

Branches and Twigs

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Member News

Kudos are extended to our branch Student Affiliate **Laurie Rintelman** upon being recognized by Crafton Hills College at its annual Convocation and Student Awards Dinner. Faculty recognized outstanding students in each discipline for their achievements of high grade point averages, student government and community service. Articles and accompanying photos of Laurie (with Spanish Honors) can be found in the *Redlands Daily Facts* (May 23, 2008) and the (Riverside) *Press-Enterprise* (June 3, 2008).

Election Day saw our own **Cheryl C. Kersey** (Deputy District Attorney) become Judge of the San Bernardino County Superior Court (Office No. 10.) Congratulations, Cheryl!!!

May 1st saw the passing of former member **Harriet Van Osdel** at the age of 95. Except for one year, Harriet was a seven-year member from 1993 to 2001. A lovely memorial service was held May 7th at Plymouth Village with the three children of her late sister-in-law Jean Van Osdel participating. Harriet, the daughter of one of the earliest University of Redlands professors, called Redlands her home from early girlhood through her graduation from the U. of R. in 1935. Through her life's work as a social worker and leadership in Christian education, we learned of the great influence she had in the lives of girls and young women. At her service, five of the "girls" she had nurtured through a summer program at Newport Beach drove in from Huntington Beach. The "girls" are now in their 70s and 80s, but felt the need to share their love and respect for Harriet. Shortly after her retirement she returned to Redlands living at Plymouth Village. She, Jean and Ruth Moody, all U. of R. grads, loved returning to their campus via our AAUW meetings. All loved the camaraderie, meals, programs and the values for which our organization exists.

Beverly Cox



Branch member Jane Roberts (shown holding a \$5 bill received from one of her "34 million friends" at the 2008 AAUW CA State Convention) travels the world promoting support for the 34 Million Friends program. See page two for details.

Picture by Sheron Bealer



Summer Branch Activity Calendar

June 30th
Membership Dues are due!

July 24th
Reading and the Rainbow

We will discuss Jasper Fforde's *The Eyre Affair*. See page four for details.

August 8th
The Redlands Bowl

AAUW needs to provide twenty ushers for the performance by the Lula Washington Dance Theatre on Friday, August 8th.

Two volunteers are needed at 6:30 p.m. to help distribute programs. All other volunteers need to arrive by 7:40 p.m. at the south-west corner on the Grant St. side. Please call me to sign up.

Thank you.

Marilyn Sanden

Branch Officers

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

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Kathy Presnell-Best

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.

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AAUW California State Convention (Part 2)

This is the second part of the two part article with highlights from this year's State Convention. The highlights focus on topics and opinions shared at the convention.

Many thanks to Sheron Bealer for sharing her convention experience, and to Sheron, Kathy Presnell-Best, and Jane Roberts for representing our branch.

Ruth Sweetser: In her address opening the AAUW California Convention, Ms. Sweetser focused on AAUW value promise. She stated we each need to see ourselves as a citizen of AAUW as well as a citizen of our community, and build the AAUW brand there. She personally likes to focus on the five F's: Fast, Flat, Flexible, Focused, and Friendly for success.

Branch Programs: Branch Program Recognition focused on branches whose leadership led programs that were mission based and reported to state. The criteria defined are Leadership, Education, Advocacy, Diversity, Equity, and Research. Programs ranged from "Women of Islam" to election forum, domestic violence electronic voting units to and a math and science fair.

CA Membership Growth: It is not a lot, but we are up a couple hundred members statewide this year.

Men Members: Have we thought about targeting men as members? They attend our state convention---as members. If you are online, read this blog "I hadn't thought about it" posted on March 19, 2008 by MAL member Dave Kirkwood, who is a member of the Association Membership Committee. The blog can be found at <http://blog-aauw.org/author/davekirkwood/>

Empowering Women Globally: The closing session was fascinating as these women shared their work and focus with us. Who they are now is a result of their life experience, and what they are accomplishing for women everywhere teaches us that we each can make a difference.

- Dr. Soheir Stolba, Ph.D., medical anthropologist, the SHARE Institute, International Health and Development Association; go to the website <http://www.theshareinstitute.org/index.html> for more information.
- Paola Gianturco, Photojournalist; go to the website <http://www.womenwholightthedark.com> to see her new book. Paola donates the proceeds to the Global Fund for Women.
- Jane Roberts, 34 Million Friends; go to <http://www.34millionfriends.org/> to see how donations have grown. Our branch member Jane reports that her film idea is receiving Hollywood support and will in fact be produced. If you have not paid your \$1, or even if you have, you might want to offer your support for this very worthy cause. We may want to consider how we as a branch might want to offer further support for this effort.

Jo Harberson: Jo has made an annual challenge to convention attendees that benefitted the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund. In return for each \$100 donation at the convention, Jo matches the donation with her own funds. Each year the donations are larger, but Jo does not complain. The donor earns a fund pin as well as an offer to join the Moneen Leece Giving Circle. In return, Jo was just rewarded with her own Research and Projects Grant #4313 for her mission of 33 years. Jo is very honored to have yet another opportunity for funds to be saved and used for AAUW's mission.

AAUW California State Convention, Continued

Charlotte Newhart: Our California lobbyist is a very knowledgeable lady who stays current on multiple topics ranging from domestic partner matters to Cyber Bullying to Adulterated Cosmetics (is there lead in your lipstick?). Many branches are very involved in legislation affecting our everyday lives and those we care about. Bill package reports are available online and we can help connect you--- won't you let us know if you are interested in helping our branch become active in public policy again? This brunch is fabulous every year and next year the convention will be in San Diego. Tantalizing: won't you attend for us next year?

Sheron Bealer

Interest Groups

Some groups will not meet during the summer months. See page four for the list.

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!

Book Cassette and CD Groups

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 Celeste Beard
	1st Saturday B, 7 p.m.	Coordinator is Debbie Lewin
	3rd Saturday, 7 p.m.	Coordinator is Janice Belden,
Duplicate Pairs:	2nd Saturday, 7 p.m.	Coordinator is Louise Schumann

THANK YOU!

The Local Scholarship Committee would like to thank everyone that helped make the 2008 yard sale a success.

Without the donations, all of the hard work before and during the sale, it would not have come off so well.

Those of us on the committee would like to give Nancy Yowell a huge hug and thank you for the use of her home. She works all year collecting and even selling so that the young women in the area can continue their education.

As you clean out during the summer, please remember that there will be another yard sale in 2009.

Ann Harding

Branch Meeting Reservation Reminder

Permanent reservations do not carry over from year to year. When you make your September reservation, you need to tell me if it is permanent.

Antoinette Brenion

Membership Dues Due!

Membership dues are due by June 30th. If you haven't already done so, please send in your renewal to ensure that your name and information appear in the 2008-2009 yearbook.

Interest Groups on Break

Great Decisions

Mary Jane Auerbacher
792-8546

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

Jane Dill

International Relations

Dorothy Richardson
and
Barbara Pike

Pass Area Interest Group

Bessie Reece

Play Reading

Marcia Pifer

Recorder Group

Mary Jane Auerbacher

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

B&T Submission Guidelines:

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

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 note.

Interest Groups, Continued

California Cuisine and Conversation

California Cuisine members should watch their email for a potential summer dining out experience. Please contact Kim Roman if you would like to suggest a restaurant or an exotic location. Have a wonderful summer!

Chair: Kim Roman

Reading and the Rainbow

In July, we will read the wacky novel, *The Eyre Affair*, by British writer Jasper Fforde. One reviewer describes it as “not really a mystery, sci-fi thriller, satire or fluffy fantasy, this wild rumpus contains elements of all these but feels like a completely new genre”. We will follow the adventures of Thursday Next, a Special Operations Officer in the Literary Detective Division whose charge is to protect and defend the country’s literary heritage. Sinister forces with magical powers are scheming to enter the plots of original manuscripts, murdering main characters and forever altering all copies of the work, changing great literature forever.

We will meet on Thursday, July 24th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Stewart. We will send a meeting reminder with directions or you may call Mary. Our book selections for the year will be completed so start thinking about which book discussion you would to lead.

Now is a good time to mark your calendars for the next season. We do not meet in June, August, and December; in May, we will discuss a film which we will decide upon later and begin the selection process for the next year’s books. All meetings are on the 4th Thursday of the month with the exception of February when we meet on the 3rd Thursday to accommodate the Math-Science conference participants. Save the dates!

Chairs: Pat Kruger and Kathy Toister

The Value of AAUW Membership – What Do We Get from Our Dues?

In June, AAUW California’s Co-Presidents Elect Judy Pfeil and Gloria Taylor sent out an email reminding us that membership dues provide numerous tangible and intangible benefits to each of us individually, to our branches, and to all women and girls. At the Association level, they remind us that dues revenue is supplemented by several other revenue sources to help further enhance the value of membership: contributions, AAUW Leadership and Training Institute Funds, affinity programs, conferences, sponsorships, and investment earnings. Some of our intangible benefits are priceless and can’t be measured in terms of dues paid, such as leadership development, networking with like-minded professional women, and mentoring. Their list of tangible benefits is long and highlights the many Association and state programs and resources that support us as we all work towards furthering the mission of AAUW.

For a more personal view on the value of membership, go to the Redlands Branch website newsletter archive at <http://www.aauw-redlands-ca.org/news.htm> and read Edna Steinman’s article “What AAUW Means to Me” from the September 2006 issue of *Branches and Twigs*.

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 (<i>Must be attending as an undergraduate</i>)	\$30	Association Life Membership	\$940 (until June 30, 2008)
		Association Life Member (<i>State and Branch portion only</i>)	\$36

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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 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 Redlands Branch, AAUW
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(Please use the self-addressed envelope in the March newsletter)

The President's Corner

There is a saying that "the kindest hearts expect no reward but deserve it all the more." Thank you to Sue Angell and her board as well as the many other "kind hearts" that made the past year so successful. The Redlands branch of AAUW continues to shine in our community because of its members.

As we transition to the next year, planning is already in place with new and exciting programs for general meetings and interest groups. The yearbook committee under the leadership of Diane Hurd is compiling all the necessary information of names and addresses in addition to everything you wanted to know about Redlands AAUW! If you have not renewed as yet, please contact the treasurer ASAP to ensure that your name will appear in the yearbook.

Enjoy the summer months ---see you at the Bowl.

Dorothy Nordquist

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