

Branches and Twigs

Redlands Branch, AAUW

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From Kindle to Twitter: A Technology Update

We have invited some of our AAUW technology whizzes led by Leslie Priest, our webmistress, to catch us up on interesting advances in communication and information technology that can have daily impact on our member's lives. We have gathered information from our own AAUW resources as well as the vendors of devices and media reports. Our panelists are aiming to show us live demos and answer as many of our questions as possible. Leslie is setting up a BLOG site for us to communicate further on these subjects and share information. Here's the thought of the day, from Time Magazine's editor June 15, 2009, "Historically, the most powerful new mediums have changed the way we perceive the world -- and how we relate to one another. The telephone, television and Internet have done that in ways we are still processing. But technology itself is neutral. It's a tool, neither good nor evil. It's all in how we use it."

Leslie Priest, Branch Webmistress

Tour of Childhelp on May 13th

Lynn Elder, who presented the program on Childhelp at the April branch meeting, will lead a tour of the Childhelp's Merv Griffin Village in Beaumont in the morning on Thursday, May 13. If there is interest, Lynn can also arrange a lunch for us on the premises for \$12 per person.

If you would like to attend, please contact Amber Costa or Ellen Schollenberger. If you (1) would like to carpool, (2) are willing to drive, or (3) are interested in lunch, please include that information in your message.

Amber Costa

Welcome New Members

A warm welcome to five new members to our AAUW family. They are listed on page three. Kudos to all those faithful members who with their infectious enthusiasm keep bringing in new members. Keep up the good work!

Mary Jane Auerbacher, Membership Vice President



May Branch Meeting Information

When

May 4th, 2010

Social time: 5:30 p.m.

Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Program: 7:00 p.m.

Where

University of Redlands

Casa Loma Room

This location is handicapped accessible.

Menu

Chef's Choice Dinner Buffet: chef's choice main entree, vegetarian entree, mixed green salad with Ranch and Italian dressing, fresh seasonal vegetables, dinner rolls and creamy butter, chocolate caramel flan, coffee, and tea.

Cost

\$16.00

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

Reservations

The reservation deadline for the May 4th meeting is Thursday, April 29th. Please call or send an email to 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.

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Branch Website

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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.

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Local Scholarship Garage Sale June 12th

June 12th is the annual Local Scholarship yard sale. We need all "hands on board" to go through all the donations that will have come in. Please talk to all of your family, friends and neighbors to see if they have any clean and in good working condition donations. We will take donations until noon on Wednesday, June 9th. If anyone needs items picked up please call Nancy or Ann.

Let's make this the best sale ever!

Ann Harding, Local Scholarship Committee

Thanks to Math-Science Conference Donors

We would like to thank the following list of supporters of the Math/Science Conference: Century 21 Lois Lauer Realty, EPIC Management Beaver Medical Group, ESRI, Friends of A.K. Smiley Public Library, Kiwanis Club of Redlands, Optimist Club of Redlands, Redlands Educational Partnership Foundation, Soroptomist International of Redlands, State Farm Insurance, Randy Roman, Zonta Club of Redlands, Robert Heinze, Stifel Nicolaus & Co., University of Redlands, Jean Showalter Insurance Agency, Dr. R. Craig Wesson, SB Comm Coll Dist. Trustee Mr. James Ramos, and Carolyn Secor.

A huge thanks as well to the following Branch members for their show of support: Ellie O'Brien Abshire, Kathleen Albrektson, Mary Jane Auerbacher, Jean Bartley, Sheron Bealor, Diane Bennett, Ann Clark, Amber Costa, Cathy Curtis, Sylvia Clark Davis, Jill Dill, Dr. Jane Dill, Kay Dobbertin, Judy Gates, Dr. Sue Greenfeld, Jane Henry, Diane Hurd, Janice Jacobson, Judith Jones, Susan Kean, Pat Kruger, Theresa Lantz, Marti Mawhinney, Betty Meltzer, Mabelle Nazikoglu, Dorothy Nordquist, Evelyn O'Prey, Rosalie K. Orrick, Marcia Pifer, Kate Pretorius, Leslie Priest, Jane Roberts, Betty Jo Romano, Linda Rowland, Susan Sandri, Susan Satzger, Louise Schumann, Joanne Shevlin, Susan Shodahl, Carol Showalter, Irene Vitt, and Aleta West.

Kate Pretorius, Fundraising Chair, Math-Science Conference

Interest Groups

Audio Book Lending Library

As you prepare to go on vacations, remember to rent a CD for \$5.00 a month at the branch meeting. Proceeds go to the Local Scholarship fund. We are getting new CDs in each month.

Local Scholarship Co-Chair: Ann Harding

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). 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

California Cuisine and Conversation will meet Sunday May 2 at 6:00 PM. We will dine at the home of Linda and Bruce Rowland in Redlands. We are energetic cooking group that enjoys delicious homemade food and lively conversations. Contact Kim Roman for additional information. Singles and Couples are welcome.

Chair: Kim Roman

Great Decisions

Our wonderful discussion groups have come to the end of our course, but if you would like to be sure of its coming back next year Frank Begleiter appeals to us to send a contribution to the Foreign Policy Assn. If you haven't seen the "Bottom Billion" which is the last chapter on the video contact Sue Kovacevich or me and we will lend you the video to watch at your convenience. That is about the billion people in the world who live on less than a dollar a day.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

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

Our May meeting will be on the 4th Wednesday of the month, May 26, 2010. As usual we will meet at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Redlands, on the corner of Fourth Street and Fern in one of the classrooms facing the church parking lot. Many of us come early, 12:00 noon, to share our "brown bag" lunch and visit before the meeting. The discussion begins at 12:30 p.m. and concludes promptly at 2:00 p.m.

This month we will enjoy our annual opportunity to answer some challenging questions posed by our astute discussion leader, Ellen Schollenberger. Ellen will draw her queries from the New York Times best selling book, The Book of Questions, by Gregory Spock PhD. This book has been described as a "tool of self discovery, and a provocative way to stimulate conversation." Join us for a couple of hours that are sure to give you "food for thought" for some time to come!

Questions: Helen Webb

New Members

Renata Beltz
BA from Cal State, MA from National University.
She is a Retired English teacher and she is interested in California Cuisine, Public Policy, International Relations, the Math Science Conference, the San Geronio Pass Group and the Educational Foundation. She was brought by Ann Leonard and Linda Browning

Kritine Lorencz
BA from Edinboro University, MA from Duquesne University
She works for the S C, PGA. She is interested in California Cuisine, Great Decisions, Play Reading, the Math Science Conference and the Educational Foundation. She was brought by Ann Harding.

Susan Sordon
BA from Miami University in Ohio, MA and PhD from Northwestern University.
She is a professor at the U of R. She is interested in Great Decisions, International Relations and the Math Science Conference She was brought by Sally Vaughn.

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Membership (Cont.)

Lois Preston
BA from Cal State.
She is a librarian at
Northrop, and is interested
in the Pass Area Math
Science Conference and
the San Gorgonio Pass
Group.

Marsha Wolfersberger
BA from Phillips University,
M Mus from the U. of
Kansas, Ed D from
Columbia University.
She is retired from the
Claremont Community
School of Music and is
Executive Director and
Asst. Professor at SDSU.
She is also organist and
pianist at Grace Lutheran
Church in Beaumont. She is
interested in California
Cuisine, I Am Therefore,
International Relations, the
Math Science Conference
and the San Gorgonio Pass
Group. She was brought by
Ellen Bull.

B&T Submission Guidelines:

The deadline for the
June newsletter will be
May 5th. Send your
articles for that issue to the
co-editors via email. You
can submit a typed or
printed article by mail to
Jennifer Hill.

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Interest Groups, Continued

International Affairs

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

Where: University Club, President's Dining Room, University of Redlands

Charge: \$14.00

Despite its small size, Tunisia is a country that has continuously played a significant role in world history. The natural landscape plays a great part in its development, from the windswept Sahara, to rugged mountains, to magnificent beaches. Plus the added factor that the country has what is considered to be the best collection of Roman ruins.

Dorothy Richardson is happy to bring you up to date on this part of the world. She truly believes many people will be surprised at this Islamic country.

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

Lest you think that the recorders take the summer off, think again. Since we can't think of anything we would rather do, we geeks just keep tootling away. Come join us and find out what is so darned much fun. We meet every Monday morning from 9:00 to 12:00 and then have lunch together.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

Reading and the Rainbow

Be sure to mark your calendars for this fun and important meeting on Thursday, May 27th at 6:00 PM. This is our annual potluck/planning meeting and it will be held at the home of Kathy Toister. We will have sign-ups for the potluck at the April meetings or you can call Kathy to find out what dish to bring. Your co-chairs will supply the wine.

After eating and schmoozing, we will be discussing the film "Everlasting Moments" which will screen at the Krikorian on Tues, May 11th, at 7 PM, and on Thurs. May 13th at 2:30 PM. Following that we will be presenting the books to consider for the next season. Each member is encouraged to bring to the group one book she has read that she can recommend for discussion. It is a good idea to bring the actual book if you still have it. Each member will have an opportunity to advocate for her book. Keep in mind that we usually read one work of non-fiction, one classic, and seven works of fiction. One work of fiction is deemed "summer light" for obvious reasons.

Watch your email for a listing of books we have already read. Please call Kathy or Pat with questions.

Chairs: Pat Kruger and Kathy Toister

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>	

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Address: _____

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 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

I just continue to be amazed at our wonderful Branch and it's fantastic women.

Mary Jane Auerbacher and committee presented a lovely new member's coffee. Several people joined. Please be sure to pass the word to any of your friends that you think might be interested in our mission and activities.

The By-laws committee, chaired by Sheron Bealer, has been working away. They are just about ready to present their hard work to the board, and then on to the membership.

Our general meeting was interesting and informative about Child Help. I didn't realize such a wonderful institution was so close by.

The Math/Science Committee had their wrap up meeting for this year's successful conference. They are set to have another go again next year, sixteen years, wow!

Please be sure to get your membership dues in so you are in the yearbook. It is always a shame to be left out.

The yard sale for local scholarships is coming soon. Send your rummage soon. What better cause than to help returning women pursue their degrees.

Our next meeting should be interesting - "Kindle to Twitter". Be sure you participate in the survey if you are on the web. I did. Unfortunately I am not to technologically savvy, perhaps I will learn something! It won't hurt! Don't forget to make your reservation, see you there.

Kathy Presnell-Best