetings or by mail. Make checks payable to AAUW Math-Science Conference.

Six hundred eighth grade girls from Redlands and Yucaipa THANK YOU.

Mail to: Kate Pretorius, Funding Chair, Redlands Math-Science

_____ \$15 donation to "ADOPT A GIRL"

_____ \$30 donation to "ADOPT TWO GIRLS"

_____ \$45 donation to "ADOPT THREE GIRLS"

\$_____ donation to "ADOPT MANY GIRLS"

Contributors of \$100 or more will be thanked by name in the Math-Science Conference program.

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The President's Corner

What a beautiful general meeting! The Educational Foundation Committee certainly deserves a round of applause. Our Speaker Dr. Karen Wilson was wonderful. Our named gift honorees deserve the honor for their tireless service to women and girls. Jane Roberts, Leslie Priest, and Judi Jones each provide unique knowledge and abilities that support our branch of AAUW.

The Math Science Committee is working hard. Please volunteer your time and talents to this Branch activity. We can't do it without many, many hands, especially on the actual date, March 3, 2010. Feel free to call me or either of our coordinators -Sharon Pavlovich or Lorie DeMarco to help.

You won't want to miss our next meeting, "Women of the Wild West", presented by Penelope Engard. Be sure to call in your reservation. See you there.

Kathy Presnell-Best