

# *Branches and Twigs*

Redlands Branch, AAUW

www.aauw-redlands-ca.org

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## **Childhelp for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse**

Lynn Elder will speak on Childhelp at the April meeting. Childhelp began with two young Hollywood actresses' chance encounters – one with 11 homeless orphans abroad and one with Nancy Reagan – which led to a lifelong commitment to helping children in need. Childhelp celebrated its 50th anniversary last year, and owes its existence to the work of Yvonne Fedderson and Sara O'Meara. Their lifelong commitment to fighting child abuse has led to several nominations for the Nobel Peace Prize, as well as the founding of several residential facilities, a national toll-free child abuse hotline, as well as group and specialized foster care homes for the treatment of severely abused children. The story of their accomplishments is truly amazing.

Lynn Elder, will tell us about the Village of Childhelp West in Beaumont, which opened in 1978. Lynn is well equipped to speak on every facet of this amazing organization, as well as the Village. She has an AA degree in psychology from Cypress College and a bachelor's degree in social ecology from U.C. Irvine. She is presently on the board of the Western Regional Coordinating Council of Childhelp. She has worked at the Village for 25 years as a childcare worker, cottage supervisor, intake coordinator, volunteer coordinator, and is currently is the director of community relations.

*Yoma Clewes*

## **2010 Math-Science Conference**

This years' conference was once again a great success. It was my honor to be Co-Chair of this amazing event, but let me assure you that it would never have happened without the extraordinary group of women who make up the Math/Science Conference Committee. This has been the greatest example of “many hands make light work”! I would like to personally thank each wonderful woman on the committee who contributes each year to make this conference such a valuable – and popular – event! Special appreciation to Kay Dobbertin for her tireless communication and input to me as a new chairperson. Many thanks to all of the branch members who stayed after meetings to stuff envelopes and assemble packets, those who volunteered the day of the conference, and our wonderful branch members who donated through the Adopt-A-Girl program. The campus was buzzing with positive activity as the girls were ushered from one part of the university to another, the girls seemed truly excited to be part of such an event. Our keynote speaker, Amber Jazairi-Price was high-voltage to say the least, and infused the girls with a definite “can-do” attitude. She was very well received, and made all of us feel as if we could just go out and change the world!! With gratitude,

*Lorie DeMarco, Math/Science Committee*



## **April Branch Meeting Information**

### **When**

April 3rd, 2010

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 Buffet:  
scrambled eggs, home fried potatoes, sausage, biscuits and gravy, fresh seasonal fruit and assorted juices, coffee, tea.

### **Cost**

\$14.00

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

### **Reservations**

The reservation deadline for the April 3rd meeting is Tuesday, March 30th.

Please call or email Kay Dobbertin.

If you want a permanent reservation, please let her know.

**Reminder: 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**

Kathy Presnell-Best

#### **Program Vice President**

Ellen Schollenberger

#### **Membership Vice President**

Mary Jane Auerbacher

#### **Recording Secretary**

Patty Ahearn

#### **Corresponding Secretary**

Marie Mitchell

#### **Treasurer**

Kathy Toister

#### **President-elect**

Renae Reiswig

#### **Branch Website**

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

### **AAUW Mission Statement**

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

### **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.

## **AAUW Funds Spring Update**

This spring had been a very successful one for our branch AAUW Funds 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 very close to fully funding this endowment!

Special thanks go to Second Century Club members (those who donated \$200 or more) Mary Jane Auerbacher, Sue Beatty, Sheron Bealer, and Rosalie Orrick. First Century Club members (those who contributed \$100 or more) are Evelyn O'Prey, Louise Schumann, Sue Greenfeld, Pat Kruger, Edna Steinman, Beverly Cox, and Anna Hollenberg. Additional donations were made by Jan Bell, Kay Dobbertin, Jane Dill, Nancy Perry, Susan Kean, Carol Howard, Susan Hurlbut, Nelda Stuck, Renae Reiswig, Pan Ong, Carol Ahuja, Phyllis Limbourne, Betty Jo Romano, Joan Benson, Martha Mawhinney, Theresa Lantz, Susan Satzger, Karen Skoog, Janice Belden, Amber Costa, Lois Fair Wilson, and Gail Anderson.

The AAUW Funds 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, AAUW Funds Chair*

### **Member News**

Our branch extends deepest condolences to new member Dianne Landeros upon the recent passing of her lovely Mother, Dorothy Landeros, a longtime member of our community.

*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. 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 groups are seeking new members to join in this fun and educating time to read. Our groups meet to discuss the books they "read" over the year and to choose the books they all want to hear. 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 CD rental table (with those funds going for scholarships), or donates the book to Smiley Library (for a possible tax write-off). Our CD Group chaired by Sally Trost completes their cycle the end of November, so phone her now to be included in their planning. In our round-robin schedule we allow 6 weeks for each book.

*Chairs: Nelda Stuck; Sally Trost (CD Group)*

## Interest Groups, Continued

### Bridge

The bridge groups are underway! There is still space available in some of the groups, and there has been interest in starting another daytime group. Call the coordinator if you are interested in the groups listed.

Daytime: 1st Wednesday, 1 p.m. Coordinator: Evelyn O'Prey  
3rd Monday, 1 p.m. Coordinator: Sally Vaughn  
Evening Couples: 1st Saturday A, 7 p.m. Coordinator: Celeste Beard  
1st Saturday B, 7 p.m. Coordinator: Debbie Lewin  
3rd Saturday, 7 p.m. Coordinator: Louise Schumann  
Evening: 4th Monday 7 p.m. Coordinator: Nancy Earney  
Duplicate Pairs: 2nd Saturday, 7 p.m. Coordinator: Louise Schumann

The two daytime groups already have fixed tables and are only accepting substitutes. If you are interested in being a part of a third daytime group that would meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month call Louise Schumann.

*Chair: Louise Schumann*

### California Cuisine and Conversation

**Please note the date change due to Easter Sunday.** California Cuisine and Conversation will be meeting Sunday April 11 at 6:00 PM. Our dinner will take place at Linda and Bruce Adam's home in Redlands. Please contact Kim Roman for further information and food assignments. We are a friendly group of couples and singles that enjoy cooking and chatting. New members are welcome!

*Chair: Kim Roman*

### Great Decisions

We are in the home stretch of our wonderful discussions on American Foreign Policy. The evening group meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m., at my home. The afternoon group meets at 1 p.m. *For detailed information about the meetings please see sidebar on this page.*

*Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher*

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

Our April meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 28, 2010. We meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Redlands, on the corner of Fourth St. and Fern in one of the classrooms facing the back parking lot.

If you'd like a chance to visit before the meeting, you may bring your lunch and join us at 12:00 p.m. or you may choose to come at 12:30 p.m. when the discussion begins. Although we often find it difficult to do, since the topics are so engaging, the meeting concludes promptly at 2:00 p.m.

This month we are pleased to have Dorothy Richardson as our speaker. She will lead us in a discussion on the powerful human-animal connection. This is a great group to share, so bring a friend.

*Helen Webb*

### Great Decisions

#### Evening Group:

**March 17th**, Eastern Europe

Moderator: Sharon Bealer  
Refreshments: Sherri Kinsey

**March 24th**, Persian Gulf

Moderator: Ellen Schollenberger  
Refreshments:

**March 31st**, Peace Building

Moderator: Sandy Flowers  
Refreshments: Helen Webb

#### Afternoon Group:

**March 18th**, Eastern Europe

Host: Louise Schumann  
Moderator: Marilyn Sanden  
Refreshments: Jane Dill

**March 25th**, Persian Gulf

Host: Sally Vaughn  
Moderator: Jeanne Shelvin  
Refreshments: Louise Schumann

**April 1st**, Peace Building

Host: Sue Kovacevich  
Moderator:  
Refreshments: Dorothy Nordquist  
*Mary Jane Auerbacher*

### B&T Submission Guidelines:

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

## Named Gift Honorees

The AAUW Funds Committee congratulates this year's Named Gift Honorees Judi Jones, Leslie Priest, and Jane Roberts. We thank these active branch members for their service to our branch, AAUW, and our community at large! A thank you also to past years' 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!  
*Karen Skoog*

## Membership

This month is Each One Win One month. **Tuesday, March 23rd will be our New Member Coffee.** It will be at the home of Janice Belden at 7:00 o'clock. This is our biggest and best opportunity to get all those friends and neighbors as a part of our AAUW family. Send me their names and addresses so I can write them an invitation. *Mary Jane Auerbacher, Membership chair*

## Local Scholarship

Please remember to save your clean and used Local Scholarship donations for the June yard sale. Nancy has room in her garage to store the items at this time. If going on a trip, rent a CD for \$5.00 a month. New books come in each month. Any questions call Nancy or Ann Harding. Thanks so much,  
*Ann Harding*

## Interest Groups, Continued

### International Affairs

When: Tuesday, April 13, 2010, Social, 11:30 a.m. Lunch and speaker, 12:00p.m.

Where: University Club, University of Redlands, Charge: \$14.00

The speaker in April is Anouk Newlin. Anouk's family comes from Switzerland, and she has retained her great love of the mountains so much so that she now resides in Arrowbear. Her occupation is in the medical field, and has worked in the past with AAUW member, Tammy Young.

Freedom is usually what comes to mind when we think of Switzerland, but there is another side to this story, and since Anouk has experienced it on a day to day basis you might be surprised. Anouk is a delightful person with a great deal of enthusiasm and is eager to share it with all of us.

Note: mark your calendars for May when our own International Affairs chairperson, Dorothy Richardson, will be telling us all about the fascinating country of Tunisia. Reservations are required. Please call Barbara Pike.

*Chairs: Dorothy Richardson and Barbara Pike*

### Play Reading

Please call Marcia for the date, time and place of the next meeting.

*Chair: Marcia Pifer*

### Recorder Group

We have two new members making us a double quartet. They are Emalee Whitlock, alto and Penny Schwartz, tenor. The possibilities are endless! Come and join us. We would love to have you. We meet every Monday at 9:00 and practice till 12:00. Then we have lunch together.

*Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher*

### Reading and the Rainbow

Our April meeting will be held on Thursday, the 22nd, at 1:00 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m. Both meetings will be held at Pat Kruger's. We will be discussing "The Bookseller of Kabul" by Asne Seierstad, a Norwegian journalist. Seierstad is "particularly remembered for her work in war zones such as Afghanistan, Iraq and most recently Chechnya... *The Bookseller of Kabul*, her second, bestselling book, is an account of the time she spent living with an Afghan family in Kabul after the fall of the Taliban in 2001.

We will send directions to members prior to the meeting.

*Chairs: Pat Kruger and Kathy Toister*

## Art Association Film Series

The Art Association Krikorian spring film series is a benefit for the Margaret Clark Art Education Endowment Fund. The schedule is as follows:

"Coco Before Chanel" 4-13 and 4-15

"Everlasting Moments" 5-11 and 5-13

All Tues. showings are at 7:00 PM, all Thurs, at 2:30 PM. The price is now \$12.

At their May meeting, the Reading and the Rainbow group will be discussing

"Everlasting Moments," the last film of the series.

## Redlands Branch Featured in AAUW Equity Issues in the News

The Redlands Branch was mentioned in the February 27-March 10 "Equity Issues in the News." Here is a copy of what appeared:

### **AAUW Branch Sponsors Conference to Open Doors to Math and Science Careers**

Redlands Daily (Monday, March 8) [Editor's note: this linked to the article in the *Redlands Daily Facts*]

The AAUW Redlands (CA) branch received some great press for holding a conference designed to encourage girls to broaden their interests and consider careers they may never have thought about previously. The article began: "nearly 600 Redlands and Yucaipa students may be more inclined to pursue careers in math and science thanks to a conference held last week at the University of Redlands."

Congratulations to the Math-Science Committee and everyone who contributes to making the event such a success year after year. To read the rest of the Issues in the News from other AAUW Branches, go to:

<http://blog-aauw.org/2010/03/11/equity-issues-in-the-news-feb-27-march-10>.

## Branch Officers to be elected at April Meeting

Officers for the coming year will be elected at the April 3rd branch meeting.

Susan Willis is nominated for president-elect for 2010-2011.

Theresa Lantz is the candidate for vice president, membership, for a two-year term 2010-2012.

Kate Pretorius is presented for recording secretary for 2010-2012.

Joan Prost is presented for treasurer for 2010-2012.

Four members nominated for two-year terms on the Nominating Committee are Dorothy Nordquist, Marie Mitchell, Judy Gates and Sandra Flowers. Four persons are to be elected.

Renae Reiswig 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 3rd branch meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor at that time, provided the consent of the nominee has been secured in advance.

## Paycheck Fairness Act Senate Hearing

On March 11, 2010, the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing on the Paycheck Fairness Act (S.182). The Paycheck Fairness Act is a much needed update of the 46-year-old Equal Pay Act. As part of AAUW's efforts to draw attention to this critical legislation, AAUW live-blogged the hearing, providing a minute-by-minute account of the proceedings. A transcript of that blog appears at:

[http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue\\_advocacy/actionpages/pfaHearing.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue_advocacy/actionpages/pfaHearing.cfm)

## LAF at the April Meeting

The April branch meeting will feature a very short report on AAUW's Legal Advocacy program. Envelopes will be on the tables to collect donations to LAF, either in cash or checks made out to AAUW Funds #3999 Legal Advocacy Fund.

*Jane Roberts*

*Legal Advocacy co-chair*

## SOAR at Convention 2010

Attend the AAUW California Convention celebrating our:

**S**ignificance

**O**utreach

**A**dvocacy and

**R**einvention

The convention will be held April 30 – May 2, 2010 at the San Ramon Marriott, 2600 Bishop Drive San Ramon, California

For complete details and the registration form, see the AAUW California Website at [www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org). Note that hotel reservations must be made by April 12, 2010 to receive AAUW-CA rate.

**American Association of University Women - Redlands Branch**  
**Proposed Budget**  
**July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011**

**RECEIPTS**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Members (205)</b>	<b>Dues \$</b>	<b>Budget for 09-10 \$</b>	<b>Members (215)</b>	<b>Dues \$</b>	<b>Prop Budget 10-11 \$</b>
Dues – Regular	186	85	15,810	198	85	16,830
Dues – 50-Year	5	0	0	5	0	0
Dues – Life (lump dues \$980)	10	36	360	10	36	360
Dues – Dual	1	0	0	1	0	0
Dues - Student	3	30	90	1	30	30
Interest – Capital Source			228			228
Brunch Meals			10,000			10,000
Name Tags			125			125
Miscellaneous			150			150
Transfer - Reserve Account			0			0
			<u>26,763</u>			<u>27,723</u>

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Association Dues* (regular members only)	189	49	9,165	198***	49***	9,719
State Dues** (includes Life members)	199	16	3,184	208	16	3,328
EF (include student members)	205	2	410	215	2	430
LAF (include student members)	205	1	205	215	1	215
			<u>12,964</u>			<u>13,692</u>

**AVAILABLE for BUDGET**

(Receipts minus Disbursements)

**13,799**

**14,031**

**OPERATING BUDGET**

Membership			350			350
Program (honorariums/meals)			825			825
Officers' Expenses			100			100
President's Expenses			50			50
Newsletter			1,155			1,155
Yearbook			900			900
Bulk Rate Postage + Permit			500			600
P.O. Box Rental			80			100
Printing/Copying			100			100
Postage Regular			50			50
Memorials			60			60
Insurance			600			600
Convention (State) Northern California			800			800
Convention (National) None in 2010, will be in 2011			400			400
Name Tags			125			125
Brunch Meals			10,000			10,000
Board Meet. Rm. Donation			75			75
Miscellaneous			150			150
			<u>16,365</u>			<u>16,440</u>
Estimated Receipts Less Disbursements/Expenses			(2,566)			(2,409)

\* = 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.

\*\*\*= 198 x 49 = 9,702 plus 1 student x 17 = 17 = total 9,719

Feb 8, 2010 approved by the Board to submit to membership.

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, 2010 and become delinquent July 1, 2010.

Enclosed are my dues for the coming year in AAUW (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011) of \$\_\_\_\_\_

Regular Members	\$85	Dual Members	\$20
Student Affiliates	\$30	Association Life Membership	\$980
<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: \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note any corrections for the Branch yearbook: new degrees, changes in name, address, phone, spouse, or e-mail address. Please check the 2009 – 2010 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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**

(A self-addressed envelope is included in the April newsletter)

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## **The President's Corner**

I don't know where to begin! Thanks to Charlene Fink for coordinating a wonderful meeting with Penelope Engard. Her presentation about the "Women of the Wild West" was interesting, informative, and fun, and dinner was good too.

The Math-Science Conference at the University of Redlands brought 600 eighth grade girls to the campus with a phenomenal number of members and non-members volunteering as guides, facilitators, building coordinators, tech assistants, fund raisers, lunch supervisors, bus helpers, and anything else that needed to be done. If you helped, give yourself a pat on the back for a job well done. I spoke to a returning speaker of several years who said she had the best groups of girls ever! She hopes to come back again next year.

Our next meeting will bring elections for next year's officers. Amber Costa is coordinating Yoma Clewes to Speak on Child Help. She is a member of our branch and I'm sure we will all learn a lot about this fine organization. We will also have a chance to donate to the Legal Advocacy part of the AAUW Funds. See you there.

*Kathy Presnell-Best*