

Branches and Twigs

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If These Buckets Could Talk: Tales from the Museum Collections

Michelle Nielsen, curator of history at the San Bernardino County Museum, will be our speaker at our June meeting. Michelle will be telling us some of the unique and important tales behind some of the objects at the Museum; stories that illuminate lifestyles of the past, in and around San Bernardino and our southwest.

Can you think of a special family treasure you have at home? Chances are when you think about it, you think of the stories behind it and about the family members it represents. It is a connection between you and your ancestors. Many of the objects in the museum collections have a unique story to tell as well as the power to reveal something about history for those who study and enjoy them.

Michele's area of interest is post-Gold Rush California history, specifically the material culture of southern California. She is currently conducting research into the history of San Bernardino County and has a publication forthcoming. In her work at the museum, she enjoys giving workshops and programs to the public utilizing the wealth of artifacts contained in the museum collections. Specifically Michele is interested in the historic insights that primary source materials such as objects and photographs have to offer about the daily lives of those who have lived long ago.

Michele's educational background includes a degree from the University of Redlands and she is currently working on her master's degree at Claremont Graduate University. She lives with her family in Redlands.

Susan Kean



This is an AAUW photograph of a 1921 meeting. This picture and many others can be viewed at the Association Web site in the online museum. Visit www.aauw.org to learn more!



June Branch Meeting Information

When

June 2nd, 2007
Social time: 9:00 a.m.
Brunch: 9:30 a.m.
Program: 10:30 a.m.

Where

University of Redlands
University Club

Menu

Fluffy scrambled eggs served with bacon, ham, sausage patties, cheese blintzes, rosemary new potatoes, sliced fresh fruit and breakfast pastries, rolls, creamy butter and fruit preserves, and chilled fruit juices. Served with coffee, hot and ice tea and water.

Cost

\$14.00

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

Reservations

Deadline is Tuesday, May 29th at 9 p.m. Call Antoinette Brenion or email her. Please include "AAUW" in the subject line of reservations sent by email.

Remember: a reservation made is a reservation paid.

2006-07 Branch Officers

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

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Branch Website

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.

Tech Trek Girls Off to Camp

The San Geronio Interest Group is presently completing plans to send six girls to Tech Trek at the University of California, San Diego, July 15th to the 21st. Thanks to the generosity of the Sun Lakes Charity Golf Tournament, other community organizations and individuals, we are able to send three girls this year, one from each of the middle schools in the Pass Area. The cost to us is \$750 per camper. According to Tech Trek rules, if a girl is chosen as an alternate she may pay her own way to camp, and three of our alternates have chosen to do so. Tech Trek has been very enthusiastically received by school personnel, parents and students. This is the fourth year that we have provided the Tech Trek experience to girls from the Pass Area. To date eleven girls have attended Tech Trek.

This year the committee reviewed 22 applications and essays, interviewed 11 girls, and selected three recipients and five alternates. The members who served on the selection committee were Mary Belle Clark, Charlene Fink, Ann Harding, Carol Howard, Debbie Lewin, and Ellie Reben.

Bessie Reece

Tech Trek Coordinator

Want Interesting Branch Programs for 2007-2008?

Please e-mail me or leave a message to join the AAUW Program Committee. Our first meeting will be Sunday, 1:30 p.m. on June 3rd at my. Our second meeting will be Sunday, 1:30 p.m. on June 24th. Ideally, the program will be finalized by early July so it can be printed in our AAUW Yearbook. All ideas are welcome. If you cannot make it, please feel free to send me an e-mail with your suggestions.

Sue Greenfeld

Vice President of Programs, 2007 - 2008

Member News

Condolences are extended to the family and friends of current member Elisabeth M. Roberts who passed away March 31st. She was a member for 37 years (1970-2007) and will be missed.

Sincere condolences are extended to member Michelle Adair upon the passing of her mother Janet Snow Vickers on March 22nd. Jan, a current member, joined our branch June 1, 2002.

Our branch notes the February 28th passing of Jean Van Osdel. Jean transferred from member-at-large status to our branch in October of 1996 and was a member through 2002. Ten years ago, with her beautifully rich alto voice, she was a member of the Golden Gala Chorus celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of our branch. Her life was one of enthusiasm and inspiration to all who knew her. We'll miss that smile!

Our branch sends its hopes for a full and speedy recovery to Renee Brounstein. Renee is recovering from a fall in which she broke her kneecap.

Delegates Report from AAUW CA Convention in Ontario, California on April 27th-29th

I was impressed with the energy at the convention. We were seated at a different table for each meal which meant that we usually sat next to someone 'new' each time. So each of us simply 'had' to get to know different members from other branches and the networking was endless. This was a good reminder that we all have a significant role to play in the success of our organization.

Rena Reising

When Donna Lilly and Rita Wustner took the position as California AAUW Co-Presidents, they were invited to Washington D. C. for training. They thought that it was such a worthwhile experience that they initiated this program for branch presidents-elect. Friday night Donna and Rita hosted a dinner and training for all presidents-elect from all over California. The most valuable item given was a handbook filled with helpful information for incoming presidents.

Sue Angell

At the breakfast meeting on Saturday officers were elected, and the keynote address was given by Holly Mitchell, Chairperson of the CA Commission on the Status of Women and CEO of Crystal Stairs, Inc. Her topic, "The Courage to Change" addressed the theme of 125 years of change for women in AAUW --- with much more to do. The first workshop I attended was "Guerilla Tactics"--- getting your branch the attention it deserves presented by Amber Chiang. This is a tool using technology and "subtle style:" marketing what you already do well.

Dorothy Nordquist

It was a great experience being with 350 AAUW women discussing issues of our times. I enjoyed the membership session and got some new ideas for the fall; however, as a Branch we already have a very active membership committee so I am not sure how many new ideas we can incorporate! I enjoyed hearing the history and seeing the slides of some of the individuals that have played major roles in the leadership of the organization. This was my fourth AAUW California Convention and I highly recommend the experience.

Susan Kean

A major change in our Bylaws and the Articles of Incorporation resulted in AAUW California becoming a nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation, effective in July 2008. Many members expressed their concern that this had not been well studied and the effect on our organization unknown, seeming to change our leadership structure, leaving more power in fewer people. We now have a year before implementation to study and modify as appropriate this new approach. Delegates to next year's convention will have the opportunity to clarify these important foundational documents to prepare for our future. One of our luncheon speakers was Lisa M. Maatz, Director of Public Policy and Government relations at national (AAUW in DC). Ms. Maatz works to advance AAUW's priority issues on Capitol Hill, through the executive branch and in coalition. She is an excellent speaker and obviously represents AAUW well. One point she made really struck me: oftentimes her opinion on legislation is sought because AAUW is known as an educated, politically active body that speaks out. Leaders in DC want to know what position AAUW takes on issues important to us. How about that!

Sharon Bealer

Local Scholarship Yard Sale is Here!

June 9th is the BIG DAY! Prior to June 6th bring all of your donations to Nancy Yowell's for the Yard Sale. We need workers the week before the sale and we work in shifts on the day of the actual sale.

Please call Nancy or Ann Harding for any information or to sign up to work.

"Many Hands Make Light Work!"

Please donate items that are clean and in good working order.

Redlands Bowl Ushers Needed

AAUW needs to provide ushers at the Redlands Bowl for the Celtic Spring performance, which should be a wonderful event on Friday, July 6th. We will meet at a picnic table on the lawn. We need to provide two people at 6:30 p.m. to help distribute programs. At 7:30 p.m. we need 20 ushers and at 7:45 we will receive instructions and bowls.

You may call me or sign up at the June meeting. I appreciate those who do sign up.

Thank you.

Marilyn Sanden

Thank You for Supporting Membership

Remember, it's always a good time to invite an acquaintance or a friend to a meeting or to an AAUW event. They might just be waiting for your invitation. Think about our mission. Think about why you joined and are proud to be a member of this organization. Then, think about extending that invitation to someone else.

*Rena Reisinger
Membership Chair*

Yearbook Correction

Marcia Haninger's name was misspelled on page 4 of the May issue of the newsletter. The correct spelling of her name is Haninger.

Give a Grad a Gift

AAUW members can give a recent grad—a friend, daughter, granddaughter, or niece—a free AAUW membership. Your grad will receive a one-year member-at-large membership—a \$47 value. She can join a branch at any time but will be responsible for paying branch and state dues.

Log on to the Member Center of the Association Web site for the form: www.aauw.org/member_center/

Remember, only members can take advantage of this offer.

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

Our last dinner will be held in Highland this year. We will meet on Sunday June 3rd at 6:00 p.m. Please bring all food items fully prepared and ready to serve. Contact Kim Roman by phone or email for reservations and a food assignment. No gatherings are being planned for the summer due to the "wedding" and summer travel. Bon Appetit!

Chair: Kim Roman

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

June 27th will be the Group Decision meeting for next year. For this meeting, the group will meet at the Marie Callender's Restaurant for lunch at noon.

Chair: Jane Dill

Interest Groups, Continued

International Relations

The International Relations Interest Group will not meet in June.

Chairs: Dorothy Richardson and Barbara Pike

Play Reading

There is no June meeting: the “theater” has gone dark for the summer.

Chair: Marcia Pifer

Reading and the Rainbow

Greetings Readers! Amber here with three important reminders.

1. The film to be discussed at the May meeting is *Volver*, available on DVD at video stores and on Netflix.

The Krikorian will also screen other foreign films for the spring film classic series, including India's *Water* on Tuesday, May 22nd, at 7 p.m. and on Thursday, May 24th at 2:30 p.m.

2. Remember the May 24th meeting at Kathy Toister's will start at 6:00 p.m. instead of 7 p.m. because it is our end-of-year potluck. If you did not sign up for a main dish, salad, or dessert, please phone or email Kathy Toister to ask what is needed as she has the sign up list.

3. Please bring your suggestions for next year's reading and films to the May meeting.

Much appreciation to all of you who served as hostesses, co-hostesses and facilitators this year.

Many thanks to Kathy Toister and Pat Kruger who volunteered to serve as Reading and Rainbow chairs next year. These relatively new members will enhance our group with a fresh outlook and ideas.

Please support the Redlands Shakespeare Festival's productions and lectures in May. This huge endeavor of time, effort, talent, and love of Shakespeare has put another star over the Redlands sky.

If you have any questions, please email or phone me.

Recorder Group

The Recorder Group 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 convenient time to join us.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

San Gorgonio Pass Interest Group

The Pass Area group will not meet during the summer. We will be attending the fashion show that the Sun Lakes Charity Golf Tournament puts on as they as they are a generous contributor to Tech Trek and the Math Science Conference.

Co-chairs: Mary Belle Clark and Joanne Mercier

Visit the Branch Website

Whether you want to see pictures of our branch activities, get information on interest groups, point a friend towards our organization, submit your membership renewal without cutting up your newsletter, or find an article in a past newsletter, the branch Website is the place to go. Visit it at www.aauw-redlands-ca.org for all this and more.

If you have something that you would like to submit to our branch Website, please send it via email to webmistress@aaup-redlands-ca.org

Newsletter Submission Guidelines

The deadline for the July/August newsletter is June 5th. Send your articles for that issue to the editor, Jennifer Hill, via email or mail.

Please note: if you send your information by email and do not receive an email back from me within a day, please call me. I may not have received your email.

Redlands Joint Board Meeting

There will be a joint board meeting June 11th at 6:30 in Rooms 6 and 8 of the Trinity Episcopal Church at 419 S. 4th St. in Redlands. Dinner will be before the board meeting. The members of the 2007-2008 board are guests of those on the 2006-2007 board. Call Sue Angell with any questions.

National AAUW Conference is Around the Corner

The Association's national convention is in Phoenix Arizona, and registration is still open. The conference is June 29th through July 2nd. Here are the registration dates to keep in mind:

- Registration by mail and fax **closes May 29.**
- Online registration **closes June 4.**
- Cancellations received in writing by **June 1** will receive a 50% refund.
- You can also register on-site from **June 29 to July 2.**

For convention updates, the program schedule, registration costs, forms and other conference information, visit the Association's conference Website at:
<http://www.aauw.org/convention/conv2007/>

New California Public Policy Priorities Adopted

At the State Convention, the 2007-2009 Public Policy Priorities for California, as proposed in the March 2007 *California Perspectives*, were adopted. A few changes were made before they were approved, and appear below. Changes are shown by words being underlined if added, and crossed out if removed.

Biennial Public Policy Action Priorities for 2007-2009

Legislative activism has long history in AAUW. Members first lobbied for women's suffrage in 1892 and have continued to be responsive to critical issues of the times.

The AAUW Public Policy program supports its mission to advance equity for women and girls, through advocacy, education and research and complements the Association Public Policy program. AAUW California's priorities for action are chosen according to the criteria of viability, critical need, and strong member support.

Equity

Recognizing that equity for all women and girls requires an application of legal definition, AAUW California supports:

- Constitutional protection for the civil rights of all individuals
- Legislation that addresses current inequities in compensation and benefits for all working women
- Vigorous enforcement of California Title V and Federal Title IX regulations statutes on gender equality

Education

Believing that public education and lifelong learning are the foundations of a democratic society, AAUW California supports:

- Equitable funding for quality public education in preschool through secondary schools that support all students of any culture, race, ethnicity, special needs or sexual orientation
- Opposition to the use of public funds for school vouchers
- Continuing educational research and reform that improves student achievement
- Programs that provide women with education, training, and support for long-term success in the work force and the community
- Medically accurate health curriculum, including comprehensive sex education

Societal Change

Promoting the societal, economic, and physical well-being of all individuals, AAUW California supports:

- Right to determine one's reproductive life, including the right to privacy and access to quality family planning services
- Access to health care and the expansion of patient rights
- Greater availability and access to high quality, affordable family care giving services including rigorous oversight
- Respect for diversity and the rejection of all forms of discrimination
- Access to decent, affordable housing
- Promotion of safe, healthy work environments free from sexual harassment and intimidation
- Freedom from violence and fear in homes, schools, workplaces, and communities

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 (Until June 30, 2007)
Student Affiliates	\$30	Association Life Member	\$40
<i>(Must be attending as an undergraduate)</i>		<i>(State and Branch portion only)</i>	

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

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 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 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

Mail to Mabelle Nazikoglu

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

The President's Corner

Thanks to all of our Delegates for the time they spent at our State Convention in April. Sue Angell, Dorothy Nordquist, Susan Kean, Edna Steinman, Grace Hart, Judi Jones, and Renae Reiswig joined me for an interesting weekend networking. You may recall that our very own Edna is well known in the State. It seemed to me everyone knew two points about Redlands; we have the University of Redlands and Edna. Please thank the Delegates for taking their time to plan our future and grow the skills of our Branch. Our editor, Jennifer Hill, attended a workshop as well and has some ideas to make her time more worthwhile working on Branches & Twigs. Wonderful!

Several celebrations occurred as well: Finalists for Speech Trek spoke (Anna Tores, Roseville won), 10 years of Tech Trek (Yeah for the Pass Interest Group who sends girls every year!), 125 Years for AAUW, and 10 members won free dues for Association and AAUW-CA. This was the third convention I have attended and it is interesting to me that public policy is such a large part of this organization, yet our branch does not currently support this effort. I hope this next year we can study this and adopt support for some activity from the Branch level. If you are interested, contact Sue Angell. I believe some of the Delegates will join in.

I appreciate the opportunity to have met and worked with so many of you this year. AAUW has enriched my life, opened my eyes and given me experiences I would not otherwise have had. Let's continue to strive to improve this world we live in, one day and one agenda at a time.

Best Regards,
Sheron Bealer

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