

Branches and Twigs

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Kay Dobbertin

The President's Corner

Please do come to the April 12th branch meeting. In addition to another excellent program, the branch will: (1) vote to whether or not to increase Redlands Branch dues from \$20 to \$25, (2) adopt the proposed 2014-2015 Budget, (3) elect Branch Officers for 2014-2016, and (4) vote to amend the Branch Bylaws. Information on #1-3 can be found in the March newsletter and information #4 was sent to members March 11.

Many thanks to Jane Roberts for inviting and hosting our March LAF speaker, Kathy Bull. Kathy received a standing ovation for her 40 minute detailed account of the background of her case and the pivotal role of LAF support in her successful Title IX lawsuit.

LUNAFEST®: Short Films By, For, About Women®

Friday, April 4, 2014, in the Esri Auditorium

Doors open at 5:30 pm, Reception begins at 6:00 pm, SHOWTIME 7 pm

Tickets are \$35 general admission, \$20 student admission (valid student ID)

Purchase online at <http://aauw-redlands-ca.org/lunafest/>

Tickets available: Kay Dobbertin via branch phone number: 909-362-4955

Local Scholarship Fundraiser

April Branch Meeting: “Sustainability & Water Conservation”

April's Program is very timely considering the drought conditions we have in our Inland Empire. Janet Hartin will be speaking on Sustainability and Water Conservation in our landscapes. I met Janet in 2010. She is the primary instructor and subject matter convinced me to share her with you.

Janet has a BS and MS Horticulture from the University of Minnesota. From 1984 to the present she is an Environmental Horticulturist, Univ. of CA Cooperative Extension, San Bernardino and Los Angeles Counties. As an advisor, she conducts applied research and extends knowledge in sustainable landscaping. She focuses on water conservation and minimum irrigation; water quality protection; green waste use; and low-maintenance pest resistant landscapes.

Hartin regularly partners with fellow UC academics and industry leaders to conduct workshops and seminars for public and private groups within the green industry. She is the statewide UC ANR associate editor for environmental horticulture, statewide co-leader of the UC ANR environmental horticulture team, member of the UC ANR water strategic initiative team and member of the statewide Master Gardener advisory committee.



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~Cathryn Oltman

April Branch Meeting Information

When:

Saturday, April 12, 2014
Social time: 9:00 AM
Brunch: 9:30 AM
Program: 10:15 AM

Where:

University of Redlands
Casa Loma Room

Menu:

Country Buffet:
Scrambled eggs; home-fried potatoes; sausage; biscuits and gravy; seasonal fresh fruit; assorted juices; coffee/tea

Cost:

Members & Guests: \$16

Reservations:

The reservation deadline for the April 12th meeting is Sunday, April 6th. Please call **Janyth Dison** at 909-362-4955 or email rsvpmeeting@aauw-redlands-ca.org.

Reminder: a reservation made is a reservation paid.

All branch meetings are open. A meal reservation is not necessary in order to attend the program.

B&T Submission:

The deadline for the May newsletter will be **April 5th**. Send your articles to the editor via email to news@aauw-redlands-ca.org or by mail to Kay Dobbertin.

April Calendar of Events



Wed. April 2	1:00 PM	Bridge	Evelyn O'Prey	
Friday April 4	5:30 open 6 reception 7 showtime	LUNAFEST Film Festival at Esri - Joint local scholarship fundraiser with Zonta. Tickets are \$35.00 and include appetizers / wine & beer	PURCHASE ONLINE: http://aauw-redlands- ca.org/lunafest/	Kay Dobbertin 909-362-4955
Sun. April 6	6:00 pm	California Cuisine and Conversation <i>Hosts: Holly and Zen Olsen</i>	Kim Roman	
Tues. April 8	11:30 am -2 pm	International Affairs: <i>Taiwan</i> Speaker: Jessie Chu Ayres Hotel	Barabara Jernigan	
Wed. April 9	1:00 pm	Bridge	Nancy Earney	
Sat. April 12	9:00 social 9:30 brunch 10:15 program	Branch Meeting "Sustainability & Water Conservation" Speaker: Janet Hartin	<u>Reservations</u> Janyth Dison rsvpmeeting@aauw- redlands-ca.org	<u>Reservations</u> 909-362-4955
April 11, 12, 13	LAX Marriot	AAUW-CA Annual meeting Register at www.aauw-ca.org	for information Bessie Reece	
Sat. April 12	6:30 pm	Duplicate Bridge	Louise Schumann	
Mon. April 14	6:30 social 7:00 meeting	AAUW Board Meeting First Congregational Church	Kay Dobbertin	
Mon. April 14	7:00 pm	Bridge	Nancy Earney	
Sat. April 19	7:00 pm	Bridge	Louise Schumann	
Mon. April 21	1:00 pm	Bridge	Sally Vaughn	
Wed. April 23	12:00 pm	I Am, Therefore I Think <i>Amazing Women</i> Facilitator: Sharlene Lund Note: schedule change	Ellen Schollenberger	
Thurs. April 24	1:00 pm	Reading and the Rainbow: <i>Mary Coin</i> Host: Carol Buchanan	Pat Kruger	
Thurs. April 24	7:00 pm	Reading and the Rainbow: <i>Mary Coin</i> Host: Cathryn Oltman	Lynne Reasoner	
Mon. April 28	7:00 pm	Bridge	Cindy Perkins	
Tues. -Thurs. Every Monday	9:00 pm	Orangewood HS Library Two shifts: 8:30 - 11 and 11 - 1:30 Recorder Group	Diane Bennett Mary Jane Auerbacher	
April TBD		Audio Book Exchange <u>New group starting in April</u>	for information Nelda Stuck	
Tues. May 6 & Sat. June 7		Branch Meeting <u>reservations</u> Janyth Dison	rsvpmeeting@aauw- redlands-ca.org	
Thurs. May 8	6:30 pm appetizer reception 8:00 pm play	ADULT LITERACY Theatre Benefit "Pump Boys and Dinettes" 1810 Barton Rd.	Katherine Gifford or Trudy Waldron literacy@akspl.org	798-7565, ext. 4138

Branch Officers:

President: Kay Dobbertin **Program Vice President:** Cathryn Oltman **Membership Vice President:** Gail Anderson
Recording Secretary: Amber Costa **Hospitality:** Judy Racine and Toni Momberger **Treasurer:** Heather Abushanab
Communications: Leslie Priest **President-elect:** Bessie Reece

In sympathy and friendship we send our condolences to three of our members: Judy Dods on the loss of her mother in December, Tera Bisbee on the loss of her sister in January, and Mary Jane Auerbacher on the loss of her daughter, Alice Auerbacher. Alice was also a member of AAUW Redlands branch.

Alice Auerbacher died at home on March 2, 2014. One of the oldest alumnae of Valley Prep, Alice received her B.A. in German from U.C.R. where her diploma was written in German. She earned two master's degrees: one in Library Science from the University of Michigan and the other in German from a Middlebury College program in Mainz, Germany. She loved to travel and lived on a kibbutz in Israel, learning Hebrew. She was employed as a researcher for a firm of lawyers. She enjoyed meeting AAUW members on the computer.

~Ellen Schollenberger

New Member

Tatiana Novikova

M.S. Tomsk State Pedagogical Univ., Russia



Tatiana Novikova was a guest speaker last year at the International Affairs luncheon and joined the Redlands branch in March. Tatiana moved to the United States 8 years ago when her husband was hired by Esri. She received one master's degree in Pre-School Psychology and a second master's degree in Pedagogical Psychology from the Tomsk State Pedagogical University in Russia. Tatiana's hobbies are drawing and home decorating.

Membership

The past month has been an active "event" month for our branch with emphasis on Title IX. Nelda Stuck graciously hosted our new and potential members' coffee on March 25th. April is an especially good time to invite new members to join because there are special reduced fees for membership. Dues paid after March 15, 2014 apply through June 30, 2015, providing new members with 15 months of membership.

~Gail Anderson, Membership Vice President

Calling All Members

It is time to think about monthly programs for the 2014-2015 year. First of all I'd like to invite everyone to become a member of the Program Planning Committee. We meet only a few times during the spring and summer months, then get to sit back and watch the wonderful presentations unfold.

I am planning on the first committee meeting the first part of May or even the last part of April. The meetings are very informal and can be during the day, or the evening or both depending on the committee's desires.

If you would like to join us, or if you have ideas for programs (even if you can't attend a meeting), please contact me. I'm looking forward to another astonishing year of learning.

~Cathryn Oltman, Program Vice President

Nominating Committee

We are rapidly approaching the time to name our board member slate for next year and we still do not have someone to take over the job of president elect. I know that we have many very qualified members who could volunteer for this position. Please do not be shy. Our organization is large and very successful because so many of us pitch in to make it so. If you have some experience on the board or have been active through some of the committees/interest groups, you are needed to help keep things running smoothly. I also need one more person for the nominating committee for next year. Please send me an email or call me if you would be willing to fill one of these positions.

~Pat Belk, Nominating Committee Chair

President Elect's Message

We have a very vibrant branch with many helping hands to make it so. We couldn't accomplish the community serving projects we do if it weren't for all the members who unselfishly donate their time and talents to serve. It would be a daunting task to count the number of member hours devoted to our various projects.

In the coming days, I will be looking for volunteers to serve as chairs and as committee members for our many committees. I hope that you will volunteer to serve. Contact the present chair of the committee or me if you would like to be involved. You will find a list of the committees in our AAUW Directory.

Please give some thought as to how you would like to serve. Your help is needed to maintain and grow our branch.

~Bessie Reece, President Elect

Redlands STEM Conference



Many thanks to all of you who helped make this year's STEM Conference so successful. Over 80 members contributed their support to the conference, including Dr. Kuncl who became an AAUW member this year!

Both speaker and host evaluations reflect positive feedback and comments! Many girls felt the conference helped them think about STEM and their futures. Our new motivational speakers reported they would like to return next year and thoroughly enjoyed their time at the conference. I am so grateful for all of our veteran speakers who are dedicated to the goals of the conference and support us with their time and talent each year. Once again, Bon Appetit and the University of Redlands Events Staff were gracious and efficient.

My deepest appreciation to the **STEM committee** this year who contributed hundreds of hours to ensure this conference's success. They were an amazing group of committed individuals who did whatever it took to solve whatever problems cropped up as the conference evolved. This project is truly a branch project and I send out my heartfelt thanks to the branch members who make this conference such a great contribution to our community.

~Margee Fuller, 2014 Redlands STEM Conference Chair

STEM committee:

Heather Abushanab, Patty Ahearn, Mary Jane Auerbacher, Sheron Bealer, Diane Bennett, Antoinette Brenion, Kathryn Brown, Linda Browning, Olga Cupp, Kay Dobbertin, Margee Fuller, Pat Kohlmeier, Carol Krok, Phyllis Limbourne, Dorothy Nordquist, Pam Ong, Evelyn O'Prey, Cindy Perkins, Marcia Pifer, Kathy Presnell-Best, Leslie Priest, Linda Rowland, Ellen Schollenberger, Marilyn Shankar, Anne Viricel, Melissa Walker, Susan Willis

Redlands Adult Literacy Theater Benefit May 8th

The Redlands Adult Literacy Program/CHAT is planning a literacy benefit at the Footlighters Theater on Thursday, May 8. Join us for an evening of fun as you enjoy a performance of "Pump Boys and Dinettes," described as a mix of "musical heartbreak and hilarity." Invite your family and friends to join you for appetizers at 6:30 p.m. on the Footlighters patio, followed by the performance which begins at 8:00 p.m. Tickets will be available at the April and May AAUW general meeting or through the mail order form on page 6 of this issue. Tickets are \$25 and include an opportunity to win a special literary (of course) gift basket!

This is the first benefit held by the Redlands Adult Literacy Program/CHAT and we would love to fill the Footlighters Theater. Please help support adult literacy in our community by buying a ticket, making a donation to help defray reception costs, or donating a gift card to help with gift baskets. Over two-thirds of adult learners in our program are women – you can help change their lives by helping them improve their reading and writing!

If you have any questions or wish to make a gift basket donation, please contact Katherine Gifford or Trudy Waldron at (909)798-7565, ext. 4138. Thank you for your support!

-Katherine Gifford & Trudy Waldron, Adult Literacy/CHAT Chairs

Scholarship Committee

Many, many thanks to our scholarship committee members and other members of the branch who contributed to our fundraising activities throughout the year. Our bridge scramble day was a big success thanks to the contributions to several of our committee members and, especially to Louise Schumann who helped us set it up and make it work! With the contributions to Lunafest, the Holiday Boutique, and the Bridge Scramble -- we were able to offer scholarships to **eight** women for a total amount of \$6750.00! (We had 16 applicants) We have invited the eight winners to join us at the April Branch Meeting and to become student members of our branch. We hope you will make it to the meeting so you can meet and congratulate them. We are already making plans for next year and, if you are a crafty person, we would love to have you contribute to our next boutique!
~Pat Belk, Nancy Yowell Memorial Scholarship Chair

PLEASE VOTE in AAUW-CA election

- In last years' AAUW-CA election, only 20 out of 218 Redlands Branch members voted or 9.2%.
- **April 12-May 2 voting** for secretary and five directors and a \$4 dues increase effective July 1, 2015.
- On April 12th a notice will be sent to every member providing personal voting codes and instructions on online voting and how to request a paper ballot if needed. The notices will be emailed to all members who have current email addresses listed in the National AAUW files, and by postcard to all others.
- Your participation is important.
- **Please** make sure when you receive your PIN number that you **vote!**



Information on proposed AAUW-CA DUES INCREASE

AAUW-CA Board of Directors has conducted a line-item review of expenditures and undertaken every possible cost-cutting measure. *The bottom line is that a dues increase of \$4 needs to be implemented.* It has been ten years since the last increase and during that decade the cost of doing business has grown significantly. Action needs to be taken now to ensure that, starting in 2015, AAUW CA will receive sufficient proceeds to continue to operate without drawing down reserves.

For the past several years, the state organization has had to dip into reserves to the tune of \$30-40,000. This is unsustainable. Cost containment provisions the state has undertaken include: conventions every other year; state board reduction in size; move of the state office into a facility shared with other non-profits; and e-mailing of the CA Perspective. No more cuts can be made without seriously hurting services.

The Dues Analysis Task Force Report with Recommendations offers further details and clarification. This document can be found at www.aauw-ca.org under the AAUW-CA Business tab as the first item listed under Finance. AAUW California needs your help. We need to hear from more of our members – especially at election time. Every possible cost-cutting measure has been undertaken – from reducing the number of board members and holding every-other year conventions to moving the State office to less expensive quarters and reducing postage costs.

What will \$4 more in dues accomplish? This nominal increase will enable AAUW California to not only operate in the black, it will help expand job-alike training and our Leader-on-Loan program, and reduce the need to ask branches to help subsidize travel costs. This same \$4 will ensure that our Sacramento headquarters remains open five days a week and enable our directors to provide the resources needed in such critical areas as leadership development, public policy, membership recruitment and the further development of our financial literacy and other mission-based community outreach programs.

What can YOU do to reduce AAUW-CA costs?

Did you know ...?

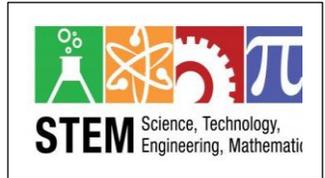
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Be

a creative thinker.
a team player.
able to think outside the box.



**REDLANDS ADULT LITERACY/CHAT THEATER BENEFIT
TICKET ORDER FORM
"Pump Boys and Dinettes"**

**Thursday, May 8, 2014
Footlighters Theater, 1810 Barton Road, Redlands, CA
Appetizer Reception 6:30 p.m.
Performance 8:00 p.m.**

_____ # of Tickets @ \$25 each (Your tickets will be waiting for you at the Will Call table the evening of the benefit)

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

_____ We cannot attend but would like to contribute \$_____ to the fundraiser.

_____ We cannot attend but would like to offer our ticket(s) so that adult learners may attend.

Please make checks payable to the Friends of A. K. Smiley Library.

Tickets

- sold at the April and May Branch Meetings OR
- Mail order form with payment to: **Redlands Adult Literacy Program
Friends of A. K. Smiley Public Library
125 Vine Street, Redlands, CA 92373**