



60th Anniversary Year 1947 – 2007



Branches and Twigs

Redlands Branch, AAUW

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April Branch Meeting Information

When

April 7th, 2007

Social time: 9:00 a.m.

Brunch: 9:30 a.m.

Program: 10:00 a.m.

Where

University of Redlands
Casa Loma Room

Menu

A buffet with ham and cheese scramble, vegetarian and cheese scramble, fruit juice, bacon, home fried potatoes, sliced fruit, assorted breakfast pastries, rolls, butter, fruit preserves, coffee and tea.

Cost

\$15.00

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

Reservations

Deadline is Tuesday, April 2nd at 9 p.m. Call or email Antoinette Brenion. Please include "AAUW" in the subject line of reservations sent by email.

Remember: a reservation made is a reservation paid.

If you have automatic reservations and cannot attend, please let us know. If not, you will be billed for the meal. Please send checks to the treasurer. If you do not pay the bill, your automatic reservation will be cancelled.

You are invited to attend
The Redlands Branch
Of the American Association of University Women
60th Anniversary Celebration

Please join us for songs and memories

April 7, 2007
University of Redlands, Casa Loma Room

RSVP by April 2nd



Branch Officers

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

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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 leadership, and friendships.

EF Committee Completes Annual Fundraising

The Educational Foundation committee has completed its annual fundraising programs. We would like to thank all of you who contributed to our theater party in November, and we would like now to thank all of you who contributed to our fundraising drive. Special thanks to Rosalie Orrick who contributed \$300 and qualifies as a member of our Chocolate Club. Our Second Century Club members (those who contributed \$200 or more) are Louise Schumann, Sue Beatty, Mary Jane Auerbacher, and Anna Hollenberg. First Century Club members (those who contributed \$100 or more) are Beverly Cox, Pat Kramer, Janice Belden, Edna Steinman, Evelyn O'Prey, Sue Greenfeld, and Sally Vaughn. Our Anniversary Club members (those who contributed \$60) are Lora Hall, Phyllis Limbourne, Mary Dalton, Judi, Jones, and Amber Costa. Others who contributed are Anne Derfer, Celesta Beard, Janet Bell, Nelda Stuck, Linda Rowland, Sue Angell, Dee Ann Palmer, Betty Jo Romano, Grace Hart, Lois Wilson, and Marti Mawhinney.

Because of the generosity of those who contributed, the Redlands Branch will be able to fulfill our yearly commitment to our International Fellowship Endowment. Over \$25,000 has been committed to this fund to date.

Janice Belden and Evelyn O'Prey

Co-Chairs, Educational Foundation

April Branch Meeting: Business and Pleasure

The April meeting will be a wonderful celebration of our branch's 60th anniversary. Our Past Presidents have put together a wonderful program to commemorate the last 60 years.

We will also hold the election for branch officers for the next term and approve the budget for the 2007-2008 year. A copy of the proposed budget is on page six of this newsletter. If you have any questions about the budget, please contact our Treasurer, Gwen Wysocki.

Member News

The branch sends its deepest condolences to Liz and Pat Kennedy on the passing of their son Patrick.

With the February 25th passing of Ruth O. Moody (1991-2007), our branch lost a true friend and supporter. Ten years ago Ruth, an experienced choral director, along with accompanist Nelda Stuck, graciously consented to organize and direct our 50th anniversary chorus for "A Sentimental Journey." Fondly, we look back on our two months of rehearsals, the Golden Gala Celebration and the director who expected only the best from her choristers!

Our Branch notes the February 2nd passing of Fernanda Contreras Cruz, a member during 1977-1980. In the February 7th issue of the Redlands Daily Facts (www.redlandsdailyfacts.com), Betty Tyler has written a tribute to this remarkable woman. Fernanda went from a very shy child unsure of the English language until third grade to become the first Latino teacher at Bryn Mawr and later a master teacher and curriculum coordinator. She led an inspiring, fascinating and extraordinary life.

Redlands Math-Science Conference Thanks

This year's conference was a TREMENDOUS success. I would like to personally thank every incredible woman on the committee who worked so tirelessly to make this conference possible. Thank you hardly expresses how I feel. You all made me feel so welcome; I am honored to be a part of your group. A very special thank you to Kay Dobbertin for patiently walking me through this process.

Many thanks to all of the branch members who stayed after meetings to stuff envelopes, assemble packets, volunteered the day of the conference, and donated through the Adopt-A-Girl program. All of your efforts are not only appreciated but are significant contributions to the success of the conference.

I look forward to the 14th annual Math-Science Conference!

Judi Jones

Chair, Redlands Math-Science Conference

Pass Area Conference and Tech Trek News

The Pass Area Group wants to thank all those who helped on the Math-Science Conference this year. A big THANKS to Sheron Bealer and Kay Dobbertin who drove out to Banning early one morning to help out at our work day. They are really experienced in stuffing and organizing name tags. Speaking of name tags, A SPECIAL THANKS goes to Leslie Priest who pushed the little computer button and assigned all the girls to their workshops in an instant, however we feel it's really not as easy as all that. She then made up all the nametags. What a lifesaver. It did snow on our "parade" but our speakers were great and our conference was good – and the sun came out!

We are presently going over applications preparing for interviews for this summer's Tech Trek. We have 22 very qualified and talented applicants from 3 schools, and 5 places reserved for this summer's camp at UC San Diego.

Mary Belle Clark

Have You Cleaned Out All of those Closets?

June 9th will be the Local Scholarship yard sale at Nancy Yowell's and you can really help by donating your "treasures" to the sale. Nancy is storing the items in her garage, so please call her to make arrangements to drop off the items. It is best if you let her know that the items are coming. If the items are large and you need a pick-up, call her and someone will come by and pick up the items. **Be sure all of the clothing is clean and in good condition.** Those that can help the week prior to the sale with sorting and pricing should call Ann Harding. We also need a lot of help on the day of the sale, so please call Ann to sign up. "Many hands make the job easier!"

Ann Harding

Membership Reminder

Remember, spring time is a great time to invite a friend or neighbor, or colleague to join AAUW. If they join in April they get 14 months of membership for the price of 12 months. In other words, they do not need to renew their membership until June of 2008! Thank you for your support of the growth of our Redlands branch.

Renaë Reiswig

Membership Vice President

California's Annual Convention is April 27-29 in Ontario

AAUW's California Convention will be held in Ontario this year. Some highlights of the convention from the latest *California Perspectives* newsletter are below.

"Saturday's opening session brings a keynote by Holly Mitchell, Chair, of the California Commission on the Status of Women. Holly will increase our understanding of today's California women, and identify ways we can welcome all women into AAUW. We will lunch with four Association officers and staff as they present "Honoring Our Legacy, Embracing our Future." This report covers the survey and interview responses provided by 11,000 members during AAUW's strategic planning process and the proposed bylaw changes that will be presented at the Phoenix convention in June. Saturday night it's time to party. During our celebration dinner, "125 Years Strong," we will enjoy a multimedia presentation that marks our milestones and honors our branches, members and programs. It will be an evening filled with singers, historical actors and speech finalists. Be sure to join us, as we pop the champagne corks and light the birthday candles of success."

To find out more about this event, or about what is happening at AAUW on the state level, go to their website at www.aauw-ca.org

**Legal Advocacy
Fund Plaintiff
Awarded \$725,000
in Discrimination
Suit Settlement With
UC-Davis**

Excerpted from the AAUW
Association Website at
www.aauw.org

The AAUW Legal
Advocacy Fund-supported
plaintiff reached a final
settlement agreement with
the UC Regents after a
nearly four-year struggle
with the school system.
Michael Burch claims that
UC-Davis barred female
participation in the
wrestling program and
terminated his contract
after he showed support
for the female wrestlers in
2001.

During his six-year tenure
at UC-Davis, Burch was
twice named "Men's
Coach of the Year," led his
team to more dual meet
victories than any other
previous wrestling coach
at the school, and qualified
numerous wrestlers to
NCAA championships. In
addition, he was a popular
lecturer in religious studies
and sports and society
courses, where he
touched on gender equity
and Title IX.

AAUW also supports the
female wrestlers in a
separate Title IX suit
against the school. Since
2001, no women have
participated in varsity
wrestling at UC-Davis,
despite the fact that two
former UC-Davis female
wrestlers won world
championship medals.
Over the years, interest in
women's wrestling has
grown tremendously,
debuting as an Olympic
Sport in 2004.

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 a deserving woman returning to college. A list of all titles available for circulation is now available---stop by and pick one up!

Librarian: Louise Schumann

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 every six weeks. At the end of the schedule, members meet to discuss the books and to choose the new cycle. Each member purchases a book-on-tape or CD and receives the book back at the end of the cycle.

Chair: Nelda Stuck

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 position is open
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 on Sunday April 1st at the home of Linda and Bruce Adams. Our dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. Please bring your food items fully prepared and ready to serve. Serving Utensils should also be included. Current members should watch for email updates. Please bring copies of your recipe to share. RSVP to Kim Roman by phone or by email.

Chair: Kim Roman

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

On April 25th Jane Dill will lead our discussion on the topic of "The Global Rise of Religious Terrorism." "I Am" meets in the large room off the parking lot 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

Interest Groups, Continued

International Relations

The International Relations Interest Group will meet at 11:30 a.m. on April 10th in the President's Room of the University Club at the University of Redlands. Jeanne Carter will present information about Libya. The cost is \$13.00 and reservations are due by April 6th.

The May 8th meeting topic will be Saudi Arabia with guest speaker Robert Knight. Reservations for that meeting are due by May 4th.

Chairs: Dorothy Richardson and Barbara Pike

Play Reading

On April 16th the group will meet at 7:00 p.m. in Marcia's home to read "Sorrow and Rejoicing" by Athol Sugar. Join us for a fun and relaxing evening reading and discussing the play.

Chair: Marcia Pifer

Reading and the Rainbow

Reading and the Rainbow will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 26th, at the home of Carol Buchanan. We will discuss *The World is Flat* by Thomas Friedman.

The World Is Flat is Thomas L. Friedman's account of the great changes taking place in our time, as lightning-swift advances in technology and communications put people all over the globe in touch as never before, creating an explosion of wealth in India and China, and challenging the rest of us to run even faster just to stay in place.

Friedman's book is a timely and essential update on globalization, its successes and discontents, powerfully illuminated by one of our most respected journalists. For Friedman, cheap, ubiquitous telecommunications have finally obliterated all impediments to international competition, and the dawning "flat world" is a jungle pitting "lions" and "gazelles," where "economic stability is not going to be a feature" and "the weak will fall farther behind."

Co-chairs: Amber Costa; Anne Derfer; and Ellen Schollenberger

Recorder Group

The Recorder Group has changed its practice times. We now meet on Mondays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. After the practice sessions we have lunch together. Everyone brings a sandwich and we take turns bringing a salad or a dessert. I hope you will find this a more convenient time to join us.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

San Gorgonio Pass Interest Group

There is currently no April Pass Area meeting scheduled. If one gets planned, the co-chairs will email current group members with details.

Co-chairs: MaryBelle Clark and Joanne Mercier

Yearbook Updates

Please see the print version for these updates.

Newsletter Submission Guidelines

The deadline for the May newsletter is April 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.

Website Submission Guidelines

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

Redlands Branch AAUW Membership Renewal

Dues are payable from April 1, 2007 and become delinquent July 1, 2007. One randomly-drawn membership renewal received during this time period will receive a Turkish cut-glass vase.

Enclosed are my dues for the coming year in AAUW (July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008) of \$_____

Regular Members	\$85	Dual Members	\$24
Associate Members	\$85	Association Life Membership	\$900
Student Affiliates	\$30	Association Life Member	\$40

(Must be attending as an undergraduate) (State and Branch portion only)

Make checks payable to AAUW-Redlands Branch – PLEASE PRINT clearly

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Phone: _____

If you would like your e-mail address or FAX number also listed, please print below:

**Any corrections for the Branch yearbook: new degrees, changes in name, address, phone, spouse, e-mail address?
Please check the 2006 – 2007 yearbook as a reference.**

I am interested in the following committees: (please check)

Educational Foundation Committee. The AAUW Education Foundation provides fellowships and grants to women for education, research, and community programs. The Redlands branch raises funds through donations, the annual theater party, and cutlery sales.

Legal Advocacy Committee. The Legal Advocacy Fund promotes equality for women in higher education and fosters institutional change through support of appropriate sex discrimination lawsuits. Funds are raised through donations and an annual fund raising project.

Local Scholarship Committee. The Redlands Branch of AAUW provides local scholarships to women who have some previous college experience but whose schooling has been interrupted and now wish to continue with their academic pursuits. Funds for the scholarships are raised at the annual yard sale.

Math-Science Committees

Redlands Area **San Geronio Pass Area**

The Math-Science Committees present one day conferences for 8th grade girls in January. The speakers relate the need for math and/or science in their particular field and encourage the girls to continue their math and/or science studies in high school.

Membership Committee. The committee organizes and hosts September membership brunch and prospective membership coffees during the year. The committee plans and carries out a mentoring program for new members.

Program Development Committee. The committee develops programs for the coming year by contacting speakers, writing newsletter articles describing the program, and introducing the speakers at the meetings.

Public Policy Committee. The committee disseminates information from AAUW on Federal and State public policy initiatives and promotes voter education.

I am interested in volunteering time to the following AAUW Projects: (please check)

Librarian at Orangewood High School for 2 ½ hours weekly, every other week or as a substitute.

Math-Science Conference for preparation and/or conference day

Redlands

San Geronio Pass

Local Scholarship yard sale for preparation and/or yard sale day

Hosting for the YWCA Home Tour for 2 hours one Sunday

Ushering at the Redlands Bowl once or twice in summer

Mail to Mabelle Nazikoglu

(Please use the self-addressed envelope in the March newsletter)

The President's Corner

It's State Convention Time. Please examine your calendar to see if you can attend any of the events identified at http://www.aauw-ca.org/resources/CAPerspective/CAP_0307_pp1-4.pdf. We have a few delegates representing our Branch but need more. If you might be interested in attending please contact me by email or phone for details. There are organizational changes to be decided this year so the talk should be stimulating and the networking is always fun. Remember, these women are just like you-supporting a wonderful professional organization, bringing many types of skills and experience to the table, with a focus on improving the life of women in the world. Your participation will be valued and you will grow with this experience.

You have already been mailed a copy of the Bylaws changes to be voted upon this year at the State level. In fact, you may have seen it and filed it away already. Please rethink your plan. The organization is somewhat unwieldy with a large overhead that may not be effective. So, in an effort to fully comply with State Corporations law and trim down our State level costs, these changes are presented. The intent is to keep the important programs supported as you can see. Do review the proposal and do speak up about any concerns you may have. Your experience in the work force, as a volunteer, raising a family or supporting your church provides you with the background needed to evaluate whether this approach can be effective for our organization. And note, if these measures pass you will be expected to vote each year should changes be necessary. My point is, our organization will be operating differently for the future; you need to understand these changes and embrace them. Should you have any questions, there will be a District Wide meeting prior to Convention here in Redlands. It is currently scheduled for Sunday, April 15th in the afternoon at University Methodist Church. If you cannot attend, please discuss any concerns you have about these Bylaw changes with Edna or I. If there is a discussion at any of our interest group meetings, someone should take a few notes and send them on to us so we can share them. We do hope many of you will attend with us on April 15th and express your concerns or ideas in some manner.

I look forward to seeing some new Redlands faces at the Convention this year.

Warm Regards,
Sheron Bealer

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