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# *Branches and Twigs*

**Redlands Branch, AAUW**

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## **Forensic Anthropologist to Speak at May Meeting**

Dr. Alexis Gray is a forensic anthropologist with the San Bernardino County Coroner's Division consulting on 20-30 skeletal cases per year. She also teaches full time at Riverside Community College and part-time for Cal Poly Pomona. In 2005 Dr. Gray was honored as the *RCC, Norco campus Outstanding Part-Time Teacher of the Year*. In addition to teaching Physical, Cultural and Forensic Anthropology, she has taught courses in Environment and Technology, Medical Anthropology, Magic Witchcraft and Religion of North American Indians.

After reading a newspaper article about Dr. Gray and her work with the San Bernardino Coroner's office, the Redlands Math-Science committee asked her to be a presenter at the 2005 Conference. Dr. Gray has generously shared her time and expertise with the girls at the last three conferences. The January 9, 2005 *Press Enterprise* article, "Girls Hear About Value of Math and Science," said:

*"In the session "Skeletons & Science: Careers in Forensics and Anthropology," Alexis Gray described her job with the San Bernardino County coroner's office. Students seemed fascinated by Gray's props - the skeletal remains of a man who died in 1863. "They can figure out how old, what sex and height all from the bones," said 13-year-old Casey Mendoza. "I think that's amazing." Students asked Gray many questions following her presentation, which included inquiries about her pay and the education required. Casey, however, asked if the job was similar to those on television shows like "Law & Order" or "CSI." "Basically, those shows take the jobs of 15 people and give it to one or two guys," Gray responded."*

Alexis received her bachelor's degree from CSU Los Angeles, her master's degree from CSU Fullerton, and, in June 2006, her Ph.D. in Anthropology from UC Riverside.

Come to the May meeting to learn more about the fascinating and diverse field of Forensic Anthropology.

*Kay Dobbertin*

## **May Branch Meeting Information**

### **When**

May 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**

Mixed green salad with orange on table balance is a buffet including Grilled vegetable Napoleon (lasagna), Lasagna Al Forno, fresh seasonal vegetables, rolls, butter, assorted cheesecakes and beverages.

### **Cost**

\$20.50

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

### **Reservations**

Deadline is Tuesday, April 24th 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 do not attend and do not give notice, please send your check for the meal to the Branch Treasurer, Gwen Wysocki.

### **Branch Officers**

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

#### **President**

Sheron Bealer

#### **Program Vice President**

Dorothy Richardson

#### **Membership Vice President**

Renaë Reiswig

#### **Recording Secretary**

Doris Billings

#### **Corresponding Secretary**

Dorothy Nordquist

#### **Treasurer**

Gwen Wysocki

#### **President-elect**

Sue Angell

#### **Branch Website**

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

## **Local Scholarship Yard Sale is June 9th**

### **It is just around the corner!**

Donations can go to Nancy Yowell's home at anytime. Call her before you drop off any items. Please be sure all items are **clean** and **in working order**. Think to yourself, would you like to buy this item? Help is needed to sort, organize and price the week before the sale. Call Nancy or Ann Harding, to let us know when you can help. **Also, a lot of help is needed the day of the sale.** Remember how many women we have helped in continuing their education by your donations and the time you worked the week of the sale.

*Ann Harding*

## **New Members from the Membership Coffee**

Thursday evening, March 15th was our second Prospective Member Coffee at the home of Sue Angell. We had five prospective members attend and five joined! We had a delightful evening of conversation and sharing of life experiences. (Ask Amber Costa about Llamas). I am very happy to introduce the following five as our most recent members:

*Marcia Haninger* was invited to join by Dorothy Nordquist. Marcia received her B.A. from Fresno State and enjoys drama, reading, and writing as her hobbies. She has listed Play Reading and Reading and the Rainbow as the groups that she is interested in.

*Cynthia Gobatie* discovered us via the internet. Cynthia received her M.A. from the U. of Tennessee. She is an Associate Professor at Riverside Community College. She has listed reading, travel, and International issues among her hobbies. She has selected Book Cassette, California Cuisine, Great Decisions, International Relations, Recorder Group, and Travel as the groups that she would be interested in.

*Joan K. Hargrave* received her M.A. at Cal State, San Bernardino. Joan was invited to join by Sue Angell. She enjoys reading and cooking. Book Cassette, California Cuisine, and Reading and the Rainbow are the groups that she has expressed interest in.

*Terry G. Maloney* received her B.A. at Cal State, San Bernardino. Terry was invited to join by Sue Angell. She enjoys reading, cooking, her grandchildren, and traveling. She has listed International Relations, Math-Science Conference, Orangewood Library, Play Reading, and Reading and the Rainbow as groups and activities that she would be interested in.

Lauri Rintelman discovered us via our web site. Lauri is currently attending Crafton Hills College where she is working towards her Associate degree. She has joined as a student-affiliate. Lauri is also a busy mother of four and would love to help hostess the home tour and usher for the Redlands Bowl.

*Renaë Reiswig, Membership Vice President*

## **Thank You to "Incentive Program" Participants**

A note of thanks and gratitude from your AAUW board to all those individuals who volunteered to participate in the "Incentive Program" of Freemont Investments.

We cannot list the individual names because of the Privacy Act, but you know who you are and we thank you most sincerely. In May 1999 you started in this program, and have added \$4,251 to our AAUW funds.

Again, a heartfelt thank you to all. If anyone would like information on this program, please call Dorothy Richardson.

## 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 a deserving woman returning to college. A list of all titles available for circulation is now available---stop by and pick one up!

*Librarian: Louise Schumann*

### 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 every six weeks. At the end of the schedule, members meet to discuss the books and to choose the new cycle. Each member purchases a book-on-tape or CD and receives the book back at the end of the cycle.

*Chair: Nelda Stuck*

### 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 position is open
	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

### California Cuisine and Conversation

California Cuisine will be hosted this month by Kathy Presnell-Best. Our Sunday May 6th gathering will be held at either Steven's or Kathy's home. Watch for email announcements. Please bring your food items fully prepared and ready to serve. Be sure to bring recipes to share. Our dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. Contact Kim for further information by phone or email.

*Chair: Kim Roman*

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

On May 23rd Ellen Schollenberger will lead our discussion of an "Open Forum, Fun with Questions." "I Am" meets in the large room off the parking lot 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*

### Would you like to be on the Program Committee?

Please mark your calendars for 1:30 p.m. Sunday, June 3rd and 1:30 p.m. Sunday, June 24th if you have an interest in planning our AAUW programs for next year. The Program Committee would like to invite interested members to my home to develop next year's branch meeting programs. The ideal is to have an assortment of programs that cover the scope and tastes of our membership. New members and those with lots of ideas are especially encouraged to attend.

Please RSVP by email or leave me a phone message if you intend to participate on the Program Committee for 2007-2008 branch meetings. Thank you.

*Sue Greenfeld  
Vice President,  
Programs 2007-2008*

### Newsletter Submission Guidelines

The deadline for the June newsletter is May 5th. Send your articles to the editor, Jennifer Hill, via email or mail. If you send information by email and do not receive an email in response, please call me. I may not have received your email.

## Yearbook Additions

Please see the print version of the newsletter for this information

## 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)

## Interest Groups, Continued

### International Relations

The International Relations Interest Group will meet at 11:30 a.m. on May 8th in the President's Room of the University Club at the University of Redlands. Guest Speaker Robert Knight will present information about Saudi Arabia. The cost is \$13.00 and reservations are due by May 4th.

*Chairs: Dorothy Richardson and Barbara Pike*

### Play Reading

On Monday May 21st the group will meet at 7:00 p.m. in Jane Dill's home to read *The Tale of the Allergist's Wife* by Charles Busch. Please call Marcia if you would like to attend.

*Chair: Marcia Pifer*

### Reading and the Rainbow

Reading and the Rainbow will meet at 6:00 p.m. (please note change in time) for a potluck dinner and discussion on Thursday, May 24th, at the home of Kathy Toister. Please bring a dish to share--salads, main dish, dessert, or fruit.

We will discuss the foreign film, *Volver*. Written and directed by Spanish filmmaker Pedro Almodóvar, this humorous fantasy stars Carmen Maura as Abuela Irene, who revisits her hometown in the La Mancha region -- in spectral form -- to resolve problems she couldn't settle during her life. Abuela's spirit gradually becomes a reassuring presence to her daughters (Penélope Cruz, in an Oscar-nominated performance, and Lola Dueñas) and granddaughter (Yohana Cobo).

Following the discussion, we will plan our schedule for next year. Please bring your suggestions for books and films for another great year of discussions.

Our appreciation and thanks to all of you who served as a facilitator, hostess or co-hostess this year.

*Co-chairs: Amber Costa; Anne Derfer; and Ellen Schollenberger*

### Recorder Group

The Recorder Group now meets 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 May 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*

## Redlands Branch AAUW Membership Renewal

Dues are payable from April 1, 2007 and become delinquent July 1, 2007. One randomly-drawn membership renewal received during this time period will receive a Turkish cut-glass vase.

Enclosed are my dues for the coming year in AAUW (July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008) of \$\_\_\_\_\_

Regular Members	\$85	Dual Members	\$24
Associate Members	\$85	Association Life Membership	\$900
Student Affiliates	\$30	Association Life Member	\$40

*(Must be attending as an undergraduate) (State and Branch portion only)*

**Make checks payable to AAUW-Redlands Branch – PLEASE PRINT clearly**

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If you would like your e-mail address or FAX number also listed, please print below:

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**Any corrections for the Branch yearbook: new degrees, changes in name, address, phone, spouse, e-mail address?  
Please check the 2006 – 2007 yearbook as a reference.**

**I am interested in 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 Mabelle Nazikoglu**

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

## **The President's Corner**

Happy Spring:

What a pleasure to experience an early daylight saving time this month. As our planet warms up it is a delight to enjoy longer days. Now it really appears there is time to work, exercise and play all within the same day. Enjoy.

Thanks to the efforts of our Membership Committee our membership continues to hold its own. Of course we have lost members through the years but I take courage in the fact we as an organization continue to appeal to such diverse women and in sufficient numbers to keep us viable as an organization. You have many interests and we thank you for your support of AAUW, one of the few organizations to focus on women and equity, both international and domestic. Although there is progress to be seen, it seems equity continues to need our support. As an educated body we need to pay attention to those instances we experience and educate those whose vision appears blocked. Do step up to this challenge whenever it appears in your life. Your actions promote equity for women and girls everywhere and thus improves our daily lives. Awesome.

Congratulations to our new elected officers. There are new challenges before them but their success is assured thanks to your ongoing support.

Here is to our bright future together,  
*Sheron Bealer*

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