

Branches and Twigs

Redlands Branch, AAUW

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Global Health Update on Women and Children

Did you know that malaria is a global emergency that affects mostly pregnant women and children under five, one of whom dies every 30 minutes? Did you know that women in Cameroon carry out more than 75 percent of agricultural work but own less than 10 percent of the land? A combination of biological, social, cultural, educational (or lack thereof) and economic factors contributes to women and children's increased vulnerability.

Dr. Tammy Young, COO of Partners for Better Health, will share with us interesting statistics and issues that affect the health and well being of women and children globally. She will touch upon gender inequalities that prevent women from asserting power over their own lives and how this increases their incidence of disease and death.

Dr. Young has been a nurse practitioner for 18 years. She recently accepted a position with Partners for Better Health in Ontario working on health policy and reform and healthy communities. She also works 1-2 days per week in the Pediatric Emergency Department at LLUCH as a clinical nurse. She assists Adventist Health International with grant writing in support of Malamulo Mission in Malawi (Africa). She completed her doctoral work in 2007 at LLU School of Public Health focusing on health education and global health policy for women and children and has written articles for academic journals and a nursing textbook chapter.

Please join us on May 6th to hear one of our fellow AAUW members discuss interesting topics related to maternal child health.

Ellen Schollenberger

Want Interesting AAUW Branch Programs?

If your answer is "yes," then, please think about joining the 2008-2009 AAUW Program Committee. Our first meeting to discuss ideas for next year's branch programs will be Sunday, June 1, 2008 at 1 p.m. at my home. Light refreshments will be served. There will also be a second follow-up meeting on Sunday, June 22, 2008 at 1 pm.

If you cannot attend the Sunday, June 1, 2008 meeting, but you have ideas for good programs, then, please call me or e-mail me with your suggestions.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sue Greenfeld, VP Programs



May Branch Meeting Information

When

May 6th, 2008

Social time: 5:30 p.m.

Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Program: 7:00 p.m.

Where

University of Redlands
Casa Loma Room

Menu

Chef's choice

Cost

\$14.00

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

Reservations

Deadline is Wednesday, April 30th at 9 p.m. Call Antoinette Brenion or email. Please include "AAUW" in the subject line of reservations sent by email.

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.

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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.

Member News

Sadly, our branch learned of the passing of long-time member Patsy Jordan Miller (1971-2008.) A 1983 Named Gift Honoree, Patsy was unable to attend our annual Educational Foundation meeting February 2nd; however, Sue Beatty took an arrangement of camellias and had a wonderful visit with Patsy at the Plymouth Village Health Center. On behalf of our branch, I thanked Sue for this kindness. Sure replied she "received much" from her visit with Patsy. Soon after, Patsy was moved back to her home and beloved pets, where she peacefully passed in her sleep several days before Easter.

Looking over her 38 years in AAUW, she was not only a leader, holding nearly every office and position available, starting with newsletter editor in her second year, but was an enthusiastic and dedicated member participating in a number of groups. She served two terms as our president (1987-1989 and again in 1999-2001.) (It has been rumored that Verna Swift---also having served two presidential terms---took Patsy for an automobile ride and promised her an ice cream cone if she would serve as president a second time!)

With her interest in world travels, she was a part of the International Relations interest group, as well as participating in Reading & the Rainbow and bridge. However, most of us associate her with I Am, Therefore I Think, established in her second year as president (1988/1989) with Carol Robinson as chair. From 1989/90 through 1998/99 Pat continued as co-chair of this interest group. Although no longer co-chair, she still continued to attend these meetings, lead discussions and participate in the planning for each new year.

Patsy, always exquisitely dressed, often in Association's color teal, attended as many monthly meetings as she was able, including our branch's 60th Anniversary in 2007. WE'LL TRULY MISS YOU, PATSY!

Beverly Cox

Sexual Assault Services Seeking Volunteers

Are you looking to make a difference? The San Bernardino Sexual Assault Services is appealing to AAUW members to become volunteer advocates for victims of sexual assault. The training is set to begin and runs for six weeks, Tuesday and Thursday evenings and one Saturday class. Certification is given upon acceptance and completion of the training. Please call Stephanie for more information.

The San Bernardino Sexual Assault Services staff provided services to over 17,000 men and women in fiscal year 2006-2007, provided counseling sessions to over 386 survivors. They also provided accompaniment and advocacy to over 1,134 victims who were reporting their crimes or had cases in court. If you have an interest, please consider volunteering for this important crisis center activity.

Sue Greenfeld

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!

Interest Groups, Continued

Book Cassette (and CD!) 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). One of the cassette groups concludes in 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 Sally or Nelda 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

California Cuisine and Conversation

The location for our May gathering will be announced at a later date. Current members should watch for e-mail updates.

Chair: Kim Roman

Great Decisions

Great Decisions will begin its next season of fascinating discussions in February 2009.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

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

On May 28th Ellen Schollenberger will lead the discussion on the Open Forum: Fun with Questions. "I Am" meets at Trinity Episcopal Church. Bring your lunch at noon and/or join us for good talk from 12:30 to 2 pm.

Chair: Jane Dill

Now is the Time to Renew Your Membership

We will be having a drawing for a gift certificate at the May 6 branch meeting from all those who have joined for 2008-2009 so far this year. Congratulations to Gladys Rosa for re-joining early and for winning the \$25 Barnes and Noble Gift Certificate at the April 1st branch meeting.

Local Scholarship Yard Sale

Have you cleaned out your closets, pantry, garage and any other place that you would have unwanted GOOD and CLEAN articles that would sell at the Local Scholarship yard sale?

Call Nancy Yowell to see if some articles are too large, we may not have room to store them or they may be too heavy for us to move.

June 14th is the BIG day of the sale and the week before is sorting, organizing and pricing. Please mark all of these dates on your calendar. We need everyone's help so that we can have the very best sale ever! Saturday after the June brunch we will have our first sort day. Then Monday June 9th we will work to sort and price each day starting around 9:00am. Bring a lunch and we work until around 3:00pm. The goal is that we will be done on Thursday so we can take a day off on Friday.

Remember that all of the money goes to the women that need help in getting an education. Their stories are so touching!

Ann Harding

New Member News

Please welcome new member, Marge Deeley. Marge is a retired school teacher from the Redland Unified School District. She was invited to join by her neighbor, Sally Vaughn. She is interested in joining the Book Cassette and Great Decisions interest groups.

Sandy Schaublin has joined as a Student Affiliate. She was invited to join by Sue Greenfeld. Sandy is Direct Services Coordinator for San Bernardino County Sexual Assault Services and was our speaker at the March branch meeting. She is a student at California Coast College.

B&T Submission Guidelines:

The deadline for the June newsletter will be **May 5th**. Send your articles for that issue to the editor, Jennifer Hill, via email or mail.

Interest Groups, Continued

International Relations

We will meet at 11:30 am on May 13th in the University Club at the University of Redlands. Cynthia Gobatie will speak about Greece. The cost is \$14.00 and reservations are due by May 8th. The program will end our 07-08 series.

Chairs: Dorothy Richardson and Barbara Pike

Pass Area Interest Group

We have received a contribution to our Math/Science Conference in memory of Patsy Miller. Patsy was a good friend to the San Geronio Interest Group and was very supportive and helpful when we began our conferences. She will be missed by all those who knew her.

Our group has recently selected three girls to attend Tech Trek (Math/Science Camp) at the University of California San Diego. Reading the essays and interviewing the girls has certainly been a rewarding experience. Choosing the girls is always difficult! We would like to be able to send all of them. The girls are seventh graders from the Banning and Beaumont School Districts.

Bessie Reece

Play Reading

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

Chair: Marcia Pifer

Reading and the Rainbow

Our final meeting of the 2007-2008 series will be held on May 22, 2008 at 6:00pm. We will dine sumptuously on potluck fare, discuss a film and plan our reading and film schedule for 2008-2009. Please come with your recommendations for books to read, preferably that are available in paperback. If you can, bring a copy of the book to the meeting. We will read eight books, seven works of fiction, including one classic, and one non-fiction work. Bring your planner to sign up to be facilitators, hosts and co-hosts.

The movie we will be discussing is a German film, *The Lives of Others*. LA Times reviewer Turan describes this film as follows: "A potent narrative about the transformative effect of involvement in other people's stories. It convincingly demonstrates that when done right, moral and political quandaries can be the most intensely dramatic dilemmas of all."

This event will be held at the home of Ellen Schollenberger. **Please note the earlier starting time of 6:00pm.** If you plan on attending, call Ellen will coordinate food selections. If you have a book that you would like to recommend but can't attend, please email one of the co-chairs with information about the book

Chairs: Pat Kruger and Kathy Toister

Recorder Group

The Recorder Group will play three of the prologue concerts for the Shakespeare Festival. They are all on Thursday evenings from 7:15 to 7:45pm May 8th, 15th, and 22nd in the Redlands Bowl. Come join us for rehearsals during the summer. We practice on Monday mornings from 9:00 to 12:00 followed by lunch.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

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 (<i>State and Branch portion only</i>)	\$36

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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

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

The President's Corner

It is hard to believe that a year has passed since the membership renewal form appeared in the April 07 issue of Branches and Twigs. BUT it has! It is very important that your renewal gets to the treasurer in a timely manner so that your name, address, etc. will be in the 2008-09 year book. Diane Hurd is working hard to make sure all the necessary dates, programs and members' names, to name a few, are included in the book. To speak for myself, this year's book has been my "bible."

Besides filling in the top half of the renewal form, please be sure to select the committees in which you are willing to volunteer. The chair persons are looking forward to hearing from you. Perhaps this year is the time to try a new interest group or serve on a different committee.

Sue Angell

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