

Branches and Twigs

Redlands Branch, AAUW
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“Get on the Bus Step by Step”

Join us on Tuesday, May 3 and hear about Step By Step, a non-profit organization in Redlands which helps area parolees re-integrate into community life. You will especially want to learn about the Get on the Bus program which takes children of incarcerated parents to see their mothers for Mother's Day and their fathers for Father's Day. In addition to free transportation, they provide travel bags for the children and comfort care bags for the children's caregivers, who are often grandparents or other family members. The program also provides all meals for the day and helps parolees with basic everyday needs.

Rose Palmer, Treasurer of Step By Step, will be our speaker. Rose is an active member of the community and serves on the Executive Board of Family Service, as Vice President of the Service Club Council and President of the Redlands Inter-Faith Council. She is also the busy mother of six children.

Joan Benson, Coordinator

2011-2012 Programs

On Saturday, May 21st, 2011 at 9:00 a.m., as the newly elected vice-president of Programs, I want to have a meeting at my home to discuss what speakers we could use for the 2011-2012 Branch Meetings. If you have heard people speak at other organizations or know of someone who would be a good speaker to have for our programs, then please come and share your thoughts and ideas. I will have plenty of refreshments to help get through a productive morning. I hope to see many of you with some great ideas. Please call or e-mail me if you have questions or if you would like to RSVP.

Patty Ahearn

Membership Matters in May

We had a successful end of the year Membership Coffee. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sylvia Lantz for being such a wonderful hostess and opening up her lovely home for the evening. I would also like to thank Margi Galligan, Kate Pretorius, Joan Prost, Renae Reising, and Marie Mitchell for providing the delicious treats to accompany our coffee. Our next membership opportunity will be our September meeting, so be thinking of friends you would like to invite. Please give me their name, so I can send them an invitation.

Theresa Lantz, Membership



May Branch Meeting Information

When

May 3rd, 2011
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 Dinner Buffet:
mixed green salad with two dressings, fresh seasonal vegetables, dinner rolls, creamy butter, chocolate caramel flan, coffee, tea.

Cost

\$16.00
Cost covers the meals, gratuity, tax, linens, use of room, audiovisual equipment, and setup.

Reservations

The reservation deadline for the May 3rd meeting is Wednesday, April 27th. Please call 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

Renae Reiswig

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Ellen Schollenberger

Membership Vice President

Theresa Lantz

Recording Secretary

Kate Pretorius

Corresponding Secretary

Marie Mitchell

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Susan Willis

Branch Website

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.

Remember to Renew Your Membership!

Thank you to all of you who have already renewed your membership for 2011-12. We have had both online and traditional "through the mail" renewals. If you haven't yet renewed, mail your check payable to AAUW – Redlands Branch to our PO Box 7678, Redlands, CA 92375 **OR**

Go online to renew:

1. Go to www.aauw.org and select Member Center (at the top of the screen). You will be required to enter your Member ID. Your Member ID is the 7 digit number to the right of your name in the current yearbook.
2. Select Member Services Database (MSD) (located on left side of screen). Enter your password. If you don't have one, you will be prompted to register.
3. Under Membership Payment Program (MPP) (located on left side of screen), select Personal Membership MPP.
4. Follow the prompts to enter your credit card information.

Regular members are charged \$85 for dues (\$49 National AAUW; \$16 California AAUW; Redlands Branch \$20). Life Members who have already prepaid Lifetime Association dues are charged \$36 to cover state and local dues.

If you have any questions about renewing your membership, contact me.

Asst. Treasurer: Pamela Ong

Report on EOF Theater Fund Raiser November 2010

The EOF Committee is proud to announce that this year's fund raiser at the Redland's Footlighters was financially and socially a great success. We would like this event to continue and need volunteers to help on the committee. Karen Skoog will be available to advise and assist in learning how to set up and run the event.

THEATER RESULTS:

INCOME: \$3,774

EXPENSES: \$1,414

NET: \$1,959

Thank you Karen Skoog and the EOF committee. Please contact Renae Reiswig or Susan Willis if you would like to help continue this wonderful event.

Interest Groups

Book Cassette and CD Groups

Two of our three long-standing CD Book groups are set to begin another year-long round-robin of exchanging books which the members have chosen to buy and share. We need to know now who would like to join our groups. We've read an incredible number of books over the dozen years we've been listening. Each member purchases a CD and receives this book back at the end of the cycle. In turn, she gets to listen to 8 to 10 other books, depending on how many people are in each round-robin. We meet to discuss the books at the end of each cycle. You have six weeks to "read" each book before passing it on to the same person on a regular schedule. Phone Nelda for details.

Chairs: Nelda Stuck; Sally Trost

Great Decisions

Great Decisions has concluded for this year. Thank you to all for attending, leading the discussions or providing refreshments. See you next year!

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

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
	2 nd Wednesday, 1 p.m.	Coordinator: Nancy Earney
	3rd Monday, 1 p.m.	Coordinator: Sally Vaughn
Evening Couples:	1st Saturday, 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.

California Cuisine and Conversation

California Cuisine and Conversation will meet on Sunday May 1 at 6:00PM. This dinner will be held at Linda and Bruce Rowland's home. We are an interest group dedicated to good food and great company. Singles and couples welcome. Contact Kim Roman for further information.

Chair: Kim Roman

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

We are looking forward to this month's meeting on Wednesday, April 27, 2011, on "Immigration" led by Helen Webb. The topic for next month, Wednesday, May 25, 2011, led by Marie Mitchell, titled, "What's on your mind", is designed to invite a lively exchange of ideas on a subject of particular interest to you. Our June 22, 2011 meeting, the final meeting of the year, is traditionally a planning luncheon. We will meet at noon at Marie Callender's in Redlands to decide on which topics pique our interest for next year.

Our meeting place is the Trinity Episcopal Church in Redlands on Fourth and Fern. We meet in the lounge, which is one of the rooms facing the back parking lot of the church. (Do remember that the church parking is reserved, and it's best to use the Beaver Medical parking lot adjacent to the church.) If you wish you can bring your lunch and visit prior to the meeting itself, which is from 12:30 p.m. until 2:00p.m. Hope to see you there!

Questions: Helen Webb

International Affairs

THANK YOU...Two simple words that convey so much:

To Barbara Pike for her endless help with reservations and bookkeeping, to Marie Mitchell, who every month makes sure I get my article in the Branches and Twigs, and to Linda Rowland for the beautiful world map she has given to this group.

There will be a planning meeting for next year. Please bring the name of an interesting foreign person who might be a possible guest speaker. The time, place, and date of this meeting has yet to be determined.

Chairs: Dorothy Richardson and Barbara Pike

May Thought for the Day:

Will be provided by Renate Beltz

Local Scholarship

Just two more months!

The Local Scholarship Yard Sale is June 11th at Nancy Yowells. The committee is collecting clean and usable items at this time. Just call Nancy to make arrangement to drop off your donated items. Plan on the week before the sale to stop by and help the committee to organize and price items. It is a good time to look over the items for sale and decide what you need to buy. AAUW members are the best customers. Remember to rent a CD book at \$5.00 a month at the Local Scholarship table at the branch meetings. All money goes toward the Scholarships for women.
Ann Harding

Public Policy Notes

19th Amendment affirming women's right to vote: passed 08/18/1920.
Roe v. Wade decision affirming women's fundamental right to choose a safe abortion: decided 01/23/73.
United Nations' International Bill of Rights for Women (CEDAW): came into force 09/03/1981.
Equal Pay for Equal Work: pending.
Madame President of the United States: pending.
National Women's History Museum: pending.
Commitment matters....

Welcome New Members

Toni Momberger

Margaret Fuller

Linda Richards

Daidre Thies

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.

We continue to welcome your feedback and suggestions for our electronic version.

Interest Groups, Continued

Pass Area Interest Group

We recently selected three seventh grade girls who will be attending Tech Trek on the University of California, San Diego campus in July. It was a very difficult job selecting the three girls from the 14 girls we interviewed. They were all so well qualified. Tech Trek is a math/science camp for seventh grade girls who have a strong interest in math and science. It is an AAUW California project.

In March the Pass Area Group was honored by the Banning School District for our service. Mary Belle Clark, Ann Harding, Charlene Fink, and Bessie Reece were present at the school board meeting. We each received a certificate honoring our service to the District. Over the last eleven years approximately 900 girls have attended our Math/Science Conferences and we have sent 17 seventh grade girls to Tech Trek.

Play Reading

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

Marcia Pifer

Reading and the Rainbow

Thursday, May 26 is the date for our annual planning and potluck meeting. Please note the early starting time of 6:00 PM! The meeting will be held at the home of Mary Neufeld. We will be sending directions closer to the date.

Margi Galligan is the co host of record but all of us are co-hosts for this potluck event and Mary and Margi will coordinate. Sign-ups will begin at the meetings later in April. Pat and Kathy will again provide the wine.

We will be discussing the film, *The Concert*, a French film in French and Russian with English subtitle, directed by Romanian born Radu Mihaileanu, truly an international effort, with outstanding music, high comedy and moving performances. Lynn Reasoner will facilitate the discussion.

We will be selecting our books/films for the next season at this meeting. We will be sending you a brief form to bring with you, along with the book you will be recommending. We usually read one work of non-fiction, one classic, one "summer light" book and 5 works of fiction. Each member may recommend one book that you have read and that is available in paperback or will be shortly. After the first round, members may recommend a second book if not everyone has a recommendation.

Some members are expressing dissatisfaction with some of the books selected. We are open to suggestions about ways to meet the reading wishes of the members. Call or email Pat or Kathy with your thoughts.

Chairs: Pat Kruger and Kathy Toister

Recorder Group

Several people have asked from time to time when they could hear the Recorder Group play, so we are pleased to play at the May meeting during the gathering time from 5:30 to 6:00. We hope you will enjoy the music.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

Redlands Branch AAUW Membership Renewal

Dues are payable from April 1, 2011 and become delinquent July 1, 2011.

Enclosed are my dues for the coming year in AAUW (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012) 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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Name: _____

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 2010 – 2011 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

At our April general meeting, we were informed about how our local Redlands Community Hospital is impacting our community. Deanna Stover, Family Nurse Practitioner and Executive Director for Community-based Outreach provided us with a great presentation that included some of the realities of navigating the healthcare system.

It was a pleasure to officially elect the nominees for the eligible branch offices for next year: Kathy Toister as President-elect (2011-2012), Patty Ahearn as Program Vice President (2011-2013), Dorothy Richardson as Corresponding Secretary (2011-2013), Pat Belk as assistant Treasurer (2011-2012) and Susan Willis, who will automatically assume office as President. All of these positions will become official July 1st.

While we are thinking about this year winding down for AAUW branch activities, think about renewing your membership now for next year. Pamela Ong has provided great directions in our newsletter, whether you decide to renew on-line or by mail. Please take advantage of renewing as soon as possible. We don't want anyone to forget!

At our general meeting, our members approved our proposed budget for 2011-2012 and Sheron Bealer presented the revised bylaws, policies and procedures, and standing rules which were approved as well. So much work and time has gone into these efforts.

For our May meeting we will hear about an interesting outreach program titled "Get on the Bus Step by Step". Susan Willis and I will be reporting back to you about the events at the AAUW state convention in Irvine. Please join us!

Rena Reiswig