

Branches and Twigs

Redlands Branch, AAUW
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“Antiques Roadshow”

On Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at our AAUW evening dinner meeting, we will be featuring as our guest speaker, Mr. David Hazekamp, who is the owner of REDLANDS ESTATE SALE AND CONSIGNMENTS. Mr. Hazekamp has been voted #1 Antique and Consignment Store for Estate Sales, Appraisals and EBay Services.

You will have a chance to have him appraise a small item of your choice before and during our dinner hour and then for his program he will speak to us regarding the “Antique Business in Today’s Economy”. His roomy shop is located at 116 Orange St. in downtown Redlands and possibly many of our members have visited his Antique store. David has been associated with the retail business at Bullocks Wilshire and I. Magnin during his career years. Specialties for appraisals of vintage treasures include porcelains, crystal, textiles, and all things Victorian.

So maybe you have an unusual item in your home that you would like to know more about as far as value and history. Bring it to our March meeting and have Mr. Hazekamp give it an expert’s eye look.

Charlene Fink

Membership March Madness

Many of you are doing an excellent job of inviting your friends to join our wonderful organization. Now is your chance to invite them to our New Member Coffee to be held on Wednesday, March 23rd at 7:00 p.m., at the home of Sylvia Lantz in Redlands.

Please call or email Theresa Lantz with friends’ names you wish to invite.

Theresa Lantz

The Redlands Math-Science Conference 2011

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:

Saturday, February 19th, 2011 U of R Walk-through at 11:00 a.m. OR
Thursday, February 24th, 2011 Alternate U of R Walk-through at 3:30 p.m.

Monday, February 28th CONFERENCE!

Lorie DeMarco, 2011 Math/Science Conference Chair



March Branch Meeting Information

When

March 1st, 2011
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, mixed green salad with two dressings, fresh seasonal vegetables, dinner rolls, creamy butter, key lime cheesecake, coffee, and tea.

Cost

\$16.00
Cost covers the meals, gratuity, tax, linens, use of room, audiovisual equipment, and setup.

Reservations

The reservation deadline for the March 1st meeting is Thursday, February 24th. Please call Kay Dobbertin. If you want a permanent reservation, please let her know.

Reminder: a reservation made is a reservation paid.

Edna Steinman

Branch Officers

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

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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.

Shock waves of disbelief spread through our community as we learned of the sudden passing of 50-year Honorary Member Edna Steinman on January 1st. Edna transferred into our branch from Albuquerque, N.M. in 1964. Before that she had spent her first six years of AAUW membership in Aberdeen S.D. She was in her 56th year of continuous AAUW membership and her 46th year with our branch.

She was an active, working member of many community groups, being awarded highest honors in more than can be listed here. To name a few there were Woman of Distinction in March, 1997 and Redlands Woman of the Year in October, 1998. In 2006 at the AAUW-CA State Convention held in San Jose, she was surprised with its highest honor---Named Gift Honoree for her many years and positions at the state level.

Edna "gifted" our branch twice by her presidency (1970-72 and 1993-95.) Note that these were each 2-year terms, giving the leadership opportunity to accomplish much! Reading the June 1995 issue of "Branches & Twigs," is almost overwhelming with the accomplishments under her leadership. During the 1994/95 year the branch not only held its first 8th Grade Math-Science Conference---receiving our first community action grant for \$1,230 with a note from the E-F President stating, "Yours is one of the successful proposals from a pool over 80 applicants. The foundation is confident that your project will make a contribution to your community and to the pursuit of equity and education for women and girls." (I'm sure Edna wrote the proposal/application.) That same year AAUW Education Foundation (Washington D.C.) approved the branch application to establish an American Fellowship Endowment. The branch faced the challenge of raising \$100,000 in twenty years!!!

In the (Riverside) Press Enterprise for Jan 13th, Cassie MacDuff devoted her entire column entitled "A Woman for All Seasons." I highly recommend this wonderful tribute to Edna.

Joy Judes a staff writer for the Redlands Daily Facts wrote a piece about Edna which appeared on Jan 21st. Contributions of warm remembrances were made by three current AAUW members and one former member. (The identical article appeared the same date in the San Bernardino Sun.)

Although Edna belonged to many organizations, I cannot help but think that AAUW was her greatest love with its opportunities which give girls and women a chance for a lifetime of success. Truly, the heart of AAUW is its Education Foundation. I believe she would want her legacy to be the Annual Math Science Conference. This year's Math-Science Conference will be held later than ever before (Feb, 28th), but that may be part of the scheme of things! Edna's birthday is Sunday, Feb 27th. Before you settle down with the Oscars, have a dish of ice cream and whisper a "Happy Birthday and many thanks, Edna!" Think of her the next day at the 17th Annual Math-Science Conference. She'll already know the Pass Area held theirs 10 days after she left us.

Edna showed that actions truly speak louder than words. Edna leaves cousins and their families---many of whom joined us at our Feb. 5th meeting---as well as her dear friend of 57 years, branch member Grace Hart.

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Interest Groups

Book Cassette and CD Groups

With so many ways to listen to a great variety of books and thus double your "reading" time, take advantage of AAUW's audio book groups. The Book Cassette groups have been going for more than 10 years. Just think of the number of books we've been able to "read." Since a couple weeks of planning are necessary for each person to choose a book, phone the chairman now for immediate information. We are seeking new members. Our groups meet to discuss the books we want to read over the year so that all members get a say. 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). You have six weeks to "read" each book before passing it on to the same person each month on a regular schedule. For details, phone Nelda.

Chairs: Nelda Stuck ; Sally Trost

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
	2 nd Wednesday, 1 p.m.	Coordinator: Nancy Earney
	3rd Monday, 1 p.m.	Coordinator: Sally Vaughn
Evening Couples:	1st Saturday, 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.

California Cuisine and Conversation

California Cuisine will meet on Sunday March 6 at the home of Jane and Michael Henry. Our starting time is 6:00 PM. Our food categories are desserts, salads, appetizers, and usually have 1 or 2 casserole type dishes. Current members should watch for email updates. If you are interested in joining us please call Kim Roman. Singles and couples welcome. Cheers!

Chair: Kim Roman

Recorder Group

The Recorder Group meets every Monday morning from 9:00 to 12:00. We will play a Valentine program for a hospital in Yucaipa on February 14th. On March 17th we will play in a Spring Recital at Mary Jane's home. We have also been invited to play in a Sunday afternoon program at the First Presbyterian Church in Riverside in April. We welcome new players.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

Orangewood High School Library

The Orangewood Library needs volunteers! Do you have two hours a week? Every other week? Or once a month? We are looking for women who can volunteer in the library to help students check out books and supervise computer use. No experience is need as training will be given. It is easy to do and you would help keep the high school library. The Orangewood Library was a pet project of Edna Steinman.

*Sue Angell
Diane Hurd*

Legal Advocacy

Our AAUW Legal Advocacy update will be during the branch meeting on April 2nd. This is an early warning. We will ask for contributions to keep AAUW on the front page of legal equality for women and girls.

For more information you can go to www.aauw.org/laf. I'll have more in next month's Branches & Twigs.
Jane Roberts, LAF Chair

Local Scholarship

Did you get your closets, garage and cabinets cleaned out in January? Donate any usable, clean items to the Local Scholarship yard sale that will be held in June. Nancy Yowell is already accepting any donations. The CDs library is always available each month at the branch meeting. The rental is \$5.00 a month and the money goes towards the Local Scholarship fund.

Ann Harding

Welcome New Members

Krystal Roberts

Cindy Perkins

Millie Lorntz

Yearbook Corrections:

Bettye Irwin's email

Dolly Church's email

March Thought for the Day:

Will be provided by Jan Bell

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.

We continue to welcome your feedback and suggestions for our electronic version.

Interest Groups, Continued

Great Decisions

Great Decisions is off and running. The evening and afternoon groups had a lively discussion on Haiti at our first meeting on February 2nd and 3rd. The afternoon sessions are meeting in the following homes: **February 10th**, Evelyn O'Prey; **February 17th**, Ellen Bull; **February 24th**, Sue Kovacevich; **March 3rd**, Sally Vaughn; **March 10th**, Diane Landeros; **March 17th**, Pat Kramer; **March 24th**, Renne Reiswig.

The evening group meets at the home of Mary Jane Auerbacher for all of the eight sessions.

The topics are February 9th and 10th, National Security; February 16th and 17th, Horn of Africa; February 23rd and 24th, Financial Crisis; March 2nd and 3rd, Germany Ascendant ; March 9th and 10th, Nonproliferation; March 16th and 17th, The Caucasus; March 23rd, and 24th, Multilateralism.

If you have questions please call Mary Jane Auerbacher.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

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

Our March meeting will be on the fourth Wednesday of the month, March 23, 2011. We meet at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Redlands, on the corner of Fourth Street and Fern. The meeting room is in the lounge, which faces the parking lot at the back of the church. (Please note: We have been advised that it's best to use the adjacent, Beaver Medical parking lot, as the church parking must be kept available for church members.) You can join us at noon with your "brown bag" lunch and enjoy some informal visiting time, or come at 12:30 p.m. when the meeting begins. Discussion concludes at 2:00p.m.

Kudos to Nelda Stuck, who led the February, "round table", discussion, which proved to be extremely provocative. This month we are looking forward to even more challenges as Sharlene Lund shares her "Book of Questions", and guides us as we hopefully find some answers. Looking ahead to April, we eagerly await Helen Webb's presentation on, "Immigration". Do join us for what invariably turns out to be an exciting way to spend a couple of hours each month.

Questions: Helen Webb

International Affairs

Topic...Columbia, Date...Tuesday 4-12-11, Cost...\$14

University of Redlands', University Club

Social 11:30 a.m. Lunch 12:00p.m.

Much has been written about Columbia in our newspapers. Many consider it to be a very hot issue, by its location between North and South America. Our speaker is well informed on what is...and what is mere speculation. Join the journey to Columbia by making your reservation today.

Chairs: Dorothy Richardson and Barbara Pike

Play Reading

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

Marcia Pifer

Interest Groups, Continued

Reading and the Rainbow

Our two sessions in March will be held on Thursday, March 24th. Carol Buchanan will host the afternoon session at 1:00. Her co-host will be Jeanne Shevlin. Evelyn O'Prey will host the 7:00 session. The co-host will be Sharlene Lund. *Please note that these are changes from the original schedule so mark your calendars accordingly.*

The work of fiction we will discuss is *The Music Lesson* by Katherine Weber (who, FYI, also wrote *Triangle*, about the Triangle Shirtwaist factory fire that figured prominently in the life of Frances Perkins). The protagonist in *Lesson* is alone with a stolen Vermeer painting "in a remote Irish cottage by the sea. How she arrived in such an unlikely circumstance is one part of the story...and how her sublime vigil becomes a tale of loss, regret and transformations is the rest." Ellen Schollenberger will facilitate in the afternoon, Adriane Gram in the evening. Call or email Kathy Toister or Pat Kruger if questions.

San Geronio Pass Interest Group Update

On Tuesday, January 11, 2011, 330 girls from the Banning and Beaumont Schools attended our eleventh annual Math/Science Conference.

Eighteen young women took time from their busy careers to participate as speakers for the conference. The girls participated in such activities as checking for blood at a crime scene; threading a real heart stent; learning how to handle hazardous environmental materials; learning what an EMT does and seeing the inside of a real ambulance; to name only a few of the activities provided by our speakers. In addition some thirty-five members and community volunteers assisted on the day of the conference.

Bessie Reece, Mary Belle Clark and Ann Harding- Math/Science Conference Coordinators

2011 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: Olga Cupp

_____ \$15 donation to "ADOPT A GIRL"

_____ \$30 donation to "ADOPT TWO GIRLS"

_____ \$45 donation to "ADOPT THREE GIRLS"

\$_____ donation to "ADOPT MANY GIRLS"

Your Name: _____

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

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The President's Corner

We really filled the room at our February EF program. Over 100 members, visitors, and guests were in attendance. At least twelve of the Palm Springs AAUW Branch members came to observe and to network with us. We were privileged to have six of Edna Steinman's family attend and witness the tribute to her.

Now that we are half-way through our year, we can look back and celebrate:

1. meeting our International Educational Endowment Fund
2. the initiation of our electronic version of our Branches & Twigs Newsletter– (thank-you everyone for your comments/suggestions)
3. our Math-Science Conference with the Pass Group in January
4. a current membership of 221(!)

Looking forward there are important events coming up:

- Our second Math-Science Conference is Monday, February 28th
- State convention – April 8 – 10, 2011 at the Irvine Marriott. If you can *please consider attending*. The networking opportunities and the enthusiasm shared at our state conventions are very inspiring. You will meet our state officers and receive updates on just about everything from the latest technology to public policy.
- Our nominating committee will be reporting at our March general meeting in order to elect our new officers at the April meeting for President-elect, Program V.P., Corresponding Secretary, and assistant Treasurer.

Finally, our board meets the second Monday of every month. We are now finalizing the updated Bylaws, Policies & Procedures, and Standing Rules. These will be presented at our March general meeting for approval. We are also looking at two of AAUW's programs along with opportunities for us to participate:

- Start Smart – assisting college graduates in how to prepare for the interview process and salary negotiation
- Campus Connection – reaching out to younger women and college faculty to recruit new members

These programs are also an opportunity for any of our members to be involved in. We would love to hear from you if you are.

Renaë Reiswig