

Branches and Twigs

Redlands Branch, AAUW

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Celebrate the Earth: Going Green

April brings us to thoughts of Spring and being "Green". Our speaker, Jon Harrison, Mayor of the City of Redlands, will share some of the things happening in and around our town. Did you know some of his committee assignments include citrus preservation, historic and scenic preservation, parks, street trees, and water policy? How about the local area-wide committees he serves on like Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy, League of California Cities Environmental Quality Steering Committee and the Santa Ana River Wash Committee? As though that's not enough "Green" he's on the Board of Director's for the Inland Orange Conservancy and the Orange Blossom Trail!

I hope to see you at 9 a.m. for brunch on Saturday, April 4, 2009, to find out what's happening and what you might be able to do to turn a little more "Green".

Kathy Presnell-Best

Branch Officers to be elected at April Meeting

The Branch Nominating Committee submitted its report at the March meeting and officers for the coming year will be elected at the April 4th branch meeting.

Rena Reisinger is nominated for president-elect for 2009-2010.

Ellen Schollenberger is the candidate for first vice president, program, for a two-year term 2009-2011.

Marie Mitchell is presented for corresponding secretary for 2009-2011.

Three members nominated for two-year terms on the Nominating Committee are Jan Bell, Susan Willis and Tammy Young. Three persons are to be elected.

Kathy Presnell-Best automatically will assume the presidency of the Redlands Branch July 1st, as she is serving as president-elect this year.

The election will take place at the April 4th branch meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor at that time, provided the consent of the nominee has been secured in advance.

*Edna Steinman, Chair
Nominating Committee*



AAUW

April Branch Meeting Information

When

April 4th, 2009

Social time: 9:00 a.m.

Brunch: 9:30 a.m.

Program: 10:30 a.m.

Where

University of Redlands
Casa Loma Room

Menu

Country Breakfast bar with sausage, biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, fresh fruit platter, juice, plain rolls, home fried potatoes, coffee, tea.

Cost

\$13.00

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

Reservations

The reservation deadline for the April 4th meeting is Tuesday, March 31st. Please call Antoinette or email her. Please include AAUW in the Subject line of your email. If you want a permanent reservation, let her know.

Remember: a reservation made is a reservation paid.

Branch Officers

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

President

Dorothy Nordquist

Program Vice President

Sue Greenfeld

Membership Vice President

Dorothy Richardson

Recording Secretary

Patty Ahearn

Corresponding Secretary

Ann Farah

Treasurer

Kathy Toister

President-elect

Kathy Presnell-Best

Branch Website

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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.

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Bridge Lessons: Part 2

The classes on the basics of bridge are coming to a close! What a great group! So on to part 2. If you already have the basics (you can count your hand and know the rank of the suits, know the bidding "ladder", feel comfortable with opening bids and keyed responses, and know about scoring and game bids) but want assistance with bidding to game or slam, counting winners and losers, improving responses, opening leads, common conventions, and play strategies, Part 2 is for you. Bridge is a game---have fun!---but practice is the key to improvement.

We will meet on alternate Monday evenings starting March 30 from 7pm to 10 pm for 6 sessions. Each session will start with a short explanation of a particular strategy/convention, followed by practice with fixed hands where you can practice the technique, and finishing with general play. It will flow like a guided evening of party bridge where questions can be asked---and hopefully answered.

Interested? Contact Louise Schumann

Attention Reservations!!!

Since there have been several new members, I would like to explain about branch meeting dinner and brunch reservations.

There is a reservation deadline so the correct number of meals can be ordered. The count is turned in the day after the reservation deadline in *Branches and Twigs*. A sit down meal can only accommodate the number of reservations turned in plus three or four. A buffet has more wiggle room with one to five extra seats depending on the number of reservations. There is no charge to come for the program only. Seats are in the back of the room.

Making a reservation can be done in one of two ways:

1. An email. Please include AAUW in the subject heading. If you do not receive a confirmation in 24 hours, I never received your reservation.
2. A phone call. Please spell your first and last names. If you want a reply, please leave your phone number.

Antoinette Brenion, Reservations

Member News

We are saddened to report the unexpected passing of Carol S. Caseria, February 8th, leaving her husband of 65 years, a daughter, two sons and their families. Retired from teaching for the Colton Unified School District, she was an active member in a number of community organizations in San Bernardino. Although a resident of San Bernardino, she chose to belong to the Redlands AAUW Branch, first joining in 1978, and except for a very few years, continued her membership for the next 30 years. She was a loyal member and we'll miss her smiling face at our monthly meetings.

Sincere condolences are extended to longtime member Dr. Ruth S. Wilkerson, her two sons and their families upon the loss of husband and father, Richard L. Wilkerson February 21st. After his 1985 retirement from public school teaching, he devoted his life to community service. He was a friend to our Redlands Branch in helping with the establishment of the library at Orangewood High School. According to the article in the Redlands Daily Facts (March 3rd), for about 15 years he personally collected magazines and books for the library which now boasts a collection of more than 3,000 books.

Beverly Cox

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. If you have any books on tape or CD that you no longer listen to, please donate them to the Audio CD library so that they can be shared by others members. We also have some CDs that men would enjoy listening to. A list of all titles available for circulation is now available---stop by and pick one up!

Book Cassette and CD Groups

The Book Cassette group is seeking new members to join in this fun and educating time to read. One of our three groups started more than 10 years ago and has just begun its ninth cycle of circulation. The CD group begins its third round-robin July 1st. Some 30 members 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 a possible tax write-off).

Chairs: Nelda Stuck and 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 Celeste Beard
	1st Saturday B, 7 p.m.	Coordinator is Debbie Lewin
	3rd Saturday, 7 p.m.	Coordinator is Janice Belden
Duplicate Pairs:	2nd Saturday, 7 p.m.	Coordinator is Louise Schumann
Round Robin:	As arranged by the Players.	Coordinator is Louise Schumann

California Cuisine and Conversation

California Cuisine will meet Sunday April 5 at 6:00 PM. Join us at the home of Linda and Bruce Adams. Linda Adams will be coordinating this event. Please contact Linda by phone or email for additional information. California Cuisine and Conversation is an interest group dedicated to good food and great conversation. Singles and couples welcome.

Chair: Kim Roman

Redlands 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.

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.

*Judi Jones
Chair*

Welcome Our New Members:

Michele Beutler
Interests: California Cuisine, Educational Foundation

Dr. Katy Henry
Interests: California Cuisine, "I Am", Play Reading

Angela "Angie" Johnson
Interests: Orangewood Library

Pat Heselwood
Interests: Play Reading, Reading and the Rainbow

Sue Hurlbut

Cathi Jordan
Interests: International Affairs, California Cuisine, Reading and the Rainbow

Dues

June is the month for membership renewals. Dues are \$85. As before, the deadline for dues will be July 1st. See attached form on page 7.

The Local Scholarship Yard Sale

REMINDER! June is the annual Local Scholarship yard sale. Please save all of your donations for the sale. Nancy Yowell is collecting now. We can also make arrangements for any large pickups. If there is an item that you are personally looking for, give Nancy a call and she will let you know if a specific item comes in. If you are going on a trip remember to pick up an audio CD for \$5.00 a month. The proceeds go into the Local Scholarship fund.

Ann Harding

Orangewood Library

Did you know many young people only read books if they are assigned to do so? Even then they choose the "short" ones?

This is the time to show your passion for reading to these young people: sign up to be a librarian at Orangewood High School (see page 7 membership renewal form)

Interest Groups, Continued

Great Decisions

Great Decisions will begin its next season of fascinating discussions in February 2010.
Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

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

"I Am..." will meet on April 22nd at Trinity Episcopal Church at noon. This session will be "Answer the Questions".

Chair: Jane Dill

International Affairs

We will meet at 11:30 a.m. on April 14th in the University Club at the University of Redlands. Jim Davies will speak about Brazil. The cost is \$14.00 and reservations are due on April 10th.

Chairs: Dorothy Richardson and Barbara Pike

Play Reading

April 20th Play Reading will meet at Jane Dill's home to read "You Can't Take it with You" by Hart and Kaufman. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. Call Jane or Marcia for directions.

Chair: Marcia Pifer

Recorder Group

The Recorder Group is an ensemble of recorder players who get together every Monday for practice from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and then have lunch together, usually outdoors on the patio. We play all sizes of recorders and we frequently give programs in all kinds of venues, such as retirement homes, club meetings, church groups, concert series, art shows and others. If you would like to have lessons or be in the group please sign up at the brunch or call me.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

Reading and the Rainbow

We will meet on Thursday, April 23, at the home of Ann. The book we will discuss is *Waiting for the Barbarians* by J.M Coetzee. Mr. Coetzee is a South African writer who has received numerous awards for his work. *Barbarians* won the premier South African award, the CNA prize, among others, and in 2003, Mr. Coetzee was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature. *Waiting for the Barbarians* is an allegorical novel about an imaginary Empire, presumed to be South Africa. It is unclear about who the barbarians are or what threat they represent. The quiet life of the Empire is disturbed by the arrival of a harsh army officer who sets upon a plan of torture with disastrous consequences. There are universal elements in the politics of the place which gives the novel its historical thrust and timeless value.

Just as a reminder, at our May meeting we will discuss the film, "The Duchess" playing at the Krikorian on 5-12 @7 and 5-14 @ 2:30, and plan our reading list for the coming year. Please come to the meeting with recommendations of books.

We read one work of non-fiction, one classic and six works of fiction in a typical year. Call or email Pat or Kathy if you have questions about the book club.

Chairs: Pat Kruger and Kathy Toister

Educational Foundation Spring Update

This spring had been a very successful one for our branch Educational Foundation goals. Despite the economic downturn, our branch members were again exceedingly generous in their giving during our February fundraising campaign to benefit the building of our endowment for an International Fellowship. At this time, we are within \$25,000 of fully funding this endowment!

Special thanks go to Second Century Club members (those who donated \$200 or more) Mary Jane Auerbacher, Sue Beatty, Anna Hollenberg, and Rosalie Orrick. First Century Club members (those who contributed \$100 or more) are Evelyn O'Prey, Louise Schumann, Sue Greenfeld, Pat Kruger, Judi Jones, Edna Steinman, Beverly Cox, and Sheron Bealer. Members of the Fiftieth Anniversary Club, those who donated \$50 or more in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Educational Foundation, are Grace Martin, Phyllis Limbourne, Janice Belden, Nelda Stuck, Susan Kean, Susan Willis, Jan Bell, Jane Roberts, Arlene Leonard, Pat Kramer, and Celeste Beard. Additional donations were made by Maria Rossi, Pam Ong, Marie Mitchell, Martha Mawhinney, Kathy Presnell-Best, Linda Rowland, Lois Fair Wilson, Anne Derfer, Amber Costa, Susan Satzger, Sally Vaughn, Helen Webb, Theresa Lantz, Mary Dalton, Dorothy Nordquist, and Karen Skoog.

The Educational Foundation Committee also congratulates this year's Named Gift Honorees Jennifer Hill, Jan Bell, and Karen Skoog. We thank these very active branch members for their service to our branch and AAUW at large! A thank you also to Janice Belden and last year's honorees for their work in this year's selection of honorees. We are so fortunate to have so many accomplished women all in one organization!

The Educational Foundation Committee will begin meeting this summer to plan next year's activities. We welcome any branch member who wishes to be a part of this worthwhile endeavor!

Karen Skoog, Chair, Educational Foundation

The Hand of Friendship

Eleanor Roosevelt stated, "YESTERDAY is history. TOMORROW is a mystery. TODAY is a gift. That's why it is called the PRESENT."

This past November we had our members share a table with someone new to them. Having had many favorable comments about this, coupled with the fact that we are close to adding our 50th new member, we decided it was time to do it again.

When you come to the April meeting, at the table where you pay for your meal, you will find a container with numbers in it, please take one. This number will correspond with a dining room table, where you will be seated. If you are bringing a first time guest and wish to be seated together, please let me know and I will arrange for it.

Enjoy this, "PRESENT", as a chance to meet and greet new table companions. It is our hope you will make a new long lasting friendship. Yes, as this year's Membership motto suggests, "Take This Opportunity To Expand Your Horizon".

Remember, TODAY is a gift, let's make the most of it...Introduce yourself to someone new.

Dorothy Richardson, VP Membership

Catch the Wave at Convention 2009

Attend the AAUW California Convention

MISSION IN MOTION

"Riding the Waves of Change"

April 24 – 26, 2009

Hilton San Diego Mission Valley

901 Camino del Rio South, San Diego, California

National Convention

Put the 2009 AAUW National Convention on your calendar: June 26-28, 2009; St. Louis, Missouri.

March Membership Coffee

The March Membership Coffee will be held at 7 p.m. on March 31st, at the home of Tammy Young. Please RSVP by Monday, March 23rd by contacting Dorothy Richardson or Marie Mitchell.

B&T Submission Guidelines:

The deadline for the May newsletter will be **April 5th**. Please send your articles for that issue to the co-editors, Olga Cupp and Jennifer Hill, via email. If you do not have email, you can submit a typed or printed article by mail to Jennifer Hill.

American Association of University Women - Redlands Branch

**Proposed Budget
July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010**

RECEIPTS						
Category	Members (193)	Dues \$	Budget for 07/09 \$	Members (205)	Dues \$	Prop Budget 08/10 \$
Dues – Regular	175	85	14,875	186	85	15,810
Dues – 50-Year	5	0	0	5	0	0
Dues – Life (lump dues \$980)	10	36	360	10	36	360
Dues – Dual	1	20	20	1	0	0
Dues - Student	2	30	60	3	30	90
Interest – Capital Source			480			228
Brunch Meals			10,000			10,000
Name Tags			25			125
Miscellaneous			150			150
Transfer - Reserve Account			0			0
			<u>25,970</u>			<u>26,763</u>
 DISBURSEMENTS						
Association Dues* (regular members only)	175	49	8,575	189***	49***	9,165
State Dues** (includes Life members)	185	16	2,960	199	16	3,184
EF (include student members)	187	2	374	205	2	410
LAF (include student members)	187	1	187	205	1	205
			<u>12,096</u>			<u>12,964</u>
 AVAILABLE for BUDGET (Receipts minus Disbursements)			13,874			13,799
 OPERATING BUDGET						
Membership			350			350
Program (honorariums/meals)			825			825
Officers' Expenses			100			100
President's Expenses			0			50
Newsletter			1,000			1,155
Yearbook			800			900
Bulk Rate Postage + Permit			450			500
P.O. Box Rental			70			80
Printing/Copying			100			100
Postage Regular			50			50
Memorials			60			60
Insurance			500			600
Convention (State) <i>Northern California</i>			800			800
Convention (National) <i>None in 2008, will be in 2009</i>			400			400
Recognition			45			45
Name Tags			25			125
Brunch Meals			10,000			10,000
Board Meet. Rm. Donation			75			75
Miscellaneous			150			150
			<u>15,850</u>			<u>16,365</u>
Estimated Receipts Less Disbursements/Expenses			(1,901)			(2,566)

* = 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.

*** = 186 x 49 = 9114 plus 3 students x 17 = 51 = total 9,165

Respectfully submitted by: Kathy Toister, AAUW Redlands Branch Treasurer, and the Branch Finance Committee.

Redlands Branch AAUW Membership Renewal

Dues are payable from April 1, 2009 and become delinquent July 1, 2009.

Enclosed are my dues for the coming year in AAUW (July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010) of \$ _____

Regular Members	\$85	Dual Members	\$20
Student Affiliates	\$30	Association Life Membership	\$980 (until June 30, 2009)
<i>(Must be attending as an undergraduate)</i>		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 2008 – 2009 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

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The President's Corner

We have been blessed with wonderful programs this year---current and always thought-provoking. April's meeting will be no exception as we welcome Mayor Jon Harrison of Redlands who will speak to us on a topic that both concerns and excites us all: "Celebrate the Earth: Going Green".

Our April meeting will also be an opportunity to elect branch officers for 2009-2010. The slate of officers chosen by the nominating committee was presented at our March meeting. The yearbook states that "nominations can be also made from the floor provided the consent of the nominee has been previously obtained in writing".

The state newsletter, California Perspective, arrived last month with messages from co-presidents, Gloria Taylor and Judy Pheil, regarding future plans involving implementation of the new bylaws. In addition, there is an article in this issue entitled "AAUW in the 21st Century" written by Ruth Sweetser, National President, AAUW and Barbara O'Connor, EF Foundation President that asks, "Will 2009 be the year of AAUW's transformation?" I found it to be exciting reading and encourage you to take a moment to read this newsletter for updates on state and national issues that will affect us locally.

Finally, my sincere thanks to our many members who ensured the success of our Math/Science Conference.

Dorothy Nordquist

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