

Branches and Twigs

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The President's Corner

Congratulations to all our members! You have made this year very successful for memberships. We received the official membership count of 210 from AAUW National. Our membership coffee in April was well attended at the home of Sylvia Lantz. Thank you to Membership VP Theresa Lantz and each Redlands member for making new and prospective members feel welcome. Please remember to renew your membership. Our goal this year is for 50 members to renew online. This will help our membership treasurer Pat Belk.

Thank you to Ellen Schollenberger for planning the panel discussion on E-Books in March. Her panel of Laurie Aldern, Trudy Walden, and Rose Marie Raumen made for an interesting

presentation and discussion.

Three candidates and two alternates for Tech – Trek were selected in March by Bessie Reece and her Banning/Beaumont committee of Chris Skok, Ann Harding, Pat Heselwood, and Lois Preston.

Remember our Local Scholarship yard sale in June. With the annual rising costs of universities this money is greatly appreciated by our recipients. Donate items and sign up to help Nancy Yowell.

Parliamentarian Judith Fulton is working on the addition to our by-laws as requested by AAUW.

The Nominating Committee will meet after the May General meeting to elect a chair for the next year.

Plan to attend the Public Policy meeting 7:00 pm Tuesday May 15th at Duke 101. Support this new and energetic Interest Group.

Our Math/Science Committee met for a wrap up meeting after our wonderful 18th conference. Everything is in place to continue for next year. Thank you again for a successful event.

We are reminded of the AAUW policy of one member one vote for the candidate of your choice. Every member with an e-mail will receive a notice from AAUW CA in early May with an access code and link to vote. Members without e-mail will receive a post card. Vote by e-mail or paper ballot by June 1st at 9:00pm.

Susan Willis, President

“Educational Finance; The Funding Crisis in Schools”

Our May 1st speaker is Sherryl Avitabile. She was the assistant superintendent of Business Services for the Redlands Unified School District before retiring in 2010-11. She has been involved with fiscal services for over 25 years, the last seven with Redlands Unified. She will be sharing

her wealth of knowledge about education and fiscal management in this time of economic crisis. She helped Redlands navigate the difficult waters of economic uncertainty.

Of particular note, two of the most successful programs she was responsible for were the

energy savings program and the budget reduction program that helped save money and personnel. She can even answer questions such as, "Where do lottery funds go?" She is well versed in the often complex and politically intricate funding of education in California.

Margee Fuller

May Branch Meeting Information

When

May 1st, 2012
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, Chef's Choice main entrée, vegetarian entrée, starch entrée, mixed green salad with two dressings, fresh seasonal vegetables, dinner rolls, creamy butter, chocolate caramel flan, coffee, tea.

Cost

\$17.00

Reservations

The reservation deadline for the May 1st meeting is Thursday, April 26th. Please call or email Kay Dobbertin. If you want a permanent reservation, please let her know.

Reminder: a reservation made is a reservation paid.

B&T Submission:

The deadline for the June newsletter will be **May 5th**.

Send your articles to the editor via email olgacupp@gmail.com or by mail to Olga Cupp at PO Box 452, Redlands, CA 92373.

Calendar of Events

May			
Tues., May 1	5:30pm	Program Meeting "Educational Finance; The Funding Crisis in Schools"	Patty Ahearn
Wed., May 2	1pm	Bridge	Evelyn O'Prey
Sun., May 6	6pm	California Cuisine Jane and Michael Henry	Kim Roman
Mon., May 7	9am- 12pm	Recorder Group	Mary Jane Auerbacher
Mon., May 7	7pm	Bridge	Nancy Earney
Tues., May 8	11:30am- 2pm	International Affairs <i>England</i> High Tea will be served. Wear a hat if you wish. Sucrée Pastries and Tea 838 Tri City Center Dr. Cost: \$20.00 Reservations: Barbara Pike	Dorothy Richardson
Tues., May 8	7pm	Film at Krikorian <i>"A Separation"</i>	Kathy Toister
Wed., May 9	1pm	Bridge	Nancy Earney
Thurs., May 10	2:30pm	Film at Krikorian <i>"A Separation"</i>	Kathy Toister
Sat., May 12	7pm	Duplicate Bridge	Louise Schumann
Mon., May 14	9am- 12pm	Recorder Group	Mary Jane Auerbacher
Tues., May 15	7pm	Public Policy Duke 101- U of R	Sherry Kinsey Krystal Roberts
Sat., May 19	7pm	Bridge	Louise Schumann
Mon., May 21	9am- 12pm	Recorder Group	Mary Jane Auerbacher
Mon., May 21	1pm	Bridge	Sally Vaughn
Wed., May 23	12pm	I Am, Therefore I Think "The Media and the Community" Toni Momberger	Ellen Schollenberger
Thurs., May 24	6pm	Reading and the Rainbow Potluck – Review film "A Separation" Adriane Gram	Pat Kruger Kathy Toister
Mon., May 28	9am- 12pm	Recorder Group	Mary Jane Auerbacher
Mon., May 28	7pm	Bridge	Cindy Perkins
		Audio Book Listening Group	Nelda Stuck

Welcome New Members:

Barbara Jernigan

Linda Bidaki

Anne Viricel

2012-2013 Programs

As Program Vice-President I would like to hear from any member that would be interested in helping with the 2012-2013 Branch Meeting Programs. If you have heard people speak at other organizations or know of someone that would have a good program, then please come and share your thoughts and ideas. The first meeting date will be May 19th at 9:00 AM. The last meeting will be June 23rd at 9:00AM. I hope to see many of you with some great ideas. Please call and email me if you have any questions, and for the location of the meetings.

Patty Ahearn

Yearbook Corrections

Linda Rowland's new address

Linda Adams' email

Day Trippers – Trip to Santa Monica

We will be joining ACT Tours of Palm Springs on June 20 for a day trip to Santa Monica. Visit the Farmer's Market, have lunch, shop, or just relax on the beach enjoying the fresh ocean air. Cost is \$54; contact ACT directly at 760-322-1247 or 1-888-605-8280 to make your reservation. Please let them know you are with AAUW. Ideas for places to visit are always welcome!

Marilyn Roach; Carol Ahuja

Audio Book Listening Group

Our Redlands Branch has three cassette-book groups involving 27 people plus spouses. Our original group has just begun it's 12th round-robin (founded probably 15 years ago). We meet to discuss possible cassette books and each group member buys one agreed-upon selection. We pass the cassette books every six weeks to the same person. At the end of the scheduled cycle, each person gets her own book back and we meet to discuss our favorites and someone else's favorite that we didn't like at all. However, we've broadened our lives with some 120 books during these years of listening while driving or doing housework or cooking, ironing or sewing. For information, contact Nelda.

Nelda Stuck

Don't Forget to Renew your Membership!

Dues are \$85 (\$49 national, \$16 state, \$20 local).

To renew go to <http://www.aauw.org/> or send your check made out to AAUW Redlands Branch with the Membership renewal form included in this newsletter to our PO Box 7678, Redlands, CA 92375. I am hopeful that we will have all renewals in by June.

Asst. Treasurer, Pat Belk

Math-Science Conference

The Math-Science Conference of 2011/2012 was a great success, thanks to all the hard work of our AAUW members and wonderful speakers.

Patty Peoples was an outstanding keynote speaker with music and a vibrant message. You can see from comments of students that it got the day off to a great start:

"The most important message I heard today was to always try! And to never give up. I AM A CHAMP!"

"She inspired me to keep trying even if no one else believes in you."

"Do take math and science classes. Anything is possible."

"Patty said to never give up. I can be a champ."

"Set goals and keep working toward them, even when you are young."

The day of the event had its share of high drama. Several speakers could not make it at the last minute, so our members stepped up to volunteer to become speakers, which meant they were not doing their previous assigned jobs. Our committee shuffled themselves to cover the gaps and no one was the wiser! Our hats are off to the quick thinking women of the Math-Science committee!

However, all is not so positive on the side of funding this conference. Our annual donations were short, probably due to this year's bad economy, and we have barely covered expenses. Our committee is spreading the word that we could use several more donations to cover the 2011/2012 conference. We would appreciate EVERYONE asking the folks you know in the area to dig deep to keep us afloat through next year. Because we feed the students, the cost is over \$10,000 every year. The committee is considering alternatives and presenting options to the Board meeting in April. Contact Chairperson Leslie Priest for copies of the fund raising brochure that you can use to present our cause to organizations that can help us keep up this good work.

Please consider joining our committee. Job openings for 2012/2013 include Fund Raising Chair and Vice Chairperson. We need your expertise and energy for the next year to be just as successful!

Leslie Priest Roubal

Redlands Branch Leads Next Generation of Women in STEM

March 29, 2012, aauw.org

Before Casey Morgan Hughes applied to be a criminalist at the California Department of Justice more than five years ago, she had no idea that the field even existed. What she did know was that she liked chemistry. She earned her master's degree in the subject in 2006 and used her knowledge of analytical chemistry to evaluate oil paints at the Getty Museum, but eventually she wanted something different and applied for a job at the Bureau of Forensic Services. Hughes' education in chemistry opened myriad opportunities for her, and she shared this experience at an annual science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) event designed to get girls interested in careers like hers.

Hughes was one of 16 speakers at the 18th annual Math-Science Conference, hosted by the AAUW Redlands (CA) Branch at the University of Redlands in March. This year, more than 600 girls attended four workshops led by STEM professionals like Hughes.

Events like the Math-Science Conference in Redlands are just one way that girls are being made aware of the many great careers that begin with an education in the STEM fields. Since 1999, AAUW members in the neighboring Banning-Beaumont Pass Area Group, part of the AAUW Redlands (CA) Branch, have hosted a similar conference at the Mount San Jacinto Community College tailored to the needs of the girls in their community. At that event in January, a group of 350 middle-school girls built bridges and analyzed scientific evidence from real crime scenes to help them make real-world connections.

Read the full article on aauw.org

Branch Officers:

President: Susan Willis **Program Vice President:** Patty Ahearn **Membership Vice President:** Theresa Lantz

Recording Secretary: Kate Pretorius **Corresponding Secretary:** Dorothy Richardson **Treasurer:** Joan Prost

President-elect: Kathy Toister

Redlands Branch AAUW Membership Renewal

Dues are payable from April 1, 2012 and become delinquent July 1, 2012.

Enclosed are my dues for the coming year in AAUW (July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013) of \$_____

Regular Members	\$85	Dual Members	\$20
Student Affiliates	\$33	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 2011 – 2012 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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MEMBERSHIP

We had a very successful New Member Coffee, with 16 people attending. Two people joined that night (Linda Bidaki and Anne Viricel). Please take note of their information and make them feel welcome. We also had several others who took application forms and we are hopeful they will be joining us at our next general meeting. It is time for everyone to renew their membership. Do it online or by mail, but do it now!

Theresa Lantz
Membership

Local Scholarship Yard sale

The Local Scholarship yard sale is just around the corner. The sale will be June 8th and 9th. We will presort on the 2nd after the Membership Brunch and then work Monday thru Thursday the week before the sale. We will not take any donations after noon on Wednesday the 6th.

PLEASE be sure all donations are CLEAN, USABLE and in WORKING condition. Let's make this sale great for the women that will be recipients of the scholarships.

Ann Harding