

Branches and Twigs

Redlands Branch, AAUW
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April Branch Meeting Information

When

April 1st, 2007
Social time: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:00 p.m.
Program: 7:00 p.m.

Where

University of Redlands
Casa Loma Room

Menu

Panama City seafood salad and Citrus Caesar salad with Jamaican jerk chicken, Louisiana vegetable jambalaya, Cajun dirty rice, seasonal fresh vegetables, key lime pie, coffee, tea, and fresh rolls.

Cost

\$22.00

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

Reservations

Deadline is Wednesday, March 26th at 9 p.m. Call Antoinette Brenion or email her. Please include "AAUW" in the subject line of reservations sent by email.

Remember: a reservation made is a reservation paid.

Education for Diversity and Media Literacy

The average American is saturated by more than 3,600 media messages daily according to research done by the Media Education Foundation. How do you separate fact from fiction?

Dr. Denise Dalaimo, Mt. San Jacinto College sociology professor, will speak to us at our general meeting on how we are all affected by mass media, especially in relationship to our views on diversity and discrimination.

Dr. Dalaimo is the recipient of the Regina Stanback-Stroud Diversity Award given by the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges. She has expertise in media literacy, social inequalities, diversity and discrimination and cultural studies. She has written articles for academic journals and text books and for the past seven years, she has been researching Harley Davidson motorcycle cultures for a book.

Please join us on April 1st to hear this exciting speaker on a topic so relevant to today's society.

Dorothy Nordquist

Branch Officers to be elected at April Meeting

Redlands Branch officers for the coming year will be elected at the April 1st branch meeting. The Nominating Committee presented a slate of proposed officers at the March 1st meeting.

Kathy Presnell-Best is nominated for president-elect for 2008-2009.

The following members are nominated for two-term terms, 2008-2010: second vice president, membership, Mary Ann Capestany; recording secretary, Patty Ahearn; and treasurer, Kathy Toister.

Four members are nominated for the two-year term on the Nominating Committee:

Sheron Bealer, Ann Harding, Rene Reiswig and Marilyn Sanden. Four are to be elected in the even-numbered year.

Dorothy Nordquist, who is president-elect this year, automatically moves into the presidency for 2008-2009.

Nominations of additional candidates for any office may be made from the floor, provided the consent of the individual has been secured in advance.

Edna Steinman
Nominating Committee

Branch Officers

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

President

Sue Angell

Program Vice President

Sue Greenfeld

Membership Vice

President

Susan Kean

Recording Secretary

Doris Billings

Corresponding Secretary

Ann Farah

Treasurer

Gwen Wysocki

President-elect

Dorothy Nordquist

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.

A Note from Patsy Miller

I thank you for your support while I was incarcerated at several hospitals in the area with a blood clot in my arm. I seem to be improving but its slow progress. I don't think I'll be climbing any mountains, as I did in 1995: Mt. San Gorgonio. Thank you all again: you'll never know how much I appreciate your support.

Fondest regards,
Patsy Miller

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. A list of all titles available for circulation is now available--- stop by and pick one up!

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 on a specific schedule every six weeks. At the conclusion, members meet to discuss the books and to choose their new cycle. 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 book-on-tape rental table (with those funds going for scholarships), or donates the book to Smiley Library (for possible tax write-off). The cassette groups conclude March 2008 and August 2008, so those AAUW members who want to be part of the next go-around should let Nelda Stuck know so they can be incorporated in all the planning. The CD group concludes May 2008 under the chairmanship of Sally Trost, so contact her if you are only in the modern/future world with your car or home player systems and only want to listen to CDs. We thank Kay Dobbertin for taking care of the finances from our kitty fund and ordering any replacement tapes!

Chairs: Nelda Stuck; Sally Trost

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 is Patsy Miller
	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

Interest Groups, Continued

California Cuisine and Conversation

California Cuisine and Conversation will be meeting in Redlands this month. Please note the **date change to Sunday, April 13th**. Our dinner will start at 6 p.m. Members should watch for e-mail updates or contact Kim Roman by phone or e-mail for a reservation and food assignment.

Chair: Kim Roman

Great Decisions

Great Decisions discussion groups will continue meeting on Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The meetings are at my home. I am looking forward to our discussions. The schedule as follows:

March 20th, *Latin America*, Kathy Best, April 3rd, *China*, Ellen Schollenberger, April 10th, *Philanthropy*, Mary Lou Guerero

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

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

On April 23rd Beverly Cox will lead the discussion on "The cult of the amateur: The internet is killing our culture." "I Am" meets 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

International Relations

We will meet at 11:30 a.m. on April 8th in the University Club at the University of Redlands. Padmini Davamony will speak about Sri Lanka. The cost is \$14.00 and reservations are due by April 3rd.

The next meeting will be on May 13th, when Cynthia Gobatre will speak about Greece. Reservations for that meeting are due May 8th.

Chairs: Dorothy Richardson and Barbara Pike

Pass Area Interest Group

The Pass Interest Group has paid for three 7th grade girls to attend Tech Trek at the University of California, San Diego in July. The applications are at the schools and we will be reading the essays on March 14. Following this we will interview the girls selected to be finalist and winding this process up before April 1. The girls are from the Banning and Beaumont School District.

Bessie Reece

Play Reading

Join us for an enjoyable evening reading a play. Call Marcia for details and directions for the April meeting.

Chair: Marcia Pifer

Recorder Group

We are changing our focus so it is a good time for those of you have been thinking of joining the group to get in on the ground level and learn the new music with us. We would love to have more players. Please contact me for information on rehearsal dates and times.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

New Member News

Please welcome new member Christina Martin. Christina was invited to join by Pat Kruger. She received her B.A. in Sociology from U.C. Riverside and her M.S.W. degree from California State University, San Bernardino. Christina is a Social Worker at the Kaiser Hospice. Her interests are travel and singing. In the Redlands Branch of AAUW, she is interested in getting involved with the Book Cassette group, International Relations and the Math-Science Conference for the Redlands area.

Yearbook Addition

See the print version for this information.

Yearbook Update

Susan Sechrist has moved, but has the same telephone number.

2008 AAUW California Convention

It's all about
THE MISSION

April 4-6, 2008

See <http://www.aauw-ca.org/index.htm>

Redlands Cinema Classic Schedule

"The Kite Runner"

April 8th at 7 p.m.

April 10th at 2:30 p.m.

"The Diving Bell and the
Butterfly"

April 22nd at 7 p.m.

April 24th at 2:30 p.m.

"Vitus"

May 13th at 7 p.m.

May 15th at 2:30 p.m.

B&T Submission Guidelines

The deadline for the May newsletter will be **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.

Interest Groups, Continued

Reading and the Rainbow

In April, Redlands will celebrate the joys of the written word with "One City, One Book." a community read of *The Kite Runner* by Kahled Hosseini.

Our group read this book last year but to join in the spirit of the community, we will read *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by the same author. Hosseini said of his native country after a visit in 2003, that "there has been so much said and written about Afghanistan but precious little about the people, especially the women." This observation became the genesis of the novel, about two women, one, a poor villager, and the other, an educated daughter of a teacher. His themes are friendship, family and commitment in the context of the years of upheaval visited upon the country by war, invasion and the Taliban.

We will meet to discuss this book on Thursday, April 24th at 7:00 PM at the home of Anna Hollenberg. A notice with directions will be sent to reading group members in April or you can call Anna for directions.

In April and May, the Redlands Cinema Classic will feature "The Kite Runner," "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly" and "Vitus," all at the Kirkorian. See the sidebar for dates and times. This film series is presented by the Margaret Clark Art Education Endowment Fund of the Redlands Art Association and supports art education programs throughout the City.

We will be planning our book selections at the May meeting so please think about great books you have read that would be tantalizing for our group. Please try to have read any book that you will be recommending. Contact one of our chairs if you would like to be on our email list.

Chairs: Pat Kruger and Kathy Toister

Member News

Word comes by way of the *Redlands Daily Facts* of the passing of two former members of our branch.

Irene Webb, a 1980 Named Gift Honoree, died February 11, 2005 in Oakland, after a short illness. Irene was a 21-year member (1965-1986) and is remembered for her gentleness and gracious spirit. Proud as she was of her Swedish ancestry, prouder still was she when she related the fascinating history of the Redlands she had experienced since coming here as a three year old child in 1918. Irene was the afternoon Book Review chair for two years. She went out of her way to provide transportation to our monthly meetings for all those in need. A private service for Irene and her husband Robert, who passed away January 1st, is planned at the Riverside National Cemetery.

Molly Griswold Budding passed away February 14th in Providence, RI. Molly joined our branch in March 1997 and held membership for the next six years until June, 2003. She is fondly remembered as being part of one of our bridge groups, afternoon Book Review, and a regular attendee of our monthly meetings.

Beverly Cox

Proposed Amendments to Redlands Branch Bylaws

Article VII OFFICERS

Section 1., b. Appointive Officers.

Delete "a membership treasurer," in the fourth line following "a parliamentarian,". The fourth line will now read "a historian, a parliamentarian, and such other officers...."

Section 2 Duties., e. Treasurer.

In the first line delete ", with a membership treasurer," just following "The treasurer". The initial line will now read "The treasurer shall:"

Intent of amendment:

To eliminate the office of membership treasurer and transfer responsibilities to membership vice president and treasurer.

Justification: The position of membership treasurer was created by our Branch when we had several hundred members and the Treasurer and Membership VP could not easily manage the annual renewal and reporting effort required by state and association. At this time the Board has determined that economies of scale require us to work these efforts with fewer staff who work the details in close proximity on a regular basis.

Approved by Redlands Branch Board of Directors

Sheron Bealer

Bylaws Committee

Math-Science Conference

This years' conference was once again a great success. I would like to personally thank every wonderful woman on the committee who continues every year to make this conference possible. A very special thank you to Kay; I couldn't do this without you.

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 15th annual Math-Science Conference!

Judi Jones

Chair

Update from Fremont Investment & Loan

For those of you who participate in the Deposit Incentive Donation Program through Fremont Investment & Loan, I have received a check representing the annual contribution to our non-profit organization. But the update was contained in the letter enclosed with the check. Senior Vice President of Fremont's Retail Banking department, Jill Barnes, wrote that because of "challenging times in the financial services industry, we have decided to indefinitely suspend the Deposit Incentive Donation Program. Please be assured that the individual accounts held by your members will not be affected by this change." If you have questions about this change, please contact Fremont Investment & Loan's corporate office located in Brea, California.

Gwen Wysocki

Treasurer

Local Scholarship Yard Sale

Clean out those closets and garages!

The Local Scholarship yard sale is quickly approaching.

Mark June 14th on your calendar. Also mark time on your calendar the week before starting on June 7th for sorting, cleaning, and pricing. All hands will be needed.

Nancy Yowell is now accepting good, clean items for the sale. Please call her if you drop off items at her home. Ann Harding can pick up small items. If you have large items call Nancy or Ann and arrangements will be made to pick up the items.

The rental of audio books on tape and CD is back in business. There is a lot of selection for both men and women. Rental is \$5.00 a month. Proceeds go to the Local Scholarship fund.

Ann Harding

Branch Website Submissions

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

American Association of University Women - Redlands Branch
Proposed Budget
July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

RECEIPTS							
Category	Members (204)	Dues \$	Budget for 07/08 \$	Members (193)	Dues \$	Prop Budget 08/09 \$	
Dues – Regular	187	85	15,895	175	85	14,875	
Dues – 50-Year	5	0	0	5	0	0	
Dues – Life (lump dues \$900)	10	40	400	10	40	400	
Dues – Dual	2	24	48	1	24	24	
Dues – Associate	0	85	0	0	0	0	
Dues - Student	0	30	0	2	30	60	
Interest Earned - Fremont			600			480	
Yearbook			180			75	
Brunch Meals			10,000			10,000	
Name Tags			25			25	
Miscellaneous			150			150	
Transfer - Reserve Account			0			0	
			27,298			26,089	
DISBURSEMENTS							
Association Dues* (regular members only)	187	47	8,789	175	49***	8,575	
State Dues** (includes Life members)	197	16	3,152	185	16	2,960	
EF (include student members)	204	2	408	187	2	374	
LAF (include student members)	204	1	204	187	1	187	
			12,553			12,096	
AVAILABLE for BUDGET (Receipts minus Disbursements)			14,745			13,993	
OPERATING BUDGET							
Membership			350			350	
Program (honorariums/meals)			825			825	
Officers' Expenses			100			100	
President's Expenses			0			50	
Newsletter			1,115			1,000	
Yearbook			900			800	
Bulk Rate Postage + Permit			350			450	
P.O. Box Rental			80			70	
Printing/Copying			100			100	
Postage Regular			50			50	
Memorials			60			60	
Insurance			500			500	
Convention (State) Northern California			800			800	
Convention (National) None in 2008, will be in 2009			400			400	
Recognition			45			45	
Name Tags			25			25	
Brunch Meals			10,000			10,000	
Board Meet. Rm. Donation			75			75	
Miscellaneous			150			150	
			15,925			15,850	
Estimated Receipts Less Disbursements/Expenses			(1,180)			(1,857)	

* = No Association dues paid for 50-year, life, or dual members.

** = No State dues paid for 50-year or dual members, if they are already CA AAUW members.

***= Last annual increase of a 5-year, \$2 increase from National.

Respectfully submitted by: Gwen Wysocki, AAUW Redlands Branch Treasurer, and the Branch Finance Committee.

Redlands Branch AAUW Membership Renewal

Dues are payable from April 1, 2008 and become delinquent July 1, 2008.

Enclosed are my dues for the coming year in AAUW (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009) of \$_____

Regular Members	\$85	Dual Members	\$20
Student Affiliates (<i>Must be attending as an undergraduate</i>)	\$30	Association Life Membership	\$940 (until June 30, 2008)
		Association Life Member	\$36
		(<i>State and Branch portion only</i>)	

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 2007 – 2008 yearbook as a reference.

I am interested in joining 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 Redlands Branch, AAUW
P.O. Box 7678 Redlands, CA 92375-0678**

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

The President's Corner

Why attend the April Branch meeting?

There are 3 important items that will be presented at the April dinner meeting.

The 2008-09 budget will be presented for approval during the business meeting. The budget appears in this issue so please read it carefully and any questions may be answered that evening before voting on it.

Election of next year's Branch officers will take place this evening. Those officers are President-elect, Membership Vice-president, Recording Secretary and Treasurer.

Finally, there are some by-law changes which, also, appear in this issue. Please peruse them carefully before casting your vote. Your participation in these matters is greatly appreciated.

Sue Angell

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