



60th Anniversary Year 1947 – 2007



# Branches and Twigs

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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  
60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

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Please join us for songs and memories

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April 7, 2007  
University of Redlands, Casa Loma Room

RSVP by April 2nd

## 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](http://www.aauw-ca.org)

## 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](mailto:webmistress@aauw-redlands-ca.org)

## **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](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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