

# *Branches and Twigs*

Redlands Branch, AAUW  
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## **Redlands Branch Looks Forward to the Coming Year**

What happened in Redlands in 1946? The national agenda was to unite women alumnae from colleges and universities for practical educational work, for the collection and publication of statistical and other information concerning education and for the inspiration of higher standards of education in general. This was our founding mothers' mantra since 1881.

The San Geronio Branch Year Book 1946-1947 states the branch was formed in 1909, we supplied the California State President in 1915-1916 and our committees for that year consisted of Creative Arts, Economic and Legal Status of Women, Education, Fellowships-Scholarships, Finance, Hospitality, International Relations, Legislation, Membership, Publicity, Social Studies and Transportation. In addition, there were Study Groups in Colton, Redlands and San Bernardino. The seven Branch meetings were held at the YWCA.

By now you have determined we have a celebration to plan for next year. I invite all past presidents to organize our 60th year celebration. As we look back towards our roots we see both that we have moved forward over the years, but there are always new challenges to address. Let's combine our talents to plan a fun and fulfilling year as well as a heart felt celebration of our accomplishments.

*Sheron Bealer*

*President, 2006-2007*

## **Welcome New Branch Officers**

Susan Kean, past Redlands Branch President, led the installation of officers for the 2006-2007 year. Pictured from left to right: Gwen Wysocki, Treasurer; Sheron Bealer, President; Dorothy Nordquist, Corresponding Secretary; Renae Reiswig, Membership Vice-President. Missing from the photograph: Sue Angell, President-elect and Doris Billings, Recording Secretary.



## **Yearbook Deadline is July 15th**

The deadline for yearbook changes is July 15th. Please submit your changes before then either by marking them on your membership renewal form and mailing that to Beverly Cox, or by emailing or calling the yearbook editor, Diane Hurd.

## 2006-2007 Branch Officers

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

### President

Sheron Bealer

### Program Vice President

Vacant

### Membership Vice President

Renae Reiswig

### Recording Secretary

Doris Billings

### Corresponding Secretary

Dorothy Nordquist

### Treasurer

Gwen Wysocki

### President-elect

Sue Angell

### Branch Website

[www.aauw-redlands-ca.org](http://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.

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## Member News

We are saddened to report the passing of Elaine Dixon (1992-2004) May 8th, two weeks after the death of her husband Joe. Elaine, with the ever-present smile, was musically talented and shared that gift with the community. During one of our September membership brunches, she was part of a group of "strolling violinists."

Our sympathy also goes to the family of former AAUW member Phyllis Joy Roberts (1994-2005) who died May 30th in La Mesa, CA. She is survived by sons Christopher and Timothy, and daughter Julie Leonard. A memorial service was held June 1st in La Mesa.

## Have You Renewed Your Membership?

Saturday July 1st finds AAUW beginning its new year 2006-2007. If you have not renewed, it is most important to send your \$85 check made payable to AAUW-Redlands Branch IMMEDIATELY! See the Membership Renewal form on page 5 for full details.

Work is already underway towards the printing of our new yearbook. Our yearbook is an integral working tool for our officers, interest group chairs, those involved with the newsletter, as well as members wishing to make contact with each other, and we want YOU to be included!!!

Renewing your membership now assures you of not missing any of the publications of the Association, State or Branch.

A self-addressed envelope was included in the May issue of "Branches & Twigs," and renewal forms have appeared in the last two issues. (If you are not planning to renew this year, please contact Mabelle Nazikoglu by email or phone or call Beverly Cox as soon as possible.)

Please get that important check in the mail TODAY.

*Beverly Cox*

*Membership Treasurer*

## BOWL USHERS NEEDED

The Redlands Branch of AAUW, as part of our community involvement, will be ushering at the Redlands' Bowl on Friday, July 7th for a performance by the Americus Brass Band. We are in need of 10 to 16 ushers who will pass the "red bowls" at intermission to collect a free will offering which supports the bowl programs. This is a wonderful way to get involved with a minimum amount of effort!

Volunteers may show up at 7:45 p.m. for a 20-minute commitment, can attend the performance and assist at intermission, or arrive at the bowl around 6:15 p.m. with a picnic supper and share fellowship with other members.

If you can assist with this event please call Louise. Spouses, teens, and friends are also welcome to attend and assist.

*Louise Schumann*

*Community Area Representative*

## Local Scholarship---an Update!

The garage sale on June 10th was a long day! Many AAUW members started at 5 a.m. and went until 4 p.m. Special thanks are extended to Nancy Yowell who volunteered her home (again) for the sale. Thanks are also given to the wonderful members who worked so hard during the week---cleaning, pricing, and sorting all of the wonderful treasures. Our experiences with the sale bring such joy that we all (mostly) ready to do it again---next year!

We have many repeat customers who are there bright and early to take advantage of the great prices. This year we sold a lot of shoes, clothes, and small items. One of the joys of working the sale is helping families who need so much! One young couple that was trying to furnish their first apartment bought the dining room table and chairs. Another young mother bought the day bed and a leather chair. One woman bought 12 pairs of tennis shoes---the size didn't matter---to take to her family members in Mexico. A family of four bought \$22 in clothes and the little girl didn't want to part with her "new" top so it could be folded and priced. Two elderly women did "drive-up" shopping.

There was also a group of eight foreign exchange students from Loma Linda. They were there to see, first hand, the American experience of a "yard sale" and they were impressed! Many commented on the great idea of recycling items and turning the funds into scholarships. A young man from Nigeria bought the cell phones that were donated. The young woman from Uganda stayed behind (while the others went to lunch) just so she could continue to try on the clothes! We also had young people from Mission Aviation shopping for small household items.

The bottom line is that this event wouldn't be such a success without the donations that make it all possible. Please continue to save your slightly used items and think of the local scholarship arm of Redlands AAUW when you do your summer cleaning. We store large items.

The total to date from the sale was over \$3000 with some funds still coming in! Thanks so much!!

*Local Scholarship Committee*

## Welcome New Members

It is a pleasure to introduce the following new members:

Eleanor Kemp (late entry/introduced at the February branch meeting).

Eleanor (Ellie) was invited to join by Bea Walter. She currently works as a Program Analyst for the State of California. Ellie enjoys reading, movies, and cooking. She is interested in the following groups: Great Decisions, "I Am, Therefore I Think," and Reading and the Rainbow.

Judi Jones was invited to join by Sheron Bealer. Judi is a Staff Attorney at ESRI. She enjoys reading and traveling and has expressed interest in the Math-Science Conference and Travel.

Please join me in welcoming and greeting our new members.

*Rena Reiswig*

*Membership Vice-President*

## Local Scholarship Candidates

Attention all branch members: do you know of a potential recipient for the Branch Local Scholarship?

Here are the criteria applicants must meet:

- A reentry woman
- One who shows financial need
- A woman who is a resident of the area served by the Redlands Branch
- The woman must be currently enrolled in either a two- or four-year college or university.

If you know of someone, contact Nancy Yowell for an application.

## Getting the Word Out

### Newsletter Submission Guidelines

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

### Website Submissions

If you have any submissions for the branch website, send them via email to [webmistress@aauw-redlands-ca.org](mailto:webmistress@aauw-redlands-ca.org).

### Branch Scrapbook Submissions

The Branch scrapbook includes items about the Branch that appear in the papers, as well as anything else members submit relating to AAUW activities. Lorie DeMarco requests that members submit photos and other items to her. Also, if anyone sees news items relating to the Branch in a publication other than the *Redlands Daily Facts*, please let Lorie know.

## Interest Groups

Many interest groups are taking a break this summer but will return in the fall.

### Interest Group Chair Information Needed

Please send any changes/updates for the Interest Group Chairs, meeting places, dates and/or times for the 2006-2007 year to Renae Reiswig. She will be making the program brochures for the coming year, which she plans to have ready to print by August.

### Book Cassette Group

The Book Cassette Group currently has three round robins going involving 40 members and spouses, rotating chosen books every six weeks. At the end of the year and a half period, group members meet to discuss the books and to choose the new cycle, with each member purchasing a book on tape or CD.

*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:	4th Saturday, 7 p.m.	Coordinator is Louise Schumann

### Reading and the Rainbow

Reading and the Rainbow will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 27th at Ellen Schollenberger's home. We will discuss *The Kalahari Typing School for Men* by Alexander McCall Smith. This is a change from what was previously discussed. This bestseller by the author of *The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency* takes place in Botswana and is described by *The Los Angeles Times* as "smart, sassy with the power to touch the heart." For more information call one of the co-chairs.

*Co-chairs: Amber Costa, Anne Derfer, Marcy LaViollette or Ellen Schollenberger.*

### San Gorgonio Pass Interest Group

The Pass Area group will meet on July 10th at the home of Joanne Mercier. If you need directions, please contact Joanne. At this meeting, we will discuss our plans for the coming year.

*Chair: Mary Belle Clark*

## Redlands Branch AAUW Membership Renewal

If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2006-2007, it is IMPERATIVE to do so as soon as possible.

Enclosed are my dues for the coming year in AAUW (July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007) of \$\_\_\_\_\_

Regular Members	\$85	Dual Members	\$24
Associate Members	\$85	Association Life Membership	\$900
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:

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**Any corrections for the Branch yearbook: new degrees, changes in name, address, phone, spouse, e-mail address?  
Please check the 2005 – 2006 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 Beverly Cox**

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

## **The President's Corner**

My 2005-2006 presidency has whizzed by. Your executive board and board members did an outstanding job! Each of them I respect and give my sincere thanks! No president does the job alone. In this mode I ask each of you to offer your time to the new Board, be it one hour or more. We can find time to watch something on TV or go to an interest group yet not give a moment to the smallest need of AAUW. Please also remember that, according to the By-Laws, a guest may only come twice to meetings or interest groups without becoming members. The following members make up your new Executive Committee officers and they are outstanding!

Sharon Bealer, President; Sue Angell, President-elect; Renae Reiswig; Membership Vice President; Doris Billings, Recording Secretary; Dorothy Nordquist, Corresponding Secretary; Gwendolyn Wysocki, Treasurer.

As of yet the position of Program Vice President is not filled but there is an exciting and excited committee. Believe me, one of the easiest jobs is Program VP.

*Jane Dill*

*"Two caterpillars were crawling across the grass when a butterfly flew over them. They looked up, and one nudged the other and said: "You couldn't get me up in one of those things for a million dollars!""*

*From "Bits & Pieces"*

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