

Branches and Twigs

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Beauty and the Belly: Tribal Belly Dance and Women's Body Image

Long abhorred as a place to be shrunk, toned, and flattened, the female belly is a place that tends to create feelings of inner conflict and self-loathing among Western women. In this presentation, Hilary Giovale will discuss how groups of women are re-inventing themselves and their conflicted belly-relationships through an unexpected medium: belly dance.

The presentation will highlight qualitative research Giovale conducted for a thesis. This research, which was completed with the participation of undergraduate women, ultimately showed that a modern, fusion based form of belly dance known as Tribal Style has the ability to transform women's perceptions about themselves, their bodies, and the bodies of other women. The presentation will also include slides and writings from the BellyRoles Project, a collection of photography and narratives, which Hilary and her husband Pete Giovale created collaboratively with Tribal Style belly dancers throughout Australia in 2007.

Hilary Giovale has been studying and performing various forms of belly dance since 2003. Early in this journey, she noticed how Tribal Style belly dance acts as a catalyst for personal transformation and social change. She earned a Master of Liberal Studies degree from Northern Arizona University in 2006 and a teaching certification from the Gypsy Caravan Dance Company of Portland, Oregon in 2007. She now teaches Tribal Style dance in Flagstaff, Arizona where she lives with her husband and two children.

Sheron Bealer

AAUW California State Convention (Part 1)

The AAUW California State Convention was held in Rohnert Park this past April, a short drive north of San Francisco along the coast in wine country. "It's all about THE MISSION" reflected last year's national theme and focus on AAUW. In fact, Ruth Sweetser, AAUW President attended the entire convention and was overheard saying to another association official "I told you the California convention was fun!" By the closing on Sunday Ruth had been moved to announce that she was taking an action item to national for immediate consideration. It seems Californians spoke to her about equity and especially Pay Equity focus expanding outside the University system and she is willing to promote this as an AAUW agenda. There really does seem to be change afoot!

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AAUW

June Branch Meeting Information

When

June 7th, 2008

Social time: 9:00 a.m.

Brunch: 9:30 a.m.

Program: 10:30 a.m.

Where

University of Redlands
Casa Loma Room

Menu

Juice, fluffy scrambled eggs, cheese strata casserole, bacon, blueberry blintzes, potatoes, fresh fruit platter, pastries, coffee and tea

Cost

\$14.00

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

Reservations

Deadline is Monday, June 2nd 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.

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 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.

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AAUW CA State Convention (Part 1), continued

Your delegates this year were Kathy Presnell-Best, Jane Roberts and Sheron Bealer. We arrived at different times, held different agendas, met different people and in general had interesting times. Please ask us when you see us to share our stories. Remember, we represented you.

Here are the business-related convention highlights: others relating to the programs and specific people and issues will be featured in the July/August issue in Part 2 of this article.

Bylaws: Notification to Branches will be provided 30 days prior to the annual meeting of candidates for office of director. There will be 16 directors total. Nominations from the floor are still accepted provided the candidate is present and accepts the nomination.

Election of new Directors/Officers: Co-Presidents: Gloria Taylor and Judith Pfeil, Vice-President: Mickie Feicht; many others you will recognize as recent state and regional officers such as Anne Henke, Donna Erickson, Karen Jackle, Gail Swain, Kathleen Doty, Letitia Corum, Sherry Ludwig, Lynne Batchelor, Rozanne Child. It is interesting to me they all wanted to be involved in this transition time.

Sheron Bealer



Pictured above from left to right: Jane Roberts, Sheron Bealer, Donna Lilly and Kathy Presnell-Best. Jane, Sheron and Kathy were Redlands' representatives for the convention. Donna is outgoing Co-President of AAUW California.

Member News

We are saddened to report that one of our members, Esther Schoen, recently passed away after a rather lengthy illness. We will all greatly miss Esther. Until she became ill, she was very active in the Pass Area Group. Esther loved to travel to out of the way exotic places and she and Sy frequently shared the trips with our group. Until the last year, both Esther and Sy had been very active in our Math/Science Conference. The family has requested that donations be made to the Pass Area Math/Science Conference in her name.

Bessie Reece

Sincere condolences are extended to Kathy Albrektson and her family upon the passing of her stepfather.

Beverly Cox

EF Committee Fundraising 2007/2008

The Educational Foundation committee would like to report that it has completed this year's fundraising programs in wonderful shape, thanks to all of you who have contributed your time, talent, and/or treasure toward our efforts to fund our International Fellowship Endowment. Because of your generosity, we will be more than able to fulfill our annual commitment to this fund. By best guess, we are now about one-third of the way there!

A special thank you to our Second Century Club members (those who contributed \$200 or more): Mary Jane Auerbacher, Sue Beatty, Anna Hollenberg, and Rosalie Orrick. Our First Century Club members (those who contributed \$100 or more) are:

Sheron Bealer, Beverly Cox, Sue Greenfeld, Evelyn O'Prey, Barbara Purvis [Riverside], Edna Steinman, and Sally Vaughn. Others who contributed are: Janet Bell, Nelda Stuck, Susan Kean, Pat Kruger, Anne Derfer, Marti Mawhinney, Betty Jo Romano, Kay Dobberton, Sue Angell, Janice Belden, Jane Roberts, Carrie Garrett [Riverside], Taffy Geith [Riverside], Nancy Perry, Phyllis Limbourne, Lora Hall, Karen Skoog, Theresa Lantz, Jane Dill, Patty Ahearn, Pam Ong, Dorothy Nordquist, Mary Dalton, Carol Showalter, Amber Costa, Susan Satzger, and Gladys Rosa.

Thank you one and all!

Karen Skoog

Chair, Educational Foundation

The Local Scholarship Yard Sale is here!

Please remember to mark June 14th on your calendar. It is time to clean out your closets, garage and attic for any treasures. The money from the items sold will be given to the recipients of the scholarships. All contributions must be in by Wednesday (June 11) morning. The committee would appreciate help the week before to sort, clean and price. A presort afternoon will be held on June 7th after the Brunch. Please call Nancy Yowell or Ann Harding for any further information. Remember to rent a book or CD! All proceeds go toward the scholarships.

Ann Harding

Interest Groups

Some groups will not meet during the summer months, but others will continue to meet through the heat! If you want to find out more about these groups before the official meetings restart, see page four for the names and phone numbers of the chairs.

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!

Educational Foundation Brunch and the Riverside Branch

February 2nd Jo Turner, President of the Riverside AAUW Branch and four additional members joined us for our annual Educational Foundation Brunch. Following their visit, Taffy Geith wrote glowingly of their time with us in their March/April newsletter, "Riverside Pipeline," ending with the words "Redlands Branch members were warm and gracious in their greetings to us and the event attested to the vibrancy and positive attitude of their group. All of us considered the meeting enlightening and successful." A personal note received from another member told of enjoying the meeting, found it to be "exciting and SO MANY members. Do we dare to dream?"
Beverly Cox

Branch Website Submissions

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

Interest Groups on Break

Great Decisions

Mary Jane Auerbacher

International Relations

Dorothy Richardson
and
Barbara Pike

Pass Area Interest Group

Bessie Reece

Play Reading

Marcia Pifer

Recorder Group

Mary Jane Auerbacher

B&T Submission Guidelines:

The deadline for the July/August newsletter will be **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.

Interest Groups, Continued

Book Cassette Group

The Book Cassette group is seeking new members to join in this fun and educating time to read. One of our three groups started more than 10 years ago and has just begun its ninth cycle of circulation. The CD group begins its third round-robin July 1st. Some 30 members 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 a possible tax write-off). Our next cassette group concludes in late September, so now is the time to find out details for joining us, because we plan ahead.

Chairs: Nelda Stuck and 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

California Cuisine will meet this month in Loma Linda. We will dine at the home of Mary and Donn Neufeld. Bring your prepared recipes on Sunday June 1st at 6:00 p.m.

Chair: Kim Roman

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

On June 25th we will meet for our Planning Session at Marie Calendar's.

Chair: Jane Dill

Reading and the Rainbow

We will not meet in June and will make a decision about the July meeting when we make our book selections for the next year in May.

For your information, the Mountain Cinema Club will be showing "Under the Same Moon" on Wednesday, June 4th. For more details, go to the website at mountaincinemaclub.com.

Chairs: Pat Kruger and Kathy Toister

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	\$30	Association Life Membership	\$940 (until June 30, 2008)
<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: _____

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 Gorgonio 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 Gorgonio 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

This will be my last President's message. Has a whole year gone by? Yes, all too quickly. It has been a great year for me all due the marvelous help given me by the board and all the branch members. Every event went smoothly, programs have been enjoyable, interest groups fun and everyone has contributed greatly to making this year so successful. A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU!

There will be a joint board meeting at my house on June 9th. Those persons who were on the board this past year are the hostesses and those new to the board this coming year are our guests. More information will be forthcoming as it gets closer to the date.

Summer is quieter for AAUW members but we don't close completely. Ushering at a Redlands Bowl concert and summer reading for Reading and the Rainbow are just two of the events that will occur. Have a great summer---fun and relaxing. See you at the September branch meeting.

Sue Angell

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