

Branches and Twigs



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AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research



Kay Dobbertin

The President's Corner

Seventy six members and guests attended the February branch meeting to hear Eric Scott give an interesting and thought provoking explanation of the ways all of us use science in our daily lives. Congratulations to our four Named Gift Honorees – **Jan Barnett, Pat Belk, Pat Kruger and Jessie Powell**. Thank you for your contributions to our branch over the years. A photo of our 2014 Honorees is on page 3.

The Redlands STEM conference is truly a branch project. Margee Fuller and her STEM committee have been planning and organizing for months. Many other branch members help with assembling letters and conference packets. Over 90 of you will volunteer on March 6th to support this valuable experience for 600 eighth grade girls. Thank you to all the generous donors of time and money for this wonderful conference.

We have two upcoming fundraisers: LUNAFEST on April 4 will benefit Local Scholarships and the THEATER EVENT on May 8 will benefit Adult Literacy. I hope to see you there.

At our annual branch meeting in April, we will elect officers however we do not have a candidate for President Elect. As your President, I say wholeheartedly "It is a job worth doing". Please contact nominating committee chair, Pat Belk.

March Branch Meeting: "Gender Equity Through Title IX and LAF"

Kathy Bull, former head coach for women's tennis at Ball State University, will share her experience as a successful Title IX litigant. For 21 years, Kathy Bull served as the head coach for the women's tennis team at Ball State University in Indiana. Midseason in 2009, the university abruptly fired Bull and she promptly filed suit under Title IX of the Education Amendments.

In July 2013, Bull — who received case support from AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund — settled her lawsuit with Ball State and was awarded more than \$700,000 in cash and benefits, an outcome she couldn't have attained without AAUW and its passionate donors.

"When AAUW came on board, I was at my breaking point," explains Bull. "AAUW brought not only much-needed fiscal support but also the emotional support I needed. All of a sudden this wasn't just my battle; women all over the country were behind me."

Title IX turned 40 in 2012. It is a wide ranging law dealing broadly with gender equity in education including STEM fields, career and technical education, and in athletics. It also sets strict standards on programs that separate girls and boys.

-Jane Roberts LAF Chair



March Branch Meeting Information

When:

Tuesday, March 4, 2014
Social time: 5:30 PM
Dinner: 6:00 PM
Program: 6:45 PM

Where:

University of Redlands
Casa Loma Room

Menu:

Chef's choice main entrée; vegetarian entrée; Chef's choice starch; mixed green salad with Ranch and Italian dressing; fresh seasonal vegetables; dinner rolls and creamy butter; Key lime cheese-cake; coffee/tea

Cost:

Members & Guests: \$18

Reservations:

The reservation deadline for the March 4th meeting is Tuesday, February 25th. Please call **Kathryn Brown** or email rsvpmeeting@aauw-redlands-ca.org.

Reminder: a reservation made is a reservation paid.

All branch meetings are open. A meal reservation is not necessary in order to attend the program.

B&T Submission:

The deadline for the April newsletter will be **March 5th**. Send your articles to the editor via email to news@aauw-redlands-ca.org or by mail to Kay Dobbertin.

March Calendar of Events

Sun. March 2	6:00 pm	California Cuisine and Conversation <i>Hosts: Nancy and Bud Perry</i>	Kim Roman
Mon. in March 3, 10, 17, 24	1:00 pm	Great Decisions afternoons <i>Hosts: locations vary</i>	Sue Kovacevich
Tues. March 4	5:30 Social, 6:00 Dinner, 6:45 Program	Branch Meeting Gender Equity Through Title IX and LAF Speaker: Kathy Bull	Reservations: Kathryn Brown rsvpmeeting@aauw-redlands-ca.org
Wed. March 5	1:00 pm	Bridge	Evelyn O'Prey
Wed. in March 5, 12, 19, 26	7pm-9 pm	Great Decisions evenings	Mary Jane Auerbacher
Thurs. March 6	9:00 am - 1:30 pm	Redlands STEM CONFERENCE University of Redlands	Margee Fuller
Sat. March 8	6:30 pm	Duplicate Bridge	Louise Schumann
Mon. March 10	6:30 social 7:00 mtg	AAUW Board Meeting First Congregational Church	Kay Dobbertin
Mon. March 10	7:00 pm	Bridge	Nancy Earney
Tues. March 11	11:30 am- 2 pm	International Affairs--India Speaker: Sudha Purushothaman Ayres Hotel	Barbara Jernigan
Wed. March 12	1:00 pm	Bridge	Nancy Earney
Sat. March 15	7:00 pm	Bridge	Louise Schumann
Mon. March 17	1:00 pm	Bridge	Sally Vaughn
Mon. March 24	7:00 pm	Bridge	Cindy Perkins
Tues. March 25	6:00 pm	New Member Coffee Host: Nelda Stuck	Contact Gail Anderson w/ prospective member names
Wed. March 26	12:00 pm	I Am, Therefore I Think <i>Amazing Women</i> Facilitator: Sharlene Lund	Ellen Schollenberger
Thurs. March 27	1:00 pm	Reading and the Rainbow: <i>The Samurai's Garden</i> Host: Margi Galligan reservations needed for location	Pat Kruger
Thurs. March 27	7:00 pm	Reading and the Rainbow: <i>The Samurai's Garden</i> Host: Helen Webb	Lynne Reasoner
Tues. - Thurs		Orangewood HS Library Two shifts: 8:30 - 11 and 11 - 1:30	Diane Bennett
Every Mon.	9:00 am	Recorder Group	Mary Jane Auerbacher
		Audio Book Exchange	Nelda Stuck
UP-COMING			

Friday April 4

5:30 open
6 reception
7 showtime

LUNAFEST Film Festival at Esri -
Joint local scholarship fundraiser with
Zonta. Tickets are \$35.00 and include
appetizers / wine & beer

PURCHASE ONLINE:

[http://aauw-redlands-
ca.org/lunafest/](http://aauw-redlands-ca.org/lunafest/)

Branch Officers:

President: Kay Dobbertin **Program Vice President:** Cathryn Oltman **Membership Vice President:** Gail Anderson
Recording Secretary: Amber Costa **Hospitality:** Judy Racine and Toni Momberger **Treasurer:** Heather Abushanab
Communications: Leslie Priest **President-elect:** Bessie Reece

Member News

In sympathy and friendship, we send our condolences to Pat Estrada on the death of her son.

Yearbook Correction

Renate Beltz's address

Hospitality Get Together

We had a great time February 8th getting to know one another over coffee. The discussion ranged from "Why did you move Redlands" to "Why did you join AAUW" and MORE.....

Toni Momberger, Renae Reising, Dawn Romo, Ellen Cope, Dorothy Nordquist, Jo Bogan, Judy Racine, Leslie Trainor, Leslie Priest, and Kay Dobbertin



*-Toni Momberger and Judy Racine, Hospitality Vice Presidents
-Jo Bogan, hospitality committee*

AAUW Named Gift Presentations

Four women, **Pat Kruger, Jan Barnett, Pat Belk,** and **Jessie Powell** were honored at the February branch meeting for their time, talents, and dedication to the Redlands AAUW branch. They will receive a certificate of recognition from the state AAUW office. The branch presented them with a newly-designed honoree pin and a bouquet of red roses. A donation of \$750 was made in each honoree's name by the Redlands AAUW branch to the national EF for the scholarship fund.

Last year, EF provided more than \$3.7 million in funding for more than 245 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations.

All past honorees of our branch were honored by the EF committee with pink "named honoree" cards attached to their nametags.



~Margi Galligan, EF Co-Chair

AAUW CA State Convention: *theme is E3== Engage, Educate, Empower*

April 11-13 AAUW CA Convention LAX Marriot: <http://www.rsvpbook.com/event.php?497195>

Early Registration deadline Feb. 21

Join us for learning, meeting candidates, making new friends, greeting old friends, and having fun.

More information available pages 12-19 of the California Perspective [http://www.aauw-
ca.org/Assets/resources/winter_2014_perspective_web.pdf](http://www.aauw-ca.org/Assets/resources/winter_2014_perspective_web.pdf)

-AAUW CA

Proposed Increase in Redlands Branch dues from \$20 to \$25

Members will vote on Branch Dues at the April annual meeting.

According to Article IV. Section 2 of AAUW Redlands Bylaws:

a. Changes in branch dues shall be determined at the annual meeting by two-thirds vote of those present and voting, provided notice has been given to the members 30 days prior to the meeting.

The board is recommending an AAUW Redlands Branch dues increase of \$5 for 2014-2015. It has been at least 8 years since the last dues increase. Many expenses have decreased (i.e. newsletter mailing, yearbook printing) while we have or are proposing new expenses (i.e. hospitality, communications, C/U partnership outreach, Speech Trek, increase budget for National convention).

Proposed Redlands Branch Budget

According to Article IV. Section 3 of AAUW Redlands Bylaws: The annual budget shall be reviewed by the board of directors, published in the branch newsletter, and adopted by the membership no later than the April Branch meeting.

Please review the proposed Branch Budgets. Following the Branch Dues vote at the April branch meeting, members will be asked to adopt the appropriate Budget: Proposed Budget 2014-2015 (\$5 dues increase) or Alternate Budget (No dues increase).

American Association of University Women - Redlands Branch Budget proposed by Finance Committee revised Feb 14, 2014 July 1, 2014- June 30, 2015

	<u>Budget</u> <u>2013-14</u>	<u>Expected Membership</u>				<u>Proposed Budget 2014-15 \$5 dues increase</u>	<u>Alternate Budget 2014-15 No dues increase</u>
		Regular	On-line Renewal	Lifetime	50 yr +		
RECEIPTS							
Dues		100	100	5	4		
Membership Dues						8,900	8,900
Branch: Direct Deposit	1,500					5,000	4,000
Total Dues	13,537					13,900	12,900
Other Income							
Interest earned ¹	36					36	36
Meals	12,000					12,000	12,000
Adopt a Family	500					500	500
Nametags ²	200					200	200
Misc.	0					0	0
Total Other Income	12,736					12,736	12,736
Total Receipts	26,273					26,636	25,636
DISBURSEMENTS							
Membership sent to National	6,517					8,900	8,900
State dues	2,760						
Total Disbursements	9,277					8,900	8,900
Available for Operating Budget	16,996					17,736	16,736

1) Interest from General Fund account only.

2) We will collect \$9.50 per name tag this year

	<u>Budget</u> <u>2013-14</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>2014-15</u> <u>\$5 dues</u> <u>increase</u>	<u>Alternate</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>2014-15</u> <u>No dues</u> <u>increase</u>
<u>OPERATING BUDGET</u>			
Hospitality Committee Expense	100	100	50
Membership Expense	250	250	200
Officers' Expense	100	100	50
Board Meeting Room Donation	75	75	75
President's Expense	50	50	50
Program			
Branch Meals	12,000	12,000	12,000
Honorariums	700	700	700
Newsletter			
Printing Cost	400	130	130
Postage Cost	150	120	120
Newsletter total	550	250	250
Yearbook			
Printing Cost	750	570	570
Postage Cost	25	30	30
Yearbook total	775	600	600
Communications			
Website		110	110
Phone		120	120
Communication Total		230	230
Postage			
Bulk Rate Permit	190	220	220
Bulk Rate Postage	60	30	30
Postage Regular	50	50	50
Total Postage	300	300	300
PO Box Rental	120	125	125
Printing/Copying	175	150	150
Memorials	60	60	60
Insurance & Filing fees	750	820	820
Convention (State)	800	800	800
Convention (National) ³	400	600	400
Nametags	200	200	200
Adopt a Family	500	500	500
Speech Trek ⁴		500	0
Campus Outreach ⁴		150	50
Miscellaneous	150	100	100
Total Operating Budget	18,055	18,660	17,710
Net Operating Expenses	(1,059)	(924)	(974)

3) National Convention is every other year in June. \$1200 Budget split between 2 years.

4) New initiatives

Nominees for elected office and the Nominating Committee

According to Article V, section 2 of AAUW Redlands Bylaws:

a. The names of the nominees for elected office and the Nominating Committee shall be published and sent to every member at least 30 days prior to the annual branch meeting.

b. Elections shall be held at the annual branch meeting in April.

President:	2014-2015	Bessie Reece
President Elect:	2014-2015	vacant
Membership Vice President:	2014-2016	Heather Abushanab
Recording Secretary:	2014-2016	Sue Wallace
Treasurer:	2014-2016	Melissa Walker
Nominating Committee (4)	2014-2016	Gail Anderson, Pat Kruger, Ann Leonard, vacant

Prospective and New Member Get Together

It is that time of the year once again, to honor our new members with a get acquainted coffee. This becomes a special event for our AAUW Board to learn even more about the honorees. If you have suggestions for new members and/or someone who is interested in becoming a member this would be a wonderful time to invite them. All the Interest Groups leaders may attend and have a presentation to showcase the opportunities available to the members.

Please contact me, Gail Anderson, regarding the confirmation of Board and Interest Group leaders' attendance at this special event. The get acquainted coffee will be held at Nelda Stuck's residence.

The date: Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Address: Redlands, CA

Contact Info: membership@aauw-redlands-ca.org

~Gail Anderson, Membership Vice President

Legal Advocacy Fund

"When AAUW came on board, I was at my breaking point." With AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund behind me, "all of a sudden this this wasn't just my battle; women all over the country were behind me."

So says Kathy Bull, our LAF speaker on March 4. Please be generous with your support. Both fighting against discrimination in employment and against retaliatory firings for speaking out for gender equity are at the core of AAUW's mission. Please bring cash or your check book (AAUW Funds #3999) to the meeting or if you aren't at the meeting, please mail your AAUW Funds #3999 check to your LAF chair, Jane Roberts. Just to be a bit "punny" this is no LAFING matter.

-Jane Roberts LAF Chair

Reading and the Rainbow

Reading and the Rainbow's March 27, 2014 book selection is Gail Tsukiyama's 1995 novel, *The Samurai's Garden*. The Japanese invasion of China is the backdrop for the story of 20-year-old Stephen Chan, sent from Hong Kong in 1938 to recover from tuberculosis at his family's summer home in a Japanese coastal village.

The 1:00 p.m. session will be hosted by Margi Galligan. Because Margi lives in a gated community, reservations are required for the 1:00 p.m. session. Phone or e-mail Margi Galligan by March 24, 2014 to make reservations.

The 7:00 p.m session will be hosted by Helen Webb.

~Pat Kruger and Lynne Reasoner

Redlands Adult Literacy Theater Benefit May 8th:

The Redlands Adult Literacy Program/CHAT is planning a literacy benefit at the Footlighters Theater on Thursday, May 8. Join us for an evening of fun as you enjoy a performance of “Pump Boys and Dinettes,” described as a mix of “musical heartbreak and hilarity.” Invite your family and friends to join you for appetizers at 6:30 p.m. on the Footlighters patio, followed by the performance which begins at 8:00 p.m. Tickets will be available at the April AAUW general meeting or through the mail order form in this issue. Tickets are \$25 and include an opportunity to win a special literary (of course) gift basket!

This is the first benefit held by the Redlands Adult Literacy Program/CHAT and we would love to fill the Footlighters Theater. Please help support adult literacy in our community by buying a ticket, making a donation to help defray reception costs, or donating a gift card to help with gift baskets. Over two-thirds of adult learners in our program are women – you can help change their lives by helping them improve their reading and writing!

If you have any questions or wish to make a gift basket donation, please contact Katherine Gifford or Trudy Waldron. Thank you for your support!

-Katherine Gifford & Trudy Waldron

REDLANDS ADULT LITERACY/CHAT THEATER BENEFIT TICKET ORDER FORM “Pump Boys and Dinettes”

**Thursday, May 8, 2014
Footlighters Theater, 1810 Barton Road, Redlands, CA**

**Appetizer Reception 6:30 p.m.
Performance 8:00 p.m.**

_____ # of Tickets @ \$25 each (Your tickets will be waiting for you at the Will Call table the evening of the benefit)

NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

EMAIL: _____

_____ We cannot attend but would like to contribute \$ _____ to the fundraiser.

_____ We cannot attend but would like to offer our ticket(s) so that adult learners may attend.

Please make checks payable to the Redlands Adult Literacy Program.

Tickets

- sold at the April and May Branch Meetings OR
- Mail order form with payment to: **Redlands Adult Literacy Program
Friends of A. K. Smiley Public Library
125 Vine Street
Redlands, CA 92373**

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LUNAFEST®: Short Films By, For, About Women®

LUNAFEST®, the fundraising film festival dedicated to promoting awareness about women's issues, highlighting women filmmakers, and bringing women together in their communities, will be hosted by AAUW Redlands Branch and the Zonta Club of Redlands.

All proceeds from LUNAFEST will benefit Zonta and AAUW's local scholarships for women in the community as well as the Breast Cancer Fund.

Learn more about this event at www.lunafest.org

- Friday, April 4, 2014, in the Esri Auditorium
- Doors open at 5:30 pm, Reception begins at 6:00 pm , SHOWTIME 7 pm
- Tickets are \$35 general admission, \$20 student admission with valid student ID
- Purchase online at <http://aauw-redlands-ca.org/lunafest/>
- Tickets available at March branch meeting or from Ivette Barnett