

Branches and Twigs

Redlands Branch, AAUW

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You are very special

In all the world there is nobody, nobody like you. Since the beginning of time there has never been another person like you. Nobody has your smile, your eyes, your hands, your hair. Nobody owns your handwriting, your voice. You're special. Nobody can paint your brush strokes. Nobody has your taste for food or music or dance or art. Nobody in the universe sees things as you do. In all time there has never been anyone who laughs in exactly your way, and what makes you laugh or cry or think may have a totally different response in another. So, you're special. You are different from any other person who has ever lived in the history of the universe. You are the only one in the whole of creation who has your particular set of abilities. There is always someone who is better at one thing or another. Every person is your superior in at least one way. Nobody in the universe can reach the quality of the combination of your talents, your feelings. Like a roomful of musical instruments some might excel in one way or another, but nobody can match the symphonic sound when all are played together: Your Symphony. Through all eternity no one will ever walk, talk, do or think exactly like you. You're special. You are rare, unique, and in all rarity there is enormous value and because of your great value the need for you to imitate anyone else is absolutely wrong. You're special. It is no accident that you are. Please, realize that God made you for a special purpose. He has a job for you to do that nobody else can do as well as you. Out of the billions of applicants, only one is qualified. Only one has the unique and perfect combination of what it takes. That one is You. You're Special.

June Durr



**June 30th
Membership Dues
are due!**

Membership

Summer is the perfect time to meet new friends and we need new members just like you in AAUW. You can do a big favor to friends you see by inviting them to the new member meeting in September. Please call Theresa Lantz

Save the date:

The Membership Brunch Meeting will be Sept. 11th from 9-11 a.m., location is University Hall, the building adjacent to Casa Loma Room.

Theresa Lantz, Membership Vice President

Branch Officers

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

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AAUW Mission Statement

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

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.

Member News

Our deepest condolences go out to past member Jean Walker's family and the AAUW membership who remember her wonderful involvement in our Branch on her passing May 27, 2010.

Kathy Presnell-Best

AAUW Funds Committee Meeting

The AAUW Funds Committee Meeting will be July 28th at 7 p.m. We will be planning the year's fundraising activities including the November Theater Benefit. Please RSVP to Karen Skoog.

Karen Skoog

2011 Redlands Math-Science Conference News

Thanks again to the many participants of the 2010 conference and the members who helped with our packets and mailings. This truly is a branch project. As we begin to think ahead to 2011, we want to invite you to be a part of this exciting group. Committee jobs come in all sizes - time commitment varies, and we just know we can find a place for anyone who is interested. Contact Lorie DeMarco for more info. Our first meeting will be August 31, and you are welcome to come and find out what it's all about even before you make a commitment.

Lorie DeMarco, Conference Chair

On-Line Membership Renewal available

We are cleared to do our membership renewal online. This is exciting news for our branch. Please remember it is an option. Many of you have already sent in your renewal checks to the PO Box address, thank you. You may still choose to renew by sending your check to our PO Box 7678, Redlands 92375.

If you would like to renew online - go ahead and take the plunge. You will be asked to pay \$85.00 by credit card (Life Members pay \$36.00 total for local and state dues as you have prepaid your Lifetime Association dues). The \$85.00 is immediately accepted by AAUW National. National will send you an email notification that your renewal was accepted. You will then be able to see on the AAUW web site that you have renewed.

Go to www.aauw.org and select Member Center. You will be required to enter your Member Number. Your Member Number is the 7 digit number to the right of your name in the current yearbook. Select Member Services Database (MSD) Enter your password. If you don't have one, you will be prompted to enter a password. Select Membership Payment Program (MPP) submenu - Personal Membership MPP - follow the steps to enter your credit card info. Good luck!

Kathy Toister

Interest Groups

Audio Book Lending Library

As you prepare to go on vacations, remember to rent a CD for \$5.00 a month at the branch meeting. Proceeds go to the Local Scholarship fund. We are getting new CDs in each month.

Local Scholarship Co-Chair: Ann Harding

Book Cassette and CD Groups

The Book Cassette groups are seeking new members to join in this fun and educating time to read. Our groups meet to discuss the books they "read" over the year and to choose the books they all want to hear. 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 CD rental table (with those funds going for scholarships), or donates the book to Smiley Library (for a possible tax write-off). Our CD Group chaired by Sally Trost completes their cycle the end of November, so phone her now to be included in their planning. In our round-robin schedule we allow 6 weeks for each book.

Chairs: Nelda Stuck; Sally Trost (CD Group)

Bridge

The bridge groups are underway! There is still space available in some of the groups, and there has been interest in starting another daytime group. Call the coordinator if you are interested in the groups listed.

Daytime: 1st Wednesday, 1 p.m. Coordinator: Evelyn O'Prey

3rd Monday, 1 p.m. Coordinator: Sally Vaughn

Evening Couples: 1st Saturday A, 7 p.m. Coordinator: Celeste Beard

1st Saturday B, 7 p.m. Coordinator: Debbie Lewin

3rd Saturday, 7 p.m. Coordinator: Louise Schumann

Evening: 4th Monday 7 p.m. Coordinator: Nancy Earney

Duplicate Pairs: 2nd Saturday, 7 p.m. Coordinator: Louise Schumann

The two daytime groups already have fixed tables and are only accepting substitutes. If you are interested in being a part of a third daytime group that would meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month call Louise Schumann.

Chair: Louise Schumann

California Cuisine and Conversation

California Cuisine & Conversation does not have any gatherings planned for summer at this time. Current members should watch for any email updates. Please contact Kim Roman for additional information.

Chair: Kim Roman

Welcome new members

Christina Skok

She has a BA from Drake University and an MA from Cal State San Jose. She is interested in Great Decisions, the Math-Science conference, International Affairs, the Pass Group and "I am. . ." She was brought by Bessie Reece.

Nancy Ruth White

She has a BA in science from the U of R and two Masters degrees from Cal State San Bernardino. She is interested in the Book Cassette group, Great Decisions, Public Policy and International Affairs. She was brought by Helen Webb and Kathy Presnell-Best.

Yard Sale

The Local Scholarship committee would like to thank everyone that helped to make the 2010 yard sale a HUGE success. It takes many hands to make the yard sale the best in Redlands and surrounding area. What more can the committee say but thank you, thank you, thank you. *Nancy Yowell, Ann Harding and the entire Committee*

Collaboration

Thanks to a grant from CCRF (California Coalition for Reproductive Freedom), we now have an additional communication tool available for member use. The new Action Alert system can inform AAUW members that bills on which AAUW CA has taken a position are coming up for a vote and enable sending messages to our legislators. Upon notice from our lobbyist that a bill is scheduled for a committee hearing or a floor vote, an Action Alert will go out to all those who have signed up for this service. If you are already registered for the AAUW Washington Action Alert you are automatically registered for the AAUW CA program. Not signed up? You can also register for Action Alert at the state website, www.aauw-ca.org For most of the month of June, the Senate and Assembly will be dealing with issues related to the budget deficit. Non-budget legislation will be heard later in June. Register for Action Alert, stay informed, and take part in AAUW's Advocacy efforts!

B&T Submission Guidelines:

The deadline for the September newsletter will be **August 5th**. Send your articles for that issue to the co-editors, Jennifer Hill and Olga Cupp.

Interest Groups, Continued

Great Decisions

Sure enough, Great Decisions will return to us next February and we will have two thriving groups. Sign up at our September meeting so I will know how many study books to order from New York. It doesn't come to press until the end of January. That's why we start in early February. Who knows what the world will be like by then? Come and tell us what you think.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

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

Questions: *Helen Webb*

International Affairs

Chairs: Dorothy Richardson and Barbara Pike

Play Reading

Please call Marcia for the date, time and place of the next meeting.

Chair: Marcia Pifer

Recorder Group

Come and spend the summer playing music with us every Monday morning from 9:00 till 12:00 then have lunch with us. What a lovely and profitable way to enjoy life together.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

Reading and the Rainbow

July will find us a reading what has been described as a "comic romp and frightening parable rolled into one". The book is *Jimi Hendrix Turns Eighty* by Tim Sandlin. "The year is 2022, Jenna Bush is President, and Gulf War VI is going on. " A conservative man is sent to an assisted living center where many of the residents are former or not so former hippies. A diverse cast of characters unite to protest against the administration which does things more nefarious than making them play Bingo and attend crafts. The book seems to be perfect for our summer-light reading!

We will again have two sessions, both on Thursday, July 22nd. The afternoon meeting will be at 1:00. Antoinette Brenion will be co-host and Jeanne Shevlin will facilitate the discussion. The evening session, at 7:00. Sharlene Lund will co-host and Adriane and Sharlene will co-facilitate.

All members should have received an on-line ballot by now to select our reading list for the coming season. Please call asap if you have not received a copy or need one mailed. Remember that we do not meet in August and will resume with more serious reading in September.

Chairs: Pat Kruger and Kathy Toister

Redlands Branch AAUW Membership Renewal

Dues are payable from April 1, 2010 and become delinquent July 1, 2010.

Enclosed are my dues for the coming year in AAUW (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011) of \$ _____

Regular Members	\$85	Dual Members	\$20
Student Affiliates	\$30	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 2009 – 2010 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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The President's Corner

Summer is on its way and with it a new way to renew! Registering on-line for membership renewal is now available as an option to renewing by mail. Give it a try if you have not already renewed at: www.aauw.org. Remember, the earlier that you renew, the sooner we have your current information for our yearbook for 2010-2011...also going to 'press' during the summer. In fact the dead line for information getting into the yearbook is June 30th.

Even though we take a break from the usual monthly AAUW activities, opportunities to stay involved never stop. The summer Redlands Bowl Music Festival always appreciates our participation as ushers. This summer we will usher during the week-end of the play on Saturday night, the 24th of July. We need 15 people, so come and enjoy a great evening.

And finally, with the beginning of the summer season, it is time to say a heartfelt thank-you as our current president Kathy Presnell-Best and those who worked so diligently with her this past year, hand-off their responsibilities to the incoming board. Please take a moment to thank them for the many hours that they have devoted to keeping our branch running smoothly behind the scenes and to thank the new board members for assuming their responsibilities.

Have a wonderful summer everyone! "See you in September"...

Renaë Reiswig